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Welcome, Class of 2018!!

Saint Joseph Academy was excited last week to grant admission to 200 girls to the SJA Class of 2018!

"The class is comprised of girls from 60 different grade schools, 42 percent have a legacy connection (mom, grandmother, sister or aunt) and many of them have dreamed of being a student at SJA for years," shared Vice President of Enrollment & Marketing Diane Kanney. "We are blessed to have had so many applicants and can't wait to welcome them to our community!"

A special thank you to the many faculty and staff members who helped interview each of these students. Please enjoy the video above that officially welcomes the new class.

Go Jaguars! See you in September!

AP U.S. Government & Politics Class Experiences Behind-the-Scenes in County Court Rooms

Thirty-nine Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government & Politics students this week observed fist-hand how civil and criminal cases proceed during a field trip to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.
April 11, 12, 13
Spring Play, "Little Women," 7:30 p.m. on April 11 and 12; 2:30 matinee on April 13.

Parent Events:

February 23
Congregation of St. Joseph's Annual Black History Celebration, 2-4 p.m., at St. Joseph Center, 3430 Rocky River Drive.

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March 8
"Night at the Races," sponsored by the SJA Athletic Boosters, 6 p.m.-midnight in The Academy Center. Cost is $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Call volunteer Mrs. Patty Finau at 216.548.4485 for more information.

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Admissions Events:

April 11
"Easter at the Academy" for girls in grades 2-5, 6-7:30 p.m. $5 fee per girl. For more information, go to www.sja1890.org/admissionevents.

April 13
Open House, noon-2 p.m.

Full Story

Freshmen Reflect on Faith, Learn to "Build A Caring Community" ... Starting in Their Own Backyard!

Nearly 100 freshmen Wednesday took a brief break from studies to focus on their spiritual life at Saint Joseph Academy. The daylong freshmen retreat, which included reflecting on the changes in students' lives so far as SJA students, was at the St. Joseph Center. They toured the center, formerly called the Motherhouse, spent time praying in the chapel, wrote letters to themselves about their faith, and generally worked on getting to know each other as they continue to build the community of the Class of 2017. Full Story

Plans Underway to Celebrate Shakespeare's 450th Birthday

A group of students are very fond of a man called Will .... so much so that they want to throw him a birthday party. The man in question, of course, is William Shakespeare, and 2014 marks the 450th anniversary of his birth. SJA Shakespeare Club members are inviting other area students who have participated in the English Speaking Union's in-school Shakespeare Competition, their teacher-coaches, as well as anyone who loves Shakespeare, to a very special birthday party for the bard on Sunday, April 27, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. at SJA. Full Story

OGTs Being Held the Week of March 10; School-day Schedules Adjusted

The Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) will be given at Saint Joseph Academy during the week of March 10-14, 2014. All sophomores, as well as any juniors and seniors who have not yet passed one or more of the tests, will be tested.

We are adjusting the school day schedule on those OGT test days in order
SPOTLIGHT
Senior Excels in Academic and Performing Clubs

Who: Sydney Tenaglia '14

What: Sydney has been very busy this year! In addition to being a member of the award-winning VEX Robotics team, Sydney is a member of the Academic Challenge team called the Academic Jaguars, has participated in every Fall musical since her freshman year and is a member of the SJA Ambassadors. She takes private dance lessons and volunteers for the Ohio Pug Rescue. On top of it all, she is a member of the National Honor Society.

Fun Facts "What I loved most about the VEX Robotics competition held two weeks ago at Cleveland State University was that it forced us to think on our feet," she shared. "If we ran into a problem in the middle of a match, we needed to be able to troubleshoot the problem, then figure out a fast and effective means of repairing the robot before the next match. It was quite a rush!"

Sydney plans to pursue Biomedical Engineering as a career. She’s been accepted to Cleveland State University, the University of Akron and the University of Cincinnati. However, her first choice is Case Western Reserve. "I will hear from them in March!," she said.

to provide students with an optimal testing environment. The school day schedule for these days will run as follows:

The OGT’s will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day of OGT week. Students testing should be in their assigned classrooms by 8:25 a.m.

OGTs will run from 8:30-11:15 a.m. Students who took the test will have lunch, along with any other students who want to eat lunch, from 11:20 a.m.-Noon. There will be no Activity Blocks during OGT days.

All other students need not report to school until Noon on OGT days. If a student must arrive before noon because of transportation issues, she will be permitted to report ONLY to the Dining Hall. It will not be possible for students to go upstairs to lockers.

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In the event of a calamity day(s) during this week, testing will continue as indicated above (i.e. Writing on Wednesday, Science on Thursday, etc.). Make-up information will be communicated to the students.

If you have any questions/concerns, please call Guidance Counselor Ms. Maryann Marek at 216.251.6788 or email her at mmarek@sja1890.org.

Scholarship Opportunities Available for Catholic School Students

Unity Federal Catholic Credit Union and the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union both have scholarship opportunities for families to assist them in their Catholic Education costs. Unity Catholic is offering five $1,000 scholarships for students at the high school level. The scholarship deadline is April 1, 2014. For additional information, please visit www.unitycatholiccu.org.

The Ohio Catholic Credit Union (OCFCU) is offering thirty-five $1,000 scholarships for students in grades 1-12. All applications must be completed online at OCFCU’s website. The deadline is February 28, 2014.

SPORTS

Basketball
The Jaguars had a great week, beating Valley Forge High School 69-27 and beating Rhodes High School 82-30.

Swimming/Diving
The Swimming and Diving team had a busy time last week, starting with Kayla Gartin ‘15 competing in the District diving meet, where she finished 25 out of 32. On Saturday, the 200m medley relay team finished 19th. Sarah Sofish ‘14 set a new school record in the 200m freestyle with a time of 2:02.18, placing her 12th overall. Kiera Grady ‘15 had a personal best in the 100m fly with a time of 1:04.8. The 200m freestyle relay team broke its own record for the 5th time this season, with a time of 1:44.04, placing 7th overall. Congratulations on a great season!