Mr. Jeff Sutliff Named New Principal

Mr. Jeff Sutliff, currently Assistant Principal for Academics at Saint Martin de Porres High School, has been selected as the next Principal of Saint Joseph Academy, it was announced last week. He will start July 1, 2013.

“Jeff Sutliff is an accomplished career educator with a history of success as both an administrator and teacher. He is eager to work with the distinguished faculty and staff of SJA to build upon Saint Joseph Academy’s mission to empower our students to achieve academic excellence,” said President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71.

At Saint Martin de Porres High School, Mr. Sutliff has been leading a teaching staff of 28 teachers serving a student body of 466 students. Prior to assuming that role in 2007, he served as Assistant Principal/Dean of Students at Saint Martin de Porres. He holds a Master’s degree in Educational Administration from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master’s degree in History from John Carroll University. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from the University of Notre Dame in 1993. Mr. Sutliff succeeds Interim Principal Dr. James M. Cantwell, with whom he will be working to ensure a smooth transition.

"We were blessed to have had two very talented finalists for the position - Mr. Sutliff and current Assistant Principal Ms. Emily Hanson '99. I strongly believe they will be a dynamic force that can only benefit our young women," shared Mrs. Corrigan-Davis.

“My genuine appreciation and admiration for Saint Joseph Academy is rooted in the experiences of some of those closest to me: my wife, her mother and the godmothers of two of our children,” stated Mr. Sutliff. A resident of Lakewood, he and his wife Elizabeth Carroll Sutliff, a 1990 SJA graduate, have four children, including daughter Maya who will be entering SJA as part of the class of 2017! Proud mother-in-law is Joan Gannon Carroll '55.

We also heard that he plays a mean guitar and is prize-winning fisherman! Welcome, Mr. Sutliff, to Saint Joseph Academy!
Prevention Specialist from the Cleveland Rape Crisis Talks to Students

"Sexual assault can be the result of coercion or force, and the difference between those and consensual sex is very clear," shared Mr. Brian Dodyk, prevention specialist with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. Mr. Dodyk spoke this week to students about many of the issues they may face in their lifetime, either through personal experience or via a friend or relative.

"The statistics are daunting. One in four women and one in six men will be sexually assaulted," stated Mr. Dodyk. "We receive 3,000 calls a year on our hotline, and many of them are from high school students."

During the week, Mr. Dodyk made three visits to SJA, alternately talking to sophomores, juniors and seniors about such issues as the legal ramifications of many dating scenarios. He had already visited the school in the fall to talk to freshmen in separate sessions.

"Rape happens most often with people you know," he told the students. "There is a rape every two minutes and, sadly, 60 percent of all rapes go unreported."

He stressed that he didn't want to scare students, merely make sure that they were aware of the many forms of sexual assault so they would know how to handle situations they or their friends may face.

"Mr. Dodyk was an excellent speaker and I've learned so much about this subject," shared Abigail Riley '15.

Saint Joseph Academy Scholars to be Taped for "Academic Challenge" this weekend

Good luck to our students competing this weekend on the venerable "Academic Challenge" TV show on Channel 5. The show, being taped tomorrow at the Channel 5 studios, will be aired on Saturday, May 18. The SJA team is composed of Julie Simmons '13 (captain), Marley Yarian '14, and Cari Milowicki '15. The alternates are Kat Coughlin '14, Hayley Gallo '16 and Katelyn Mandola '15. They are competing against students from Edgewood and Shelby High Schools. The team was coached by Ms. Meagan Fowler, a librarian in the Learning Advancement Services department.

Winner of 12 Emmy awards, "Academic Challenge" is one of the longest running locally produced shows in television history. It's hosted by meteorologist Mr. Jason Nicholas. Each week, students representing schools from all around Northern Ohio use their brains to battle toward the season championship. Three teams compete for points by answering questions covering such topics as math, science, history and current events. At the end of each program, the points are totaled and at seasons' end, the three highest scoring teams return for the Championship match. Go Jaguars!
Ohio Graduation Test Information

The Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) will be given at Saint Joseph Academy during the week of March 11-15, 2013. 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 to provide students with an optimal testing environment. The school day schedule for these days will run as follows:

The OGT tests 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. The OGT tests 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 11:20-12 noon. There will be no Activity Blocks during OGT testing days.

