Parents: At a Glance

Night at the Races, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Prom Dress Resale, March 23, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
and 6 - 8 p.m.

New Orleans Service Trip Parent Meeting, March 23, 6:30 p.m.

Vibrancy Presentation, March 24, 6 p.m., and March 26, 7 p.m.

France Trip Parent Meeting, March 24, 7 p.m.

2 p.m. Early Dismissal & End of 3rd Quarter, March 25

Senior Nature & Sophomore Day Retreats, March 26

National Spanish I & II Exams, March 27

Senior Class Lock-In, March 28

Keeping SJA Vibrant into the Future

Since 1890, Saint Joseph Academy has been dedicated to the Catholic education of young women. As we celebrate our 125th birthday this year, we look forward to keeping Saint Joseph Academy vibrant, valued and vital into the future. President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71 will review the Vibrancy plan, which includes strategies and initiatives that will ensure the sustainability and vibrancy of the Academy for many years to come. SJA parents are welcome to attend this presentation on either Tuesday, March 24 from 6-7:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Zawadzki at nzawadski@sja1890.org.

SJA Celebrates 125th Birthday With Float in Cleveland’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade!
March 25
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

March 26
Vibrancy Presentation, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Dining Hall.

March 26
Class of 2019 course registration, 3:30-8 p.m. at SJA.

March 27
Easter at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m. (2nd-6th grade girls), at SJA. Activities include an Easter egg hunt, Easter themed crafts, and a coloring contest. $5 fee per student. Call 216.251.6788 x219 for more information.

March 30
"An Evening of Reflection for Women." Start Holy Week with prayer and reflection. Moderated by Sr. Pat Kozak, CSJ ’64, 6-9 p.m. at SJA. Cost: $25, including dinner. Call 216.251.6788 x245 for more information.

March 31
Easter prayer service, 1:30 p.m.

April 1
No school, office open.

April 2-6
No school, office closed.

April 7-10
No school, office open.

April 13
School resumes.

April 26
Save the Date for the Mother/Daughter Eucharist. More information to follow.

Spotlight
Erin Go Bragh! Nearly 100 students, faculty, staff and alumnae celebrated SJA's vibrant presence in Northeast Ohio (and its 125th birthday!) by participating in Cleveland's St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Tuesday, March 17. It was a perfect day for a parade, with sunshine taking the chill out of the day! The float was a replica of the Academy and parade attendees were able to enjoy the Academy Chorale singing and Mary Hyland '17 playing the tin whistle, future Jaguar Gretta Schlueter on flute and Music Teacher Kathleen Cooper playing the accordion. Students, faculty, staff and alumnae marched behind the float, waving SJA signs and cheering the Jaguar Rumble. Josie the Jaguar, Principal Jeff Sutliff and President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 led the procession.

A special thank you to the student volunteers and participants, the Fathers’ Club - especially Mr. A.J. Hyland P’17 and Mr. John Reilly P’18 - as well as construction expert Ms. Angela Detrick ’98, for their help in creating the float and helping with all the details that went along with this endeavor.

Here is a link to a photo album of the day. Sursum corda!

St. Joseph Day Celebrations
Name: Visual and Performing Arts Teacher Kathleen Cooper

Fun Fact: In addition to guiding the talented Academy Chorale, Ms. Cooper has performed the Irish National Anthem at the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade since 2007. This year, she went from that stage to the SJA float, playing the accordion and guiding the Chorale as it performed, surrounded by about 100 students, faculty, staff and alumnae in the parade. The occasion was a celebration of Saint Joseph Academy's 125 birthday!

"I've been a music teacher since 2009. I taught at St. Thomas More School for two years, taught and directed the parish choirs/handbell groups for 6 years, and have been at SJA for 2 years," shared Ms. Cooper, who has a Bachelor Degree in Music Education and a Master Degree in Vocal Performance, both from Cleveland State University.

"Singing at the parade is truly a great honor and I'm glad to serve the Irish community of Cleveland in this manner. I love singing for many Irish events, playing the accordion with an Irish session at the Plank Road Tavern on Thursday nights and occasionally playing and singing at my uncle's establishment 'The Pride of Erin.' I'm also an active Irish dancer-having been taught at Murphy Irish Arts," she said.

"I think it is wonderful that the Chorale was able to participate in the parade! We have quite a few students or Irish descent that know how significant this parade is. The float was amazing!"

