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Student Events:

December 6
Tonight, the Saint Joseph Academy Chorale will open holiday festivities at Kamm's Corners (Lorain Avenue and Rocky River Drive) with a performance at 6 p.m. Following the sing-along, Christmas lights will be lit and Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance.

December 10
Parent meeting to discuss Italy 2015 trip, 6-7 p.m. in the auditorium.

December 11
Key Club Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the auditorium. Students age 16 or younger need to have a signed

Three Students Win Honors in Prestigious Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Competition

Imagination, artistic talent and hard work were rewarded this week as Molly Stofko ’16, Liz Millar ’14 and Emily Hirzel ’14 learned they were each winners in the prestigious Cleveland Clinic eXpressions™ Art program - with artwork based on the scientific research of fellow SJA students! In this competition, students produce creative interpretations of research conducted by Cleveland Clinic summer interns. The goal is for contest participants to develop a real-world understanding of the connections between art and science. Full Story

Building Futures Breakfast Attended by Female Business and Financial Leaders in Northeast Ohio

The sun had barely peeked over the horizon, but already the large banquet hall at the Union Club in downtown Cleveland was buzzing with laughter and conversation. It was the morning of Tuesday, December 3, and the beginning of the second annual Building Futures Breakfast, an event designed to spread the word of Saint Joseph Academy and its students to female leaders of Northeast Ohio. Full Story

L-R: Liz Millar ’14, Molly Stofko ’16 and Emily Hirzel ’14

L-R: Building Futures Breakfast co-chairwomen Ms. Lisa Oliver, an executive with KeyBank N.A.,
permission slip from parents. Those slips can be found outside the Dining Hall. Those age 15 or younger are encouraged to have friends or family donate in their place. For more information, contact Key Club Moderator and Intervention Specialist Courtney Koz here.

STArts Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Dining Hall.

December 15
The Saint Joseph Academy Chorale, 6:30 p.m. at the St. Bernadette Christmas Concert, 2256 Clague Road, Westlake. Also featuring organist Mr. Bill Shaffer from St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, and the St. Bernadette School Choir. Reception will follow.

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Admissions Events:

December 7
Tomorrow, Super Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at SJA, 5th-8th grade girls, in collaboration with the Great Lakes Science Center. $15 fee per student. Register here.

December 13
Christmas at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m., 5th-8th grade girls. Register here.

"Paws for a Cause' Donation Drives to Help Others During Season of Giving

For the second year in a row, students are dedicating the weeks leading up to Christmas to helping local organizations that serve those in need.

The month-long drive is called "Paws for a Cause" and started the first week of December with students collecting hygiene products and personal-care items for the residents at Transitional Housing Inc. This organization offers women temporary housing during times of need.

The drive was sponsored by Academy Parents and concluded Thursday, December 5, the start of the Advent season, with parents and students wrapping the donated items.

Full Story

Freshman Karlee Trickel stands next to just a portion of the items to be donated to Transitional Housing Inc.

Middle School Students Learned How to Build a Caring Community at Annual Spiritual Retreat

On November 23, nearly 50 students from two dozen area middle schools gathered at SJA for the Second Annual Spiritual Retreat. Sponsored by SJA and Saint Ignatius High School (SIHS), the theme of the all-day event was "Building a Caring Community" (SJA’s theme for 2013-14). It was attended by 7th & 8th grade boys and girls.

Sessions included “Be the Rainbow,” “Many Parts, One Body,” “How to Build Your Caring Community” and a mass lead by SIHS President, the Rev. Bill Murphy, S.J. Participants also made sock “snowmen” that will be distributed to an area nursing home.

"We are blessed that so many middle school students, as well as volunteers from SJA and Saint Ignatius, took the time to attend our retreat. We really are part of a caring community!” shared SJA Vice President of Marketing & Enrollment Diane Kanney.

PLAN & EXPLORE Test Results Have Arrived

The sophomore results of the PLAN and the freshmen results of the EXPLORE tests have arrived. PLAN and EXPLORE are comprehensive resources that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make
SPOTLIGHT

Freshman Is 'Singing Angels' Soloist

Who: Freshman Kylie Roulet

What: Kylie is a featured singer with the world famous, Cleveland-based Singing Angels, and recently had a solo at the group's performance at the Lorain Palace Theater on November 30. Here is the link to the singing. Kylie's solo starts at 1:32.

