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Upcoming Events
Tomorrow, February 27
Father-Daughter Dance,
Brennan's Party Center.

February 29
Help Support After Prom!
Buy at Chick-fil-A on Center
Ridge Road, 5-7 p.m.
Here is the flyer, or
just mention SJA.

Parents: At a Glance
March 1, 2, 3
Junior Professional
Shadowing.

March 1
Academy Chorale
sings at
Lake Erie Monsters
game, 7 p.m.
Click here
for ticket info.

March 4
Sophomore Mixer,
8-10 p.m.,
at SJA. Email
here for more info.

March 8
Attention Freshman/Sophomore parents!
College Counseling 101,
an introduction
to the college-planning
process, meeting.
7-8 p.m., in the auditorium.

Students Receive VEX Innovate Award
Congratulations to sophomores
Lizzie Lewandowski, Grace Semon
and Juli Howe for winning the
Innovate Award at the VEX Robotics
Competition held last weekend at
March 1, 2, 3
Junior Professional Shadowing.

March 1
Academy Chorale sings National Anthem at Lake Erie Monsters game, 7 p.m., The Q. Click here for ticket information.

March 4
Joe's Clothes Day.

March 4
Sophomore Mixer, 8-10 p.m., at SJA. Email here for more information.

March 8
Freshman and Sophomore Parent College Information Night, at SJA, 7-8 p.m. in the auditorium.

March 9
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

March 15
Health Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 16
Class of 2020 registration, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

March 16
STArts (parents group supporting the arts) meeting, 6:30-7:30, the Dining Hall.

March 17
No school, office open, St. Patrick's Day.

March 18
Feast of St. Joseph

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**SADD, Silver Linings Organize 'Body Image Week' Activities To Stress Self-Esteem**

This year, members of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Silver Linings (SJA's self-esteem club) joined together for "Body Image Week 2016" to help fellow students discover that beauty comes from within and that healthy choices mean a happy life.

"SADD and Silver Linings had a common goal going into this week: let someone know just how beautiful they are by redefining 'beauty.' I think SADD and Silver Linings made a dynamic duo in getting this message across," said Bri Scebbi '17, SADD Club president.

Activities this week have included: Mirrorless Monday, when all mirrors in the school were covered; Body "Posi" Playlist of songs being played over the PA; shout-outs over the PA on Thursday and Friday; "affirmation" notes posted outside the auditorium; and an informational/inspirational video planned by Cari Cutler '16 and put together by members of SADD and Silver Linings featuring fellow students. The video (click here to see it) includes statistics about body image and eating disorders compiled by the National Eating Disorders Awareness campaign. Full Story

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**Help Us Support the West Side Catholic Center**

Students in Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ) and the National Honor Society are joining the Congregation of St. Joseph in collecting full-sized toiletry items for the West Side Catholic Center during...
March 18
Easter at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m., 2-6th grade girls. Fun Easter activities!

March 29
Journey With Joseph, mini-retreat, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Free event for fathers/daughter. Email here for more info.

March 22
Easter Prayer Service.

March 23-April 4
Easter break. No school.

March 23, 24
No school, office open.

Spotlight

Name: Mary Simmons ‘17

Accomplishment: Congratulations to Mary for being a finalist and receiving Honorable Mention last weekend in the English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition, held at the Tri-C Metro Performing Arts Center.

Fun Facts: "I've been interested in Shakespeare from a young age," shared Mary. "After seeing a

Credit Union Scholarships Available
Applications for scholarships currently are available from the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union and Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union.

'Celebrate the Academy' Unites SJA Community In Spirit of Family, Generosity and Support

We would like to extend a sincere "Thank You!" to all the friends and supporters of Saint Joseph Academy's "Celebrate the Academy" for making this past weekend's gala a success! The event was attended by 540 parents, faculty and staff, board members, Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph and friends of the Academy. It is a crucial fundraiser for scholarships and academic initiatives. A net of more than $215,000 was raised, thanks to the generosity of the Saint Joseph Academy community!