Reflections on our many gifts set the tone on Thursday as the SJA community celebrated St. Joseph's Day. Celebrations included a free yogurt bar, raffles of spiritwear throughout the day, free popcorn, and enjoying special video presentations on our 125th birthday, celebrating our sponsors, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, and alumnae comments on their beloved alma mater. The day started with an all-school picture taken in The Academy Center. That picture is available for purchase through Thursday, March 26, for $16. Order forms may be found in the Main Office.

A St. Joseph's Day mass ended the day. The mass started with the blessing of a new cross, expertly carved in chestnut wood by Koehn Sculptors and Mr. Norbert Koehn. The cross is a replica of the one worn by Sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph. Its design creates an illusion of the lace produced in the early years by the Sisters. Mr. Koehn is also the artisan who created our chapel's altar and lecturn, and who carved the donor tree found just outside the Main Office.

Science Students Excel in Competition

Last week, two students participated in the BEST (Bridging Engineering, Science & Technology) Medicine Engineering Fair, sponsored by the University of Akron. The competition was held at the National Inventors Hall of Fame School, which is a center for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning.

The fair was designed to inspire students to participate in the biomedical engineering and medical science fields, as well as write and present logical arguments based on substantive
College Corner

Location: Ithaca, New York (6 hours from Cleveland). Small town.

Enrollment: 13,500 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Biology, physical science, math.

Fun Facts: During the annual Cornell/ Harvard ice hockey game, Cornell students throw dead fish on the ice.

www.cornell.edu

CSPJ Summit Focuses Attention on Human Slavery Issues

A highpoint in the yearlong effort by members of Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ) to raise awareness of the horrors of human trafficking took place last Friday when 50 SJA students took the lead and helped organize a summit titled "Breaking the Chains of Modern Day Slavery." Held at Lake Catholic High School in Mentor, it was attended by representatives from the 20 Catholic high schools of the Diocese of Cleveland. Full Story

Spanish Class Skypes With Class in Spain!

Spanish students spoke in both English and Spanish this week directly with their counterparts in a school in the Canary Islands!

"The school is called Escuela Teresiana. Cristina Gomez," shared Spanish Teacher Ethan Saurwein. "Their teacher is a Spaniard who was actually raised in Westlake. She returned to Spain at age 15. That was our first Skype session and it went well, with students on both ends nervous and excited about the encounter!" Full Story

Peanut Butter, Socks Drive Continues
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.

Pi (π) Day Is Delicious Learning Experience

Math Teacher Paula Schuetz and Learning Intervention Specialist Mary Charlton Laco '74 were up to their elbows in pies last Friday during the annual "Pi (π) Day" celebration, sponsored by the Math Club. Students had to memorize posted math facts, especially related to Pi (3.14159265...), in order to get a free slice of pie. "Pi Day" was celebrated on March 13 because March 14 fell on a Saturday.

Alexus Lopez '16 chose a slice of blueberry pie. "I had to answer the Biblical reference to Pi," she said. "It's three."

Claire Malec '18, answered a question about irrational numbers before selecting pumpkin pie. "This is great," she said, smiling.

Unity Club Lock-In Was Time of Reflection, Honest Conversations

Thirty-two students gave up a Friday night - and sleep! - recently to participate in the Unity Club Lock-In. The event is a structured workshop that is planned and organized by both adults and students. The Lock-In this year was the ninth organized since 1994. Full Story

Gently Used Prom Dresses on Sale Next Monday, March 23, in Auditorium

The SJA Mothers’ Club is holding a gently used prom/homecoming dress sale on Monday, March 23, to benefit the organization "A Prom to Remember," a national non-profit that sponsors proms for teenagers battling cancer. 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.

SPORTS

Rugby
Varsity won 67-0 against Brunswick. Scorers for the Jaguars included Amanda Burns '15, Jackie Harter '15, Mary Hirzel '16, Annie Rolf '17, Rachael Kean '16, Casi Manusak '15 and Alex Gribble '16. In addition to scoring two tries each, Annie Rolf charged through the team with skill and Casi Manusak handled the field well, earning both girls Maiden of the Match.

JV was triumphant against Brunswick B, winning 41-0. Scoring for the Jaguars included Katie White '15, Karlee Trickel '17, Mary Therese Boepple '16, Regina Baldado '18, Emily French '17, Angelica Simpson '17, and Rebecca Tent '15. Maidens of the Match were awarded to Mary Therese Boepple who stepped in as an amazing captain and rookie, Anna Schubert, who led the team as a powerful scrumhalf.

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