Fun Facts: Kylie has been a member of the Singing Angels for two years. "I have loved every minute of it. Everyone there is family to me and every moment spent at rehearsals and concerts seems like a dream come true."

Kylie will be taking Concert Choir at SJA next semester. One of her favorite subjects right now is Physical Science. "I developed a liking for science last year when I competed in the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NEOSEF) while at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic School," she shared.

Kylie shared her musical talents while in middle school, starring in many of her school's musicals, all of the semi-annual seasonal chorus concerts, and talent shows.

If you want to catch Kylie in concert, she will be performing with the Singing Angels on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cassidy Theatre, 6200 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, and on Thursday, December 12, at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic School, Old Brooklyn, 4600 State Road.

Rape Crisis Center Speaker Provides Advice, Information to Students

Mr. Brian Dodyk, Prevention Specialist with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, was both matter-of-fact and gentle with the students in CORE Ministry teacher Renee Brickman's Theology 10 class as he addressed sensitive situations the young women may encounter during their teenage years. Mr. Dodyk visits SJA every year, speaking, among many topics, about the difference between consent, coercion and assault. Full Story

Students Learn About Digital Safety

Be safe rather than sorry when it comes to comments and pictures posted on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, FourSquare, Snapchat and Instagram. That was the message students heard this week from Instructional Technology Educator Ryan MacRaid and Guidance Counselors Maryann Marek and Adriane Hicks. Full Story

Academy Chorale To Perform at Lake Erie Monsters Game in January

Please show your support for the Saint Joseph Academy Chorale on Friday, January 3, 2014, as the a capella group sings the National Anthem at Quicken

plans for the remaining years of high school and post-secondary years. They are complementary in content and format to the ACT assessment.

Meetings were scheduled with sophomores and freshmen homerooms during activity periods the weeks of December 2 and 9 to help students interpret and review their individual score report. Parents, your daughter will receive a student report, her test booklet; a booklet titled "Using Your PLAN/EXPLORE Results," and an online copy of the PowerPoint presentation used in class for explanation of results. Parents are encouraged to use this information to assist your daughter in selecting the most appropriate courses for her remaining high school years, and to use this information to prepare for college.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your daughter's guidance counselor.
Congratulations, Kylie!

Loans Arena just before the Lake Erie Monsters vs. Milwaukee Admirals game. STArts (Support the Arts SJA parent group) is offering tickets for $20 each (face value of $24) to the game. Proceeds benefit SJA's performing arts programs. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Send a check made out to Saint Joseph Academy to Saint Joseph Academy, STArts Monsters Game, 3470 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111. Paid ticket orders must be received by December 19, 2013. If you have questions, please email STArts president Matt Walsh, or call him at 216.906.3068.

**Special Christmas Hours, Online Store New at Paw Prints Bookstore!**

Don't forget to visit the Paw Prints Bookstore this Christmas Season! New this year is the online bookstore, making it easier than ever to shop! Let your out-of-town Jaguar fans know so they can shop! The link is [www.sja1890.org/bookstore](http://www.sja1890.org/bookstore).

**Store Hours**
Monday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Christmas Hours**
With the Christmas season upon us, please take note of our Special Holiday Shopping Hours (in addition to our regular store hours that can be found on the school [website](http://www.sja1890.org)): 

- December 4: 5-8 p.m.
- December 7: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- December 11: 5-8 p.m.
- December 13: 6-9 p.m.
- December 19: 6-9 p.m.

**Last Chance Sale**
December 21: 12-2 p.m.

**SPORTS**

**Basketball**
On Saturday, November 30, the Jaguars defeated Canton Timken High School 69-38 at the Hoopfest Showcase held at Walsh University. It was the first win of the season for the Jaguars. The team was led by player of the game honoree, junior Brittany Morrison, who had 12 points and an impressive 16 rebounds. The Jaguars also received contributions from sophomore Natasha Martinez with 12 points and 4 assists; junior Hailey Grant with 11 points and 6 steals; and senior Greta Burry with 14 points.

Click [here](http://www.sja1890.org) for the 2013-14 schedule.

**Swimming/Diving**
The Swim team kicked off its season on Saturday, November 30, and picked up two wins over Kirtland and Eastlake North high schools. Senior Maddie Zimmerman broke the team record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:17.42. Next up for the Jaguars is Strongsville High School at Lakewood High School pool on Saturday, December 7, at 1 p.m.

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