Welcome, Class of 2016!

Despite a humid and soggy day, the 181 members of the Class of 2016 received a boisterous SJA welcome on Tuesday! The 486 sophomores, juniors and seniors clapped, whooped and high-fived freshmen as the group paraded from the parking lot, up the sidewalk and through the front doors of the Academy. Each carried a single yellow rose of welcome, presented to them by President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis and Interim Principal Dr. James M. Cantwell.

Before the “clap-in,” the entire school participated in a Welcome Mass in The Academy Center, officiated by Father Jerome Duke, Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church.

“We are excited to welcome the freshmen and know that this will be a fantastic year filled with opportunity and learning for all our students,” shared Dr. Cantwell.

A Warm Welcome for Freshmen

To an educator, few things are more exciting than the first days of the new school year. There is great spirit, energy and anticipation for both students and faculty. We saw this Tuesday on the faces of our incoming freshmen, transfer and exchange students as we welcomed them with roses and cheers to SJA. I asked on young lady (a junior) if she still had her rose from her freshmen year and she proudly said “You bet I do!” So begins a year filled with academics, the arts, athletics and service in a faith-filled environment. Please remind your daughters that if they have questions or concerns, either I or Assistant Principal Emily Hanson and Dean of Women Marie Ciolek are there to help.

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Seniors Excel at Cleveland Clinic Internships

Three seniors learned about scientific literacy, pathology and creative learning this summer, thanks to earning prestigious summer Cleveland Clinic internships.

Emily Armstrong worked at Fairview Hospital’s Moll Cancer Center under the mentorship of Dr. Debra Pratt, a breast surgeon, and Jean Ellsworth-Wolk, MS, RN, AOCNS, an oncological nurse specializing in breast cancer survivorship. “We worked on a study regarding breast cancer screening methods by different types of primary care physicians and how they affect the stage of breast cancer at the time of diagnosis,” shared Emily. “I learned so much about the medical field that I would not have otherwise learned for many years. This experience not only taught me the science behind being a physician, but also how important it is to have a true human connection to the patients and their families. I could not have asked for a better summer job!”

Kelly Haller and Maggie Bishop both spent the summer in the Medical Laboratory Internship Program. In collaboration with the Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute, this program is designed to expose students to a wide range of career paths in the field of medical laboratory science. Kelly and Maggie worked alongside professionals such as medical technologists and histotechnicians, pathologists, hematologists and microbiologists.

“I worked in the Center for Test Development, where I worked on the evaluation of a Histoplamsa Galactomannan Enzyme Immunoassay to diagnose a disease called histoplasmosis. It was amazing to work with trained professionals and take part in research at the Cleveland Clinic,” stated Kelly. Both Kelly and Maggie want to study biomedical research in college and ultimately become physicians.

College Corner
Ohio Northern University

Location: Ada, Ohio (2.5 hours from Cleveland). Small, rural town.

Enrollment: 3,300 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Pharmacy, Engineering, Nursing.

Fun Fact: Prior to becoming the Ohio Northern Polar Bears, the school was known as Ohio Normal University and the mascot was the “Goats.”

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Attention Class of 2013 Parents:
On Saturday, September 15, at 9 a.m., College Counselors Maria Mueller and Susan Jensen will hold a meeting on the college application process, including reviewing the steps needed to submit college applications. The session will be held in the auditorium.

SJA, Saint Ignatius Host Meeting

On Wednesday, the Academy joined forces with Saint Ignatius High School to host 15 middle school principals for breakfast and a brief program. The event was held in the lobby of the Breen Center at SIHS. Topics included the importance of Catholic education by SJA President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71, and details of our academic programs by Interim Principal Dr. James M. Cantwell.

A highlight was senior Caroline Speice’s speech about the impact SJA has made on her academic and spiritual life. Caroline is the student council president this year. SJA and Saint Ignatius will partner again to host a Spiritual Retreat “Recognizing My Gifts” on November 17 for 7th & 8th girls and boys. The retreat will be held at the Academy and the CSJ Motherhouse. For more information, please contact Director of Admissions Diane Kanney at dkanney@sja1890.org.

