Parents: At a Glance

Monday, August 31
TEST OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.
At 5 p.m., parents will receive a call, a text and/or email to test our emergency alert system called SchoolReach. If you don't receive these notifications, please contact Dean of Women Marie Ciolek at mciolek@sja1890.org

Friday, September 4
"Joe's Clothes" Day - See Ms. Marie Ciolek for details

Monday, September 7
Labor Day, No School, Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8, Wednesday, September 9
Fall Play Auditions, 3:30-6 p.m.
Callbacks on Thursday, September 10

Wednesday, September 9
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

Students Experience Health Science Careers This Summer at St. John Medical Center
This summer, 11 students from the Health Sciences Honors Program (HSHP) were able to shadow professionals at St. John Medical Center for up to two weeks. The students visited...
Auditions for Fall Play 'Father of the Bride' Are September 8, 9

Attention thespians! Auditions for the Fall play, "Father of the Bride" by Caroline Francke, are coming soon! "Father of the Bride" is the story about the chaos that ensues when a "simple" wedding becomes a production worthy of a Hollywood blockbuster!

Auditions are September 8 and 9 from 3:30-6 p.m. in the auditorium. Callbacks will be September 10. Students need to prepare a 1-minute comedic monologue. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Drama Director Ms. Anne Chriszt at achriszt@sja1890.org.

Fitness Center Renovated To Fit Needs of Students, Wellness Curriculum

Students arrived back to school this week to find a new, state-of-the-art fitness room! The room is open to all physical education classes and to students, faculty and staff before school, during Activity Blocks and after school.

"As we selected new equipment for our fitness room, we really focused..."
Name: Sophomore Rachel Buck

Fun Facts: In June, Rachel started volunteering at Fairview Hospital. Rachel works every Monday and Wednesday at the hospital, and has already recorded more than 60 volunteer hours!

"I have a lot of relatives involved in the medical profession and I was curious to see what was involved in working in the health sciences. I have learned so much! I love watching the doctors and nurses, and seeing exactly what is involved in their job and how they help others every day," shared Rachel.

"So far, my favorite experiences involve helping the new mothers with their babies," she added. "I also was able to participate in a disaster drill held in the hospital's emergency room.

In addition to her volunteer efforts, Rachel is a member of the Cooking Club, Film Buffs Club and Ultimate Fan Club. "My favorite subjects are history and science. I also will be trying out for the basketball and rugby teams this year."

Students Travel To El Salvador to Serve the Dear Neighbor

For the fifth year in a row, students traveled with Assistant Principal Emily Hanson '99 to El Salvador to deepen their faith, learn of others who sacrificed all for the love of the Lord, and work with Salvadorans as they struggle with poverty to become self-sufficient.

One of the more moving moments happened when the five students visited the spot where Bishop Oscar Romero lived for the last three years of his life, and where he was shot and killed while celebrating Mass. "We truly felt his presence and we feel so fortunate to have experienced something so impactful," shared Corrine Baker '16. Full Story

Welcome, New Faculty and Staff Members

As the new academic year started, Saint Joseph Academy was filled with new faces - and not just students. Five new teachers and three staff members have joined the Jaguar community. Full Story

Location:
Tiffin, Ohio (2.5 hours from Cleveland). Small town.
New Wellness Curriculum To Encourage Healthy, Spiritual Lifestyles

After two years of preparation and planning, SJA is launching a Wellness Curriculum this year designed to improve and strengthen the spiritual and physical health of its students. The plan, which includes goals and requirements for each grade level, will enhance the well-being of each student as she deals with the stresses and demands of high school and beyond.

“The goal is to promote the health and wellness of our students through education and initiatives that encourage habits of wellness, increase awareness of factors and resources that contribute to well-being, and inspire and empower students to take responsibility for their own health and wellness,” shared Principal Jeff Sutliff. “We truly want to help our students by making them more aware of their choices regarding personal well-being in all aspects of life, not just fitness and nutrition, but also spiritual and emotional.”

Paw Prints Store Has New Spirit Wear, Championship Shirts

Please take some time to visit the Paw Prints Store to see the new and exciting Jaguar gear filling the shelves! New arrivals include many different styles of T-shirts and hoodies for men and women, headbands, mugs, water bottles, winter gear, sweatshirts, school planners and a small quantity of the Pocket Style Manuals available for freshmen.

Next Friday, September 4, is the first "Joe's Clothes," which means students may wear an SJA shirt along with their uniform skirt. As an incentive to participate, on Wednesday and Thursday students with their IDs in-hand will receive 10 percent off regular priced clothing items. To accommodate the sale, the store will be open on Wednesday from 5-8 p.m.

Did you hear about our 2015 State Championship rugby team? The store has championship shirts to celebrate their "three-peat" win! As we continue to celebrate the school's 125th birthday, be sure to check out the 125th items that are still available, including a keepsake ornament.

Regular store hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The regular store hours, special evening and weekend hours each month, and the online store can be found here. The online store is always open for your convenience!

Guardian Angel Box Located in Chapel
Feeling blue? Worried about a friend or acquaintance? The Guardian Angel box is in the Chapel, placed above the petitions for prayers/special intentions, to help. Students may place notes in the box when there is a concern about themselves or someone else. The purpose of the box is to open communication if students are dealing with issues that could have serious consequences.

This program was started five years ago when a Saint Ignatius High School senior, Joe, "Ski", Anielski, committed suicide. His parents believed he suffered from undetected and untreated depression. Their thoughts are that if only one person may have written a note, maybe the outcome would have been different for their son. Since that time, the Anielskis have been providing Guardian Angel boxes (also called the SKI boxes) to schools from kindergarten through college throughout Ohio, West Virginia and, now, Tennessee.

Students, please continue to notify a responsible adult, teacher, coach, counselor or administrator if you have concerns about someone or yourself. The Guardian Angel box will be checked daily and appropriate action will be taken with the information that is provided.

Questions? Please contact Guidance Counselor Maryann Marek here.

**SPORTS**

**SOCCER**
The team opened up its 2015 campaign in style with a 4-0 win at Parma on Saturday, August 22. The win gave Jaguars first-year head coach Danielle Hubka her first career Varsity coaching win. Alex Gribble '16, Isabella Mastroianni '18, Gracie Semon '18 and Claire Horansky '19 posted goals in the win while junior goalkeeper Olivia Finau stopped seven shots en route to posting a shutout. Varsity lost to perennial power Rocky River on Wednesday, August 26. JV, however, posted an impressive win, as they topped Rocky River 3-2 thanks to a late penalty kick goal from Bailey Brogan '17.

**VOLLEYBALL**
The Freshman and Junior Varsity teams opened their seasons on Tuesday, August 25, at Lake Catholic. The Freshman team fell in a close three-set match, while the JV team picked up a win in two sets (25-6, 25-21). Varsity opens its season on Saturday, August 29, when all three levels travel to Avon High School to take on the Eagles.

**GOLF**
On Wednesday, August 26, the Jaguars played in a tri-match against Hathaway Brown and Magnificat at Sweetbriar. The Jaguars finished in third place with a total score of 198. JV dropped a very close match (187-189) against Magnificat High School on Monday, August 24.

**TENNIS**
Varsity had to cancel their match on Wednesday, August 26, against Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin at Baldwin-Wallace University. Earlier in the week, the Jaguars fell 4-1 to Strongsville High School.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
Click here for the schedule.