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March 17
No School, St. Patrick's Day. Join us to march in the parade! See story in this newsletter.

March 18
STArts meeting, 6:30 p.m., in the Dining Hall.

Dress-down day fundraiser for Human Trafficking initiatives. $2.

March 19
St. Joseph's Day, mass at 1:30 p.m.

Join Us Next Tuesday to March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade!
Are you ready to have some fun on St. Patrick’s Day and celebrate SJA’s 125th birthday at the same time? Please join us as we march next week in Cleveland's St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17! We would love to have students, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae and friends joining us to walk beside our float, which will feature the Academy Chorale singing live Irish music and students playing the tin whistle.

SJA is providing two buses to transport participants downtown and back. They will leave the school at approximately 10:30 a.m. on parade day, Tuesday, March 17. The buses will transport participants immediately back to the school at parade’s end. Downtown already? Just meet us at E. 18th Street and Superior Avenue, in front of the Northeast Ohio Media Group (formerly The Plain Dealer) building. Specific details on the location of the buses for the trip back will be provided on parade
Emma Stadler ’16 shadowed an FBI agent.

Students who are marching must wear their school uniform. We will distribute purple scarves and SJA head bands for warmth and to help indentify walkers as proud Jaguars. Coats should be dark, again in order for us to appear as a cohesive group representing Saint Joseph Academy. Appropriate conduct is expected. See Dean of Women Marie Ciolek for more information or email her here.

In order for us to get an accurate count for our buses and the scarves, we need all who are interested in participating to RSVP here. Deadline to RSVP is Sunday, March 15. Bus transportation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sursum corda! Erin go bragh! Happy birthday!

Juniors Receive Real World Career Experience Thanks to Professional Shadowing

Last week, juniors ventured from the halls of SJA into the real world of potential careers, thanks to the Junior Professional Shadowing program. The mandatory program, coordinated by College Counselors Susan Emmerich and Maria Mueller, involved juniors spending time with a sponsor in a potential career (or passion!) of their choice.

This year, 168 juniors were paired with a wide range of professionals. Some of the shadowing experiences included working with nurses and doctors at St. John Medical Center, working with an FBI agent, a biology/microbiology professor at Hiram College, child-care providers and even some NASA engineers. Students are required to keep journals detailing their experiences, responsibilities and opinions on the professions observed. The key is determining, through this career exploration, whether the professions are of interest to the students as they start to narrow their college searches.

"I loved shadowing an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation," shared Emma Stadler ’16. "This has solidified my interest in a career as a detective or an investigator."

Dress Down Day Fundraiser is Set for Wednesday; Peanut Butter, Socks Drive Continues through March 31
Name: Senior Julia Heidler

Fun Fact: Julia was instrumental in organizing intramural games this year.

"For a few different reasons, I had to stop playing basketball and track and field after sophomore and junior year, respectively. I missed playing the sports I loved. I wanted girls in my same situation to be able to play the sports they loved, regardless of money, injury, time, or athletic ability."

"So far, we have played intramural dodgeball, volleyball, basketball and kickball. It's been great!"

In addition to organizing intramural games, Julia is president of Key Club and of Ski and Snowboard Club, and a member of the French Club. She plays the saxophone in Concert Band and Jazz Band, is an SJA Ambassador, a member of the National Honor Society and HPAC. She volunteers at Fairview Hospital.

Julia is enrolled in the new Health Sciences Honors Program. Her favorite subject is English and she is planning on attending the College of New Jersey in the fall, enrolling in their nursing program.

College Corner

Students, next Wednesday, March 18, is a dress down day for the benefit of three organizations working to end human trafficking. They are: The Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, The Migrant Worker Project, and the Diocesan Social Action Office. All 20 Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Cleveland are joining in solidarity in this fundraising effort.

Guidelines for "Joe's Clothes Days" apply. In addition, it is suggested that students wear a blue shirt. Blue is the symbolic color of anti-trafficking efforts. Cost to dress down is $2.

Also, students, please don't forget to bring in your peanut butter and socks! Members of the Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ) club and the Student Council are organizing the drive in conjunction with the Sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph. The items, which can be placed near the piano in the alcove area near the front door, will be donated to the West Side Catholic Center, St. Malachi's Back Door Ministry and St. Augustine's Hunger Center.

"These efforts are a perfect way to 'serve the dear neighbor' during Lent," shared CORE Ministry Teacher Cathy Lanning Knittel '67.

SJA Students, Faculty & Staff Get Discount Thanks to Winning Athens Pizza Competition Recipe!

Five students put their heads together and came up with a recipe for a new pizza that won the 1st Place award in the "Friends of Athens" Homemade Pizza Contest. As a result, all SJA students and staff will receive a 25 percent discount on any pizza at Athens during the month of March, just by presenting their school IDs. Athens Pizza is located at 4341 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland.

