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November 24
Homecoming Dance,
8-11 p.m. at SJA.

November 25-29
Thanksgiving holiday for students and faculty.

January 7
No school;
Teacher Professional Development Day
for International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme training.
This is a change from the calendar sent out in August.

December 1-11
Ohio Department of Education Testing
Freshmen and Sophomores only.
Letters have been sent to parents.
Questions? Email Guidance Counselor Maryann Marek here.

PSAS Forms Due TODAY; Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Information

Scholarship and tuition assistance applications are now available for the 2016-2017 school year. Tuition assistance requires submission of the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) form. The PSAS form must be
Unity Club poinsettia sale. Contact Moderator Suzanne Smiley-Rozic here for more information.

November 24
Thanksgiving Mass, 1:30 p.m.

Homecoming Dance, 8-11 p.m., at SJA.

November 25-29
Thanksgiving holiday for students and faculty.

November 25
No school, office open.

November 26, 27
Office closed.

December 2
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

December 10
Family Advent Night, 7-9 p.m., at SJA.

December 15
Key Club Blood Drive, auditorium, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

December 16
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

December 17
Christmas Concert, 7-9 p.m., at SJA.

December 18
Christmas at the Academy, girls in grades 2-6. Crafts, fun activities. 6:30-8 p.m., at SJA. $5 donation. Also collecting canned food for local food pantries. Register here.

December 23-January 7
No school, Christmas break.

January 7

Support SJA Athletes! Attend Tomorrow's Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle Fundraiser

Join the Athletic Boosters tomorrow, Saturday, November 21, at 6 p.m., to support Jaguar athletics. Reverse Raffle, 100th Bomb Group restaurant. Tickets are available here, or you can register at the door.

Expectations of Behavior for Next Week's Homecoming Dance

The excitement is building for next week's Homecoming Dance, one of the most popular events of the school year. In order for students to get maximum enjoyment of the dance, being held on Tuesday, November 24 from 8-11 p.m., we are reminding all of the expectations of behavior and dress for the event. The first rule is that all those in attendance must bring a form of identification, for example a school ID or driver's license.

Other expectations include:

- Students must arrive no later than 8:30 p.m. and may not leave before 10:30 p.m.
- All rules and regulations of Saint Joseph Academy will be in effect during the dance. Guests are also expected to comply with these rules and regulations.
- Once students leave the dance, they may not return.
- All in attendance must follow the published "Expectations of Behavior at Saint Joseph Academy Dances."
- Saint Joseph Academy reserves the right to use alcohol detecting instruments at any school activities.
- Junior high school students (6th, 7th, & 8th graders) are not permitted to attend the Fall Dance.
- Dates must be under the age of 21 postmarked by today, November 20, and mailed directly to PSAS.

Parents - detailed information, forms and links have been emailed to you and your daughter and are also available via the parent and student portals of our website.

The scholarship applications for current 9th, 10th and 11th grade students should be submitted via an online application this year. Scholarship forms are due by December 8. This application must be completed for scholarships, except for renewable academic scholarships. Please contact the Finance Office with any questions.

Class of 2017 Common Scholarship application here.
Class of 2018 Common Scholarship application here.
Class of 2019 Common Scholarship application here.

Parents - detailed information, forms and links have been emailed to you and your daughter and are also available via the parent and student portals of our website.
Saint Joseph Academy must uphold Christian moral principles in regard to behavior and attire of students who attend school dances. **Here** is a link to the complete list of expectations, including the prohibition of high heels in The Academy Center. Questions? Contact Dean of Women Marie Ciolek **here**.

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**Mandatory Ohio Department of Education Testing Starts First Week of December**

Students in the following classes are required by the Ohio Department of Education to take an end-of-the-course assessment during the semester they are enrolled in the class. The classes are: Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 1; Geometry or Honors Geometry; English 9 or Honors English 9; English 10 or Honors English 10; Biology or Honors Biology; U.S. History or Honors U.S. History; and Government or Honors Government. Letters were sent this week to parents of students needing to take the tests.