All other students need not report to school until 12 noon. If students must arrive before noon because of transportation issues, they will be permitted to report ONLY to the Dining Hall. It will not be possible for students to go upstairs to lockers.

Schedule for OGT Testing Days

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We hope this schedule will provide students with the best possible testing conditions. In the event of a snow 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 Ms. Maryann Marek, Guidance Counselor, at 216.251.6788.

RSVP Now for Father/Daughter Dance

The Academy Parents' Annual Father/Daughter Dance will be held this year on Saturday, March 9, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Brennan’s Party Center on Trisket Road in Cleveland.

All Saint Joseph Academy students and their fathers are invited to enjoy an evening of fun, dinner, dancing, photos and more! Registration deadline is Monday, March 4. Please go to the following link or pick up your order form in the main office.

Spring Mixer Is Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for SJA’s Spring Mixer on Friday, March 22.

Tickets are $8 each and will be sold in advance and at the door. Paws for Pride points will be awarded, and $1 of every ticket sold to a senior or her guest will be donated to the Senior Class prom and after prom fund.

More details will be coming soon.
Tryouts/spring sports starting dates
*All athletes must have a current OHSAA physical on file in the athletic office. Please go to www.sja1890.org/athletics to download the form.

Softball
There is a change in the tryout schedule. All players need to report next Monday, February 25, at 3:15 p.m. in the gym. Please direct any questions to Head Coach Darrin Radatz at dradatz@sja1890.org

Crew
The Crew season has begun and the roster has been set for the upcoming spring season. If you would like some information for the 2013-2014 school year, please contact Coach Rob Zdankiewicz at rzdankiewicz@sja1890.org.

Track & Field
Outdoor track & field practice start March 11 at 3:15 p.m. Athletes should prepare to go outside for practices. Please bring appropriate clothing. For more information, please contact Head Coach Fred Kieser at fkieser@sja1890.org or visit www.sjatrackandfield.blogspot.com.

Rugby
Pre-season conditioning has begun and tryouts will be held on Monday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 20, from 6-8 p.m. at SJA. For more information, please contact Head Coach Jaime Cleary at jcleary@sja1890.org.

Swimming & Diving
On Saturday, February 16, the Jaguar swim team wrapped up their season at the District Meet at Bowling Green State University. It was a sweet ending to a great season. Sarah Sofish ’14 had personal bests in both the 200m freestyle and the 100m backstroke. Maddie Zimmerman ‘14 wrapped up her season with two personal bests as well as two individual SJA records in the 50m freestyle and the 100m freestyle. Kiera Grady ‘15 dropped 9 seconds in the 500 yard freestyle to move from 25 all the way up to 18th overall. The Jaguars also broke the 200m freestyle relay school record with a team of Katrin Blayney ‘15, Gabriella Koussa ’14, Sarah Sofish ‘14 and Maddie Zimmerman ’14. Senior Julianna Spinazze finished off her career as a Jaguar swimmer in the 400m free relay where she posted her best time ever, and helped the relay drop 2 seconds from their previous best time. It was a great season. The Jaguars doubled the amount of swimmers they sent to districts from last season, and look to continue the success and growth of the program next year. Congratulations to all!

Basketball
On Saturday, February 16, the Jaguars defeated Lincoln West 78-36 in the first round of the State playoffs. The Jaguars were led offensively by sophomore Hailey Grant who registered 12 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 steals. Senior Layla Leon had 11 points and 6 assists. Sophomore Brittany Morrison aggressively posted 12 points, while senior Gab Avellone had 10 points, including three 3-pointers. Daija Jones ’13, pictured above, was honored this week as the McDonald's Athlete of the Week on Channel 5! Click here to see the televised story.

Winter Sports Banquet
The Winter Sports Banquet for Swimming & Diving and Basketball will be held on Tuesday, March 19. Banquet reservation forms are due on Tuesday, March 12. Click here to download the form.