Welcome Class of 2017!

Following an all-school, opening year liturgy at Our Lady of Angels Church, the 202-member class of 2017 received a rousing welcome to Saint Joseph Academy on Tuesday afternoon.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors lined the walkway leading to the front steps of the school, clapping and cheering as the freshmen first received a single yellow rose from Principal Jeff Sutliff and President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71, and then wound their way into the building that will be their focus for the next four years.

Receiving a single yellow rose is the first of several symbolic flower presentations to SJA students, including the bestowing of a single red rose at the Upperclasswomen Induction Ceremony, a single white rose at the Senior Farewell Mass, a nosegay for tree night, and of course the dozen red roses for the Walk of the Roses, the Saint Joseph Academy graduation ceremony tradition.

Welcome to all members of the class of 2017!

Sursum corda! Lift up your hearts!

Eight Teachers Join SJA Faculty

Eight new teachers have joined us this fall, bringing with them a wealth of experience and knowledge. Pictured: back row, l-r, Jennifer Chronister, Brad Negulescu, Samantha Spoerndle; front row l-r Kathleen Cooper, Megan Wang,
welcome, as well as current club members!

There is a short meeting for all students interested in the Swimming & Diving team at 3:30 in the Dining Hall.

Attention freshmen! There is a mandatory class meeting during second activity block in The Academy Center.

Attention sophomores! There is a mandatory class meeting with Guidance during first activity block in The Academy Center.

September 10
Find out about volunteer opportunities at the student Service Fair, in the Auditorium during Activity Blocks.

Open call auditions! If you are interested in participating in the SJA fall production "Thoroughly Modern Millie," auditions are between 4 and 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

September 12
Find out about the more than 50 clubs at the student Club Fair during Activity Blocks in the auditorium.

Parent Events:

September 11
There is a mandatory meeting for Freshmen Parents at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

September 18
There will be meeting of STArts (Support the Arts) at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. For more information, contact STArts President Mr. Matt Walsh at walshma@cox.net. All parents welcome.

September 24
There is a mandatory meeting for Senior Parents

Adriane Hicks, Kristen Pungitore and Lisa Lesh. Full Story

Cleveland Clinic Internships Solidify Students' Career Plans

Seniors Sara Hurley and Alison Rogozinski had very productive summers this year, thanks to their participation in the prestigious and selective nine-week Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives' Summer Internship Program. The internships are designed to inspire students to embrace science and math as keys to success, and to encourage them to continue scientific studies throughout their academic careers and the rest of their lives. Full Story

'Freshman Focus' Program Eases Transition

The transition from middle school to all the responsibilities and stress of high school can be tough. That is why this year, SJA is expanding its freshmen mentoring to a program called "Freshmen Focus.” It is a professionally developed program intended to ease the stress of that transition and help freshmen thrive and succeed at SJA. Full Story

SJA+ Signals New Digital Era

The new school year is also the start of a new electronic era here at Saint Joseph Academy inaugurates SJA+, our one-to-one digital learning initiative. Each of our 694 students has started the school year as the proud owner of a Google Chromebook, all as part of an aggressive and innovative digital learning push that will help our student body gain a vital advantage when advancing to college. Full Story.
being held by the College Counseling Department to review the college application process, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

**Admissions Events:**

**September 10 Regional High School Nights** hosted at SJA for middle school students, Academy Center from 7-8:30 p.m.

**September 20** Spread the word about our **Girls Night Out** for 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls, moms & grandmothers at 7 p.m. at the school.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**Principal Jeff Sutliff**

Who: SJA principal Mr. Jeff Sutliff. He jumped into his new responsibilities on July 1, arriving in the midst of summer construction activity.

Background: He comes to SJA after serving the past eight years as Assistant Principal at Saint Martin de Porres High School.

Fun Facts: A resident of Lakewood, Mr. Sutliff's wife Elizabeth Carroll Sutliff graduated from SJA in 1990. They have four children, including daughter

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**Students Participate in Mission Trips to Kermit, WV and El Salvador**

This summer, 17 students embarked on mission trips near and far - Kermit, WV, a city struggling with poverty and the home of a special Congregation of St. Joseph-sponsored ministry, and El Salvador, a country with strong faith, a poor population, and a strong Northeast Ohio connection. [Full Story](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1114799873546.html)

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**Jaguars 'Save the Day' at Leukemia Regatta Fundraiser this Summer**

Six students proved to be invaluable volunteers this summer for the annual four-day Leukemia Cup Regatta sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and held at the Cleveland Yachting Club. Volunteers were juniors Sarah Stottner, Halle Armstrong, Mary Meehan, Clare Fibbi, Veronica Riedel and Brigid Reynolds. "They really saved the day!" shared Maire Reynolds, a 2009 graduate who was one of the event organizers.

"The students made a huge impact on the event overall and made a great impression on everyone who was involved. With the help of the Jaguar volunteers, we were able to transform the Cleveland Yachting Club into a sailor's oasis."

Thanks, Jaguars!

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**Paw Prints Bookstore Gets Facelift!**

Don't forget to visit our new and improved Paw Prints Bookstore. In addition to new T-shirt, sweatshirt and hoodie designs, we've stocked new knick-knacks, car decals and even some winterwear for all Jaguars and Jaguar family members.

All the new wares are easier to see thanks to new display racks and wall hooks. [Click here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1114799873546.html) to check out the expanded store.
Maya who is an SJA freshman.

Welcome, Mr. Sutliff!

SPORTS

Soccer
On August 31, Varsity lost 2-1 in a hard-fought match against Wellington High School. Senior Ali DeCrane had the Jaguar's only goal and senior Courtney Kuntz ended the game with seven saves.

Volleyball

Golf
The team participated in the Walsh Invitational on August 26, taking a respectable 14th place at the tournaments with a final score of 383. On Tuesday, August 27, the team had a tri-match at Big Met Golf Course with Walsh Jesuit and John F. Kennedy High School. The Jaguars took second place with a score of 183.

Tennis
Varsity split a pair of matches last week, falling 4-1 at Western Reserve Academy on August 27, and winning 4-1 at Avon Lake on August 29. The team of Allison Saracina ‘15 and Molly McAfee ‘15 won over 6-3, 6-4 over Avon Lake. Also victorious against Avon Lake were Brooke Kahl ’14, Colleen FitzGerald ’16, and the team of Emily Rouse ’14/Sidney Ruebensaal ’14. JV went 3-0 last week, beating Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, Western Reserve Academy and Avon Lake. JV is 5-1 on the season.

Cross Country
At the Hot Summer Bash Cross Country Meet on August 31, in Hilliard, Ohio, the Jaguars placed in the top two in their three races. Varsity team finished second overall, with freshman Maggie Wagner finishing 5th overall with a time of 20:02. SJA won the 9th/10th grade race The athlete of the meet was Alana Vovk ’14, who took almost two full minutes off her time from last week and helped the 9th/10th grade team win their race. The team travels to the fast and prestigious Tiffin Carnival on Saturday, September 7.