Students should come prepared for testing by having their Chromebooks fully charged and bringing ear buds. They should eat a healthy breakfast and be well-rested to do their best.

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**Help the Young Women of SJA at Annual Building Futures Breakfast**

SJA's annual Building Futures Breakfast gathers women throughout Greater Cleveland in support of our mission to empower each young woman to achieve academic excellence, and inspire a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society. The event, sponsored by the law firm Thompson Hine, provides participants with a unique opportunity to gather friends, family, and co-workers for an inspiring breakfast to network, introduce professional women to our Academy, model compassionate leadership and support the educational future of the young women of Saint Joseph Academy.
I also help out at Moriah House through the West Side Catholic Center.

"My most memorable volunteer experience was traveling to the Dominican Republic last summer," she said. "We taught the young children in special classes and also helped with building projects and cleaning houses."

In addition to participating in plays and her volunteer work, Grace is Co-Vice President of the Sister-to-Sister Club, designed to bring together students with the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph. "Our latest event was a Pajama Movie Night. We ate dinner with the Sisters, watched Disney Pixar's 'Up,' and shared lots of treats. It was such a fun time!"

Grace's favorite subjects are history, government and Spanish. "I hope to pursue a career in social work and join the Peace Corps, serving in Central and South America," she said.

College Corner

Location:
Kent, OH (1 hour from Cleveland) Suburban, small town.

Enrollment: 22,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs:
Nursing, musical theater, architecture, interior design, fashion merchandising.

The Building Futures Breakfast is Tuesday, December 8, from 7:30-9 a.m. at The Union Club in downtown Cleveland. Tickets for this premier event are $125 per person ($100 tax deductible) and available online at www.sja1890.org/buildingfutures. For additional information, contact Vice President of Institutional Advancement Connie Sipple, CFRE, here or at 216.671.0166.

Join Us for Prayer, Reflection and Discussion on Family Advent Night

The Mothers' Club is inviting the SJA community to its Family Advent Night, an annual evening of prayer and enlightenment, on Thursday, December 10, from 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium. The topic is "Economic Forms of Human Trafficking," a focus of Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice for the last year. The speaker will be Anne Victory, H.M., the educational director of the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking.

"In addition to prayer and fellowship, we will have speakers on this topic to raise awareness," shared CORE Ministry teacher Cathy Lanning Knittel '67. "We will also have a shopping opportunity for attendees that will feature fair trade products."

"We invite all in the SJA community to take time from their busy Christmas preparations for reflection and consciousness raising on this important topic," added Mrs. Knittel.

For more information, please email Mrs. Knittel here.

Student-designed Robots Compete at Northeast Ohio VEX Robotics Event

Last Saturday, 11 engineering students were out of bed before dawn to compete in the Northeast Ohio VEX Robotics Regional Competition, held this year at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School.

"Every year, student teams are
Fun Facts: KSU is the only institution in Ohio to offer a degree in Library and Information Sciences. Famous graduates include Drew Carey, Arsenio Hall and the author of "Captain Underpants," Dav Pilkey.

www.kent.edu

Students Invited to Perform at OMEA Concert

Instrumental and vocal music students had the opportunity last Sunday to participate in the elite OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) District IV and VII Honors Choir and Bands performances. Students were selected from 30 bands and 27 choirs across northern Ohio, at high schools as far away as Amherst and Mentor.

SJA participants were Emily Hanes '16, bassoon; Frannie Smith '17, French horn; Molly Hirzel '16, tuba; and Jocelyn Perkins '18, voice.

"The purpose of the festival is to provide an exceptional musical experience for a select group of high school band and choir students," shared Music teacher David Mumford. "Each year, the festival features two master teacher-conductors to offer insight into the music-making process. The clinicians for the 2015 Honors Ensemble Festival were Glen Adsit (University of Hartford, band), Dr. Birch Browning (Cleveland State University, band) and Sandra Snow (Michigan State University, choir)."

