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February 5
Joe’s Clothes Day. Email Dean of Women Marie Ciolek for details.

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February 11
Parent-Teacher conferences, 3:30-8 p.m. Click here to schedule meetings. Email Dean of Women Marie Ciolek with questions.

February 12
No School. Teacher day.

February 15
Presidents' Day, no school. Office closed.

February 16
Mandatory Spring Sports meeting, 6:30 p.m. in The Academy Center.

February 17
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

STArts (Arts Boosters) meeting, 6:30 p.m., Dining Hall.

February 19
No School. Office open.

February 20
"Celebrate the Academy," 6 p.m., at SJA. Click here for more information.

February 23
Key Club blood drive. More information to follow.

For more information, please click here.

Mandatory Senior Parent Night Meeting Next Tuesday, February 2
Parents of Seniors - there is a mandatory Senior Parent Night meeting next Tuesday, February 2, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. One parent or guardian is required to attend. Wine and cheese will be served as information is shared about your daughter's last semester before graduation. That information includes: graduation dates and information; prom details; academic and financial information; advice on the transition from high school to college; and alumnae information.

Questions? Click here.

Help Support 'Hoodies For Homeless' Drive
As part of Catholic Schools Week next week, the Paw Prints Store is again sponsoring a "Hoodies for the Homeless" collection drive. Bring in a gently worn hoodie (or two, or three, etc.) of any size and receive a coupon good for 20% off your purchase during the month of February.

The collected hoodies will be donated to the West Side Catholic Center and the Labre Ministry at Saint Ignatius High School, which serves meals to the homeless on Cleveland's streets every Sunday night.

For more information, please click here.
Parent-Teacher Conferences Are February 11

Dear Parents or Guardians: Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 11, from 3:30-8 p.m.

We will again be using an online appointment system for conferences. You are invited to sign up for 10-minute appointments with any or all of your daughter's teachers. If you feel that you need more than 10 minutes to meet with your daughter's teacher(s), please email them directly to set up a conference for another day.

Please note conferences are NOT mandatory. You only need to schedule appointments with teachers you feel it necessary to see.

To sign up for an appointment please click here.

You will be asked to select your daughter's teachers and enter your information including an email address.

If you do not have Internet access or you have any questions, please contact the Main Office at 216.251.6788 or email Dean of Women Marie Ciolek here.

Parents of Seniors - Honor Your Daughter with Yearbook Tribute Advertisement

Parents of the Class of 2016 - don't miss the opportunity to honor your daughter with a Yearbook message. Childhood pictures and loving messages can be shared in ads ranging in size from 1/16 of a page, all the way up to a full-page spread.

It's simple to create with layouts provided at www.yearbookordercenter.com. Enter code number 4427 and click on "Create an Ad." If needed, there is an instructional video available to guide you through the process. Your message will be printed as you submit it. No additional copy editing is provided.

Ads range in price from $20 to $320. If you need design services, the total ad cost ranges from $25 to $400. Payment can be made by credit card or electronic check.

Click here for details or if you have questions.
country, it is considered to be an international gold standard of learning. Mrs. Garlock has worked tirelessly front-and-center in the faculty training and examination of IB MYP standards and practices.

“The IB MYP training has enabled me to incorporate more student inquiry into the classroom, including a lesson for an Algebra II/Pre-Calculus class that involved using "CSI-style" methods," she shared. "Instead of just telling students what they need to know, I am employing methods that involve activities to allow students to discover important information. We connect this information to experiences they have had or will have in the future."

She added, “The IB MYP methods have changed how I approach lessons. Instead of asking a student to solve something such as a quadratic equation using the quadratic formula, the assessment presents the question in a manner where the student will have to actually know they are supposed to use the quadratic formula and then be able to correctly apply it. This shows true knowledge and mastery of putting the knowledge into context.”

"IB MYP directly aligns with the mission of the Academy through its emphasis on relationships, critical thinking, collaboration, service, reflection and intercultural understanding and respect," said Mrs. Garlock. “This is a very exciting time at Saint

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**Students Support Sanctity of Life**

Although a blizzard prevented students from traveling to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, it did not stop them from standing up for the rights of the unborn. Twenty students attended the 2016 Mass for Life held last Friday at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist.

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**A Fun Night for Dads and Daughters!**

Celebrate that special bond between fathers and daughters on Saturday, February 27, at the annual Father/Daughter Dance. The dance - for all grade levels! - is at Brennan’s Party Center, 13000 Triskett Road, from 6-11 p.m.

The evening includes dinner, dessert and beverages. Entertainment is being provided by a DJ and there will be a photo booth to preserve the night’s memories.

RSVP forms are available in the Main Office. You may also find the form [here](#). Deadline to reserve a spot is Thursday, February 18. Make checks payable to Saint Joseph Academy.

Questions? Please contact Mothers’ Club President Mary Zavoda P’17 at [Zavoda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Zavoda@sbcglobal.net).

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**Please Join Us for 'Celebrate the Academy'**
Parents, another week has passed and we are getting closer to the night when the SJA community comes together to "Celebrate the Academy!" The gala is Saturday, February 20 at SJA. The event helps us fund vital academic initiatives and scholarships. Event chairs are Michael and Lisa Adkins Lonsway ’84, P’18.

"Celebrate the Academy" begins with cocktails and the silent auction at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m., followed by a live auction. For more information or to buy tickets, click here.

How else can you help? Wine is needed for our popular wine pull! We are hoping to have at least 100 bottles of wine valued at $25 or more.

For more information on "Celebrate the Academy," or to coordinate donating a bottle of wine, please contact Carolyn Novak ’06 at 216.251.6788 x224 or by email.

**Mandatory Meeting for Spring Sports**

Any student who plans to participate in Track & Field, Softball or Lacrosse (new this year!) and has not played a fall or winter sport at SJA this season is **required** to attend a meeting on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. in The Academy Center. This meeting should be attended by the student and a parent. Students who have played a sport this year at SJA should also attend, but are only required to attend the second portion of the evening beginning at 7 p.m. The 6:30 meeting, which includes information about what students need to complete to participate/tryout, will be followed by the 7 p.m. individual sports meetings led by the head coaches.

Please contact Athletic Director John Manuszak [here](#), or your head coach (contact information can be found on the website [here](#)) with any questions.

**SPORTS**

**Basketball**

Varsity picked up a pair of impressive wins this week to move to 11-7 on the season. On Monday, SJA knocked off Stow-Munroe Falls 36-31. They followed that up with a big win over Padua High School on Thursday evening. Padua came as close as one point (55-54), but Colleen Neitzel ’18 hit a big-three pointer and Gia DiMassa ’17 made a pair of free throws late to seal a 62-55 win.

The Jaguars host Youngstown Ursuline in JV and Varsity action on Monday.
Come out and support your fellow Jaguars on Wednesday at SJA for the second matchup of the season with Magnificat High School! Tipoff is 4:30 p.m. for freshman; 6 p.m. for JV; and 7:30 p.m. for Varsity.

**Swimming**

The Jaguars hosted the first annual Jaguar Invitational meet on Saturday at Gilmour Academy. SJA swimmers finished second in the four-team invitational. SJA competes against Brunswick and Magnificat tonight at Cleveland State University.

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