The "SJA" winning recipe was a Hawaiian Brown Sugar pizza. The students brainstorming the new offering were seniors Audianna Farris, Bridget Roche, Maria Coreno, Alexis Bloor and Meghan Geiger.
**Location:** Akron, Ohio (1 hour from Cleveland). Urban.

**Enrollment:** 22,500 undergraduates.

**Strongest Programs:** Business, dietetics, education, engineering, nursing.

**Fun Facts:**
In 1927, a campus-wide contest was conducted to choose a nickname for the University's athletic teams. A student suggested "Zippers," which was also the name of a popular rubber overshoe sold by Akron's B.F. Goodrich Co. In 1950, the athletic director shortened the nickname to the "Zips."

"We heard about the competition and just had to try. And we won!" said Audrianna. "It was exciting!"

**Gently Used Prom Dresses Needed, Will be for Sale on March 23 in Auditorium**

The SJA Mothers' Club is holding a gently used prom/homecoming dress sale to benefit the organization "A Prom to Remember," a national non-profit that sponsors proms for teenagers battling cancer.

Students, please bring in your good-condition dresses between now and next Thursday, March 19. The dresses can be dropped off at the Main Office with Dean of Women Marie Ciolek. Please make sure they are on a hanger.

On March 23, students will be able to purchase the dresses during Activity Blocks, and again that evening from 6-8 p.m. Dresses, all priced at $25, will be located in the auditorium.

All proceeds, as well as any dresses that are not sold, will be donated to the Cleveland chapter of "A Prom to Remember." For more information about the organization, please visit their website [here](http://www.apromtoremember.org).

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**Winter Athletes Honored at Banquet**

At the Winter Sports Banquet held at SJA this week, seniors received special recognition. All lettered in their sports; four-year letter winners are noted. Pictured l-r are: swimmer Elise DeGidio; swimmer AnnMarie Russo; swimmer Aliza Ocasio; swimmer Nikki Hadlock; diver Kayla Gartin; swimmer Kate Blayney (four-year letter winner); diver Kayla Melendez; basketball player Hailey Grant (four-year letter winner); basketball player Brittany Morrison; and swimmer Kiera Grady (four-year letter winner).

**Paw Prints Store "March Madness" Sale**

March Madness has hit the Paw Prints Store and that only means one thing: It's time to clear out Josie's closet! Stop in between now through tomorrow, Saturday, March 14, to take advantage of the **Winter Clearance Sale.**
The month of March brings lots of extra hours to shop:
Saturday, March 14 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday, March 26 3:30 - 8 p.m.
Friday, March 27 6 - 8 p.m.

Here are the regular store hours.

*No further discounts will apply to sale items. Limited quantities and sizes, while supplies last.

SPORTS

Spring Spiritwear
Parent spiritwear for the spring sports season is available to order now through March 18. Sports options are Track & Field, Rugby, Softball and Crew. Please visit the Paw Prints Store online here to view the apparel choices. Payment is due when you place your order. Orders will be delivered to the Paw Prints Store before spring break for pick-up. You will be notified when they have arrived.

Rugby
SJA's rugby team is ranked 10th in the nation, and they showed they deserved that ranking last weekend in Nashville, Tenn., in the 12th annual Nash Bash Rugby Festival Tournament. Varsity won all 3 of their matches. Jaguars won 45-0 vs. the Memphis Storm. Scores included Annie Rolf '17, Tayler Valentine '15, Jackie Harter '15, Amanda Burns '15, Casi Manuszak '15 and Rachael Kean '16. They defeated the North Penn Valkyries from Philadelphia, Penn., with a final score of 32-0. Scores in this game included Jackie Harter '15, Amanda Burns '15, Katie Fanta '15, Casi Manuszak '15 and Alex Gribble '16. In the third match, again the Chicago Chiefs, Jaguars won 66-0.

For determination, both Amanda Burns '15 and Casi Manuszak '15 were recognized as Maidens (MVP) of the Tournament.

JV started the tournament with a promising victory of 31-10 against the North Penn Valkyries B-side. Scores for the Jaguars included a first time try by Emily French '17, four tries by Yasminne Valentine '17, and conversion kicks by Becky Tent '15. JV lost Sunday against the A-side Memphis Storm in a tough match.

The JV Maidens of the Tournament titles were awarded to Yasminne Valentine '17 and Becky Sullivan '16.

Reminder
The Athletic Boosters' "Night at the Races" event will be held on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Academy Center. Tickets and advertising opportunities can be purchased here. Come out and support the athletic boosters raise money for all the SJA athletic teams and have fun doing it!