Weekly Lunch Menu

September bookstore hours
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 is an all-school testing day at Saint Joseph Academy. Students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be taking the following standardized tests.

The **Freshmen** will be taking the **EXPLORE** test. The EXPLORE test is a curriculum-based assessment program developed by ACT to help students build a high school course plan that prepares students for college and work, and introduces students to career options. The test is a means of helping students understand their academic strengths and weaknesses and can be used for future educational planning both in high school and beyond. The EXPLORE test consists of four tests of educational development (English, Math, Reading, and Science) which parallel the actual ACT test and also contains a career interest inventory. The EXPLORE test scores provide early indicators of whether students are on track for college.

The **Sophomores** will take the **PLAN** test which is also a curriculum-based assessment developed by ACT. The PLAN test is designed to provide tenth grade students, parents, teachers, and counselors with information that can be used to further guide students in course selection and post-secondary planning. The PLAN test has three components: an achievement component with tests in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning; an interest inventory designed to provide further help in career planning; and a self-reported needs assessment that identifies areas in which the student indicates where she needs academic help. A student’s performance on the achievement section of the PLAN test is a very strong predictor of success on the ACT.

The **Juniors** will take a **Practice ACT (PRACT)** which is designed to help gauge a student’s achievement in their high school coursework and to provide additional assistance in preparing the student for the actual ACT. This test can also help to measure progress since taking the PLAN test. The PRACT includes the multiple-choice tests in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. The ACT writing test is not included. **Since this test is strictly a practice test**, scores are not reported to colleges and the results are not considered in the college admission process. A personalized report will be given to each student.

In order to help you plan your daughter’s transportation, we are offering the following **approximate dismissal times** for the various grade levels: **Grade 9, 11:20 am; Grade 10, 11:35 am; Grade 11, 11:50 am.**

Counselors are meeting with all students to explain the tests and to review test formats and scoring. Each student has been given a Test Preparation Booklet and packet which includes a practice test that counselors have encouraged students to take as preparation for their respective tests.

When the test results arrive, counselors will again meet with students to interpret their individual results.

These tests are very important in measuring your daughter’s progress and potential. Saint Joseph Academy utilizes the scores of these assessments to gather data for continuous school improvement. Please encourage your daughter to come well rested and prepared to do her best on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Maryann Marek, Guidance Counselor, at mmarek@sja1890.org or call 216-251-6788 Ext. 211.
“Meet the Teachers Nights” Next Week, Helpful Hints

As students settle into a school routine, it’s always helpful to review some procedures that will help make the school year seamless! Also, let’s not forget “Meet the Teacher” nights being held next week!

Meet the Teachers Nights: Meet your daughter’s teachers from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12 and Thursday, September 13. Those with last names starting with the letters A-L meet on Wednesday and M-Z on Thursday. There will be student ambassadors in the Arcade hall area with schedules for the evening meetings, as well as the student schedules. As there are two “Meet the Teachers Nights,” if you are not able to attend on your designated night, please know that you may attend on the other “Meet the Teachers Nights” date.

Morning Drop-off/Afternoon Pick-up: Please use the traffic circle to drop off and pick up students. Only students with assigned parking spots, faculty and staff may use the main parking lot entrance facing The Academy Center doors.

Lockers: Students must locks on their lockers by today (Friday September 7). All students are required to have an SJA approved lock on their locker. All freshman were issued a lock on orientation day, if you did not get one for some reason please see Mrs. Case in the main office. All other students who need a lock should stop in the bookstore to purchase one for $5. If you are hanging any signs or anything else on lockers, you must use painters tape to hang them. Any signs, pictures, etc. that are determined to be inappropriate will be removed and discipline action may be taken.

Parking: Students are not allowed to park on Greenwood Avenue (the street abutting the school south of the parking lot). Do not park in the student parking lot unless you have an assigned spot.

Dining Hall: The “Point of Sale” procedure was explained in an e-mail sent out to parents earlier this week. If you have questions, please refer to that e-mail, which is also accessible here.

