MISSION STATEMENT
Saint Joseph Academy, rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph, fosters unifying relationships with God and all creation, empowers each young woman to achieve academic excellence, and inspires a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society.

Cecilia's Song Is a Standout at OMEA Competition
Congratulations to the young women of Cecilia's Song for earning a Superior Rating of 1 on Saturday, March 16, at the Ohio Music Education Association District IV Large Group Choir Contest at Midpark High School in Middleburg Heights! Because of the superior rating, the a cappella group has been invited to the Ohio State OMEA Competition on May 3. Their set of songs included "My True Love Has My Heart" by Laura Farnell, "Ave Maria" by Michael Larkin and "Confitemini Domino" by Patti Drennan. For the state contest, they look forward to adding "Dobru Noc" by Victor Johnson to their performance set.
"The girls made SJA proud as they performed beautifully and received high marks for their expressive and unified sound," said Cecilia's Song Director and Visual and Performing Arts teacher Mrs. Christine Miller.
Cecilia's Song members are (l-r pictured): Erin Stefancin ’14, Sydney Rexing ’15, Annie Kostell ’13, Samantha Velasco ’15, Clare Panek ’14, Natalie Woisnet ’14, Morgan Clark ’15, Ginny Sullivan ’13, Karianne Stanton ’14, Halli Grunder ’14, Miranda Greenhill ’16, Kaity Poschner ’14, Katie Kostell ’13 and Rose Sullivan ’16.

Register Now for the Uplifting Mother-Daughter Eucharist
We are always grateful for the hard work of our Academy Parents. One of the group's most uplifting events is coming soon! The second annual Mother/Daughter Eucharist is being planned for Sunday, April 14 here at the Academy. This Eucharist is open to ALL students and their mothers! Please see this registration form for additional details. All registrations are due on Tuesday, April 9th (no late registrations will be accepted). If you have any questions, please contact parent volunteer Mrs. Mary Pat Ellert at 216.533.1793 or mpellert13@gmail.com.
Have a great week! ~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Pi Questions No Problem When There Is a Pie Treat Waiting!

Rarely are students eager to tackle math questions during their lunch hour... except when the correct answers result in a tasty slice of pie! Monday was the Math Department's Annual "Pi Day," a day usually celebrated on March 14 (as in 3.14), but because of Ohio Graduation Tests last week, was postponed to this week. Pieces of some 45 pies were distributed to more than 350 students.

"We wouldn't miss this," shared Ginny Sullivan '13, holding a plate piled with a huge slice of chocolate silk pie. The line of students behind her, waiting their turn, wound down the hallway in front of the dining hall, and at times spilled into the lunch room. The pies were faithfully served, as in years past, by math teacher Mrs. Paula Schuetz and Learning Advancement Services teacher Mrs. Mary Laco '74, President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71 and incoming Principal Mr. Jeff Sutliff.

"This is a fun and effective way for students to learn about the concept of Pi. Students did a good job recalling their Pi facts," shared Mrs. Schuetz. "We probably served up about 27 Chocolate Silk pies (chocoholics!). We ran out of chocolate pies."

Penny Wars Is Spirited "Change" of Pace for Harvest for Hunger This Year

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors battled it out this week in the annual - and ever-popular - Penny Wars. Each class vied all week to collect the most pennies. Any silver coins and paper money added to a class bucket counted against the penny total, making it a true "war." Classes each earned Paws 4 Pride points. All money collected is being donated to Harvest for Hunger, one of the largest annual, community-wide food and funds drives in the nation. The organization provides critical resources to local hunger relief organizations in 21 counties in Northeast and North Central Ohio. The winning class will be announced next week.

"Penny Wars is always a great fundraiser. This year, the event had even more meaning because the money is being donated to Harvest for Hunger, which this year hopes to provide enough food for 16 million meals," shared Ellen Saracina '13.

College Corner

Location: Athens, OH (3.5 hours from Cleveland). Rural, small town.
Enrollment: 17,000 undergraduates.
Strongest Programs: The Scripps School of Communication, Art, Business.
Fun Fact: Bruce Springsteen performed his first Ohio concert at OU as a warm-up to the Eagles. Joe Walsh commented: "That guy will not be a warm-up act for very long."

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Penny Wars activists included, l-r, Ellen Saracina '13, Jennifer Polito '14 and Caroline Speice '13.
Calling all Talented Jaguars (and Wildcats)!

Do you have a song, dance, instrument, joke, skit, clever trick, or unique talent that you have been dying to perform? Well, start practicing! The Student Council is sponsoring the first-ever joint Saint Joseph Academy/Saint Ignatius High School Talent Show on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at SJA. Some of the talents needed include: Individuals, duets, teams, classes, teachers ... all are welcome and invited to participate.

We will be partnering with Saint Ignatius for this event and hosting their talent as well, so students may feel free to collaborate with Wildcat friends or siblings for an act!

Space is limited, so informal auditions will be held the week after Spring Break if necessary. Please email Caroline Speice '13 at cspeice@sjastudents.org by Thursday, March 28 with your name(s) and thoughts for an act.

2013-2014 Unity Catholic Scholarship Opportunity

Apply now, for the James E. Flynn Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union. This scholarship awards $7,000 in funds: Four $500 Scholarships to students Kindergarten through 8th grade; Five $1,000 Scholarships to students 9th – 12th grade. The student must be a member of Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union. Deadline is April 1, 2013. You can get applications by visiting any UCFCU office or on www.unitycatholiccu.org.

Special Hours, Sales at Paw Prints Bookstore!

The Paw Prints Bookstore will be open this Saturday, March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to opening its doors to the Class of 2017 registrants, all others are welcome to shop! There will be a 25% off sale for selected items March 18-28, so it would be a good time to stock up for those Easter baskets!

Academy Parents’ Dutch Bulb Sale Being Held Through April 1

Snow may be on the ground, but it’s technically spring and time to start thinking about gardens, flowers and warm weather! One way to create a dramatic floral display this year is to take advantage of the Saint Joseph Academy Parents Dutch Mill Bulbs Fundraiser, being held now through April 1.

This week, students received a flyer and order form listing all the available bulbs for sale. The flyer can also be downloaded here. The bulbs will be delivered by May 1 and should be planted after the danger of a hard frost has passed, usually around Memorial Day. The bulbs are guaranteed to grow starting the summer after they are planted. Should they not, Dutch Mill Bulbs will issue a replacement. An instructional sheet on the care and planting of the bulbs is also available here.

The top seller of the bulb sale will receive a $25 gift certificate to the Paw Prints Bookstore. All those selling 10 or more packages of bulbs will be put in a drawing to win two additional $20 gift certificates.

Checks, money orders, and cash will be accepted. Money needs to be turned in with the order. Please make all checks/money orders out to Saint Joseph Academy and NOT to Dutch Mill Bulbs. If you have questions, please email Mr. Joe Roberts, Saint Joseph Academy Parents’ Fundraising chair, at gambit9401@aol.com.

The Saint Joseph Academy Parents sponsor activities such as the uniform resale, the Father/Daughter Dance, the Mother/Daughter Eucharist and Breakfast, the Annual Bonfire, Advent Night, and other educational and social activities.