Parents: At a Glance

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

March 9
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

March 10, 11
Field trips, "Children of Willesden Lane," Details below.

March 16
STArts (Support The Arts parent group) meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., he Dining Hall.

March 17
No school,

All Students to Meet 'Children of