Lunch Menu: The dining hall has an awesome new menu, with such offerings as weekly salad specials and two pizza options each day! Don’t forget to check out the lunch menu on the school’s website under “Current Students.”

Volleyball


Freshman started their season 1-1, losing to North Royalton 22-25, 10-25 and beating Mentor 13-25, 25-16, 25-22.

Soccer

On Saturday, September 1, Varsity tied the Olmsted Falls Bulldogs 2-2. Caroline Becker ‘14 scored off a pass from Amanda Burns ‘15 and Niki Mikolcic ‘13 scored unassisted. Nicole Rave ‘14 and Chelsea Hirzel ‘13 both played well in goal for the Jags.

JV also tied 1-1. Clare Sonby ‘15 scored for the only goal.

Golf

On Wednesday, August 29, the Jaguars played against Magnificat High School and Hathaway Brown at Mallard Creek. The Jaguars tied for second with Hathaway Brown with a team score of 187. Four Jaguars scored in the 40s. Kaitlin Rose ‘15 shot a 43, Alicia Abele ‘16 a 46, Lindsey Keefe ‘14 a 49, and Bridget Mahoney ‘16 carded a 49.
Tennis

Varsity players went 2-0 last week with victories over Avon Lake and Our Lady of the Elms. Brooke Kahl ’15 and the teams of Claire Violand ’13/Sidney Ruebensaal ’14 and Grace Powers’14/Emily Rouse ’14 won both of their matches to lead the Jaguars. Varsity is now 5-2 on the season.

The teams of Brittany Hegeman’15/Ciara McGlynn ‘14 and Claire Sanfilippo ’13/Abby Riley ’15 picked up wins for JV in a close 3-2 loss at Hathaway Brown.

Junior Tennis Player Honored is PD

Junior Brooke Kahl was chosen one of The Plain Dealer’s “Player of the Week,” in the Locker Room feature Thursday, September 6, for her excellence and sportsmanship on the Academy’s Varsity Tennis Team.

Brooke was nominated by Coach Dan Mitoff.

“Brooke is a phenomenal tennis player and we are so excited that she has received this honor,” shared Athletic Director Jen Amodio. “Congratulations, Brooke!”

Cross Country

On Saturday, September 1, SJA won after a review! The Jags arrived at Westerville North’s Classic not knowing what to expect, and left there the same way. Scores weren’t announced for hours due to timing difficulties, but the results originally had SJA finishing second by one point. However, on Sunday morning, a message was sent that SJA in fact won the meet.

Top scores: SJa 56 points, Westerville North 62, Gahanna Lincoln 72, Pickerington North 78.

Senior Emily Bauer led the way with an eighth place PR of 20:41. Just behind her was junior Alesha Vovk in 20:47 and finishing third for the Jags was Rachel McGuire ’14 in 20:54.

In the open race, six Jaguars were in the top 11 places. Helen Steve ’13 was first overall in 22:18. Bridget Egan ‘13 was second, Audrianna Farris ‘15 fifth, Molly Moore ‘14 eighth, Bridget McGuire ’16 was 10th and Rachel Cogar ’16 11th. Helen Steve was voted MVP of the meet.

The Jags compete at the Tiffin Carnival on Saturday, September 8.

Crew

Students interested in Crew for the Fall 2012 season are still eligible to join. Practices are held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; and 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at Rivergate Park, 1003 British Street, Cleveland. New athletes should arrive at least 15 to20 minutes before practice.

Mandatory team forms and more information available at: https://sites.google.com/a/sjastudents.org/sja-crew/. All forms must be turned in prior to participating in practices.

For more information, please contact Coach Rob Zdankiewicz at zdankiewicz@sja1890.org.

Fundraiser: You can help Crew raise money for boats and other equipment by purchasing a College Football Mania ticket for $10 through through Friday, September 21. E-mail Kathleen Hegeman at k.hegeman@oh.rr.com for more information. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the 2012 Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta on Saturday, September 15. Come cheer on the Jaguar Navy in their only home race of the season! Visit the SJA Crew page for more info.

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