An Evening of Reflection for Women

Mothers, please join us for an evening of prayerful conversation and camaraderie. Our annual "An Evening of Reflection for Women" gathers a wonderful group of women together to share their insights, unique experiences, and real life questions about spirituality and faith. Pat Kozak, CSJ '64 will guide participants through this year's Lenten reflection "The Power of Story - In the Gospels and in our Lives" on Monday, March 21, from 6-9 p.m. at SJA. The evening will allow time for great conversation, for input and prayer, for reflection and discovery.

Cost to attend is $25 and includes supper. To register, please visit here. Questions? Please email here.

Full Story

Here is a story about Mrs. O'Malley that was featured on Cleveland.com; here is a album of the evening.

Please consider helping the families in need supported by this organization. Boxes are set up near the Main Office.
performance of 'As You Like It' at Playhouse Square my freshman year, I decided to participate in the competition. It offers me a chance to step into the world of Shakespeare and really experience his characters. It also lets me connect with other students who share my love of the Bard and his writing."

She added, "I really enjoy being able to bring my interpretation to a character and share my unique view of Shakespeare with my peers."

Mary's favorite subjects at SJA are English and Creative Writing. "I plan on studying English or Graphic Design in college, possibly double majoring," she said.

In her spare time, Mary is on the editorial board of Calliope, the school's literary and arts magazine, and is involved in the spring musical, "Little Shop of Horrors." She is also a Lector at Mass once a month, serving as the youngest Lector in her parish of Saint Joseph in Strongsville.

**College Corner**

**Location:**
University Heights, OH.
Suburb.

**Enrollment:** 3,000 undergraduates.

**Strongest Programs:**
Education, business, science, journalism, marketing, biology

**The Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union** is offering a needs-based scholarship for students attending Catholic schools. Application deadline is Friday, March 4. Winners will be notified by phone by April 15. In order to be eligible, parents/legal guardians must be members of Ohio Catholic FCU. If you not a member, you may begin the process here. Use promo code: SCHOLARSHIPS. Applicants must have a teacher or school administrator fill out a recommendation form. Here is the 2016 Catholic Education Scholarship Application. Here is the 2016 Teacher Recommendation Form. For more information, visit www.ohiocatholicfcu.com/scholarships.

**Unity Catholic** is offering five $1,000 scholarships for students entering 9th through 12th grade. Winners must be active members of the Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union and attending a Catholic school within the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and Eparchy of Parma. Here is the application form. Deadline for submission is April 1.

**Girls in 2nd-6th Grade Invited to 'Easter at the Academy'**

Have young girls at home? Have them join us for "Easter at the Academy," being held on Friday, March 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. at SJA. Girls in grades 2-6 will enjoy an evening of fun Easter activities, including an Easter egg hunt, Easter themed crafts, and a coloring contest. Admission is $5 per student. Register here. For more information, email admissions@sja1890.org.

**Girls in 6th, 7th Grade Invited to 'Leadershop'**

Leaders aren't just born. Leadership qualities need to be nurtured and encouraged. Young girls will be given tools to be future role models at our annual "Leadershop" event, being offered at SJA on Friday, May 6, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for girls in grades 6 and 7. It is a day full of fun hands-on activities, SJA student-led presentations, lunch in our Dining Hall and a campus tour. Admission is $10 per student. Lunch is included. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, email here; to sign up, go here.

**SPORTS**

**BASKETBALL**

The basketball team finished its outstanding season on Thursday night. The Jaguars played in their first district final in school history, but fell to Magnificat 49-26. The Jaguars finished their season 15-10 and return a young nucleus of talent next year. SJA advanced to the district final with a memorable district semifinal win on Monday over Medina. After trailing 27-
14 at halftime, the Jaguars scored the next 32 points to post a 49-29 win.

**SPRING INFORMATION**

This week saw the first official day of practice for two of our spring sports: Softball and Lacrosse. Jaguar softball is excited to begin its season under first-year head coach Dale Dawson. The lacrosse team, which is a club team in 2016 and will transition to a Varsity sport in 2017, has more than 40 members!

Our perennially strong Track & Field program begins its season officially on March 7. Crew and Rugby have begun their practice seasons as well.

Good luck to our spring student-athletes!