The concert was held at Waetjen Auditorium on the Cleveland State University campus. Accompanying the students were Mr. Mumford and Vocal teacher Kathleen Cooper.

Collaborative Learning at 'MathAlive' Exhibit at Science Museum
Nearly 60 math students spent an afternoon this week creating paper rocket ships, modifying race cars to increase (or decrease) their speed, and designing parachutes to safely land cargo - all thanks to a trip to the Great Lakes Science Museum and its "MathAlive" exhibit.

"One of the students' favorite stops at the museum was the 'Cleveland Creates Space,' " shared math teacher Jill Satanek Garlock '92. "Students were able to use their imaginations, as well as trial and error, to create successful end products. With minimal instructions, they worked collaboratively to uncover the solutions and create wonderfully creative projects."

She added, "In the MathAlive Exhibit, students built a virtual 'Supertall.' They determined where to construct a building, how much support it needed to accommodate wind and possible earth movement, as well as many other solutions to potential construction problems. They then determined through specific tests if the buildings they constructed would pass or fail structural inspections."

How Can Lake Erie Be Fixed? Students Attend Speech To Find Answers

Sophomores Joslyn Muniz, Jadalise Pacheco and Stephanie Rolon recently traveled downtown for a City Club of Cleveland presentation titled "What's wrong with the Great Lakes and how can we fix it?" The presentation was particularly meaningful for the engineering students, as they are working on a project to help clean harmful phosphates from Lake Erie's watersheds. Their work has been presented as part of a Lexus Eco Challenge project.

"The students were able to ask the presenter, Dr. Jeffrey Reutter with the Ohio Sea Grant College Program, for some advice to move forward on their Lexus Eco project," shared Science teacher Mary Ellen Foley Scott '76. "They were also thrilled to meet Hyle Lowry with the Alliance for the Great Lakes, who collaborated with students as we worked to complete three beach clean ups."

Special Holiday Hours For Paw Prints Store

Stay home on Black Friday and come shop on Purple Saturday! The Paw Prints Store will be open Saturday, November 28, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Stop by to cheer on the Jaguars at the season home opener basketball game vs. Cleveland Heights, starting at 11 a.m., and get your Christmas shopping started!

To shop online, simply click here.
Don't Miss Out on After Prom Fundraisers!

The After Prom committee is planning several fundraisers, including ordering baked goods (pies, brownies, cookies, etc.) at Bob Evans in Lakewood through today (November 20) for Thanksgiving or Christmas delivery. All baked goods must be picked up at SJA next Tuesday, November 24, from 3-5 p.m. or on December 23 from 3-5 p.m. Additionally, on Tuesday nights in November, you, your friends and family can dine-in at Bob Evans and the restaurant will donate 15 percent of the bill to After Prom.

At the Chipotle in West Park, you may dine-in or take-out on December 2 from 3 to 7 p.m. and a percentage will be donated to SJA After Prom.

If you need a fundraiser flyer, please contact Mrs. Jessica Hanes P'16 at jhanes@karpinskieng.com or Mrs. Mae Williams P'16 at maewilliamsdesign@gmail.com.

Jaguar Athletes Need Your Support!

As the Christmas season kicks into high gear, please help Jaguar athletes with the following fundraisers.

The SJA Swimming & Diving Team has partnered with Yankee Candle. Forty-percent of the profits from any candle or other product sales from November 16 through December 6 will be donated to the team. Please click here for SJA’s very own Yankee Candle shopping page and place an order. You can also go to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter the Group #990088232 to place your order.

To help support SJA's Crew athletes, students will be wrapping presents at Southpark Mall in Strongsville in a kiosk sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police. The students will be wrapping on Sunday, November 29 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday, December 10 from 6-9 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 23 from 1-4 p.m. All proceeds will be used for the Crew equipment fund. For more information or to volunteer to help for this fundraiser, please contact parent volunteer Mrs. Sue Prahst P'17 at patricia_prahst@yahoo.com.

Thank you for supporting SJA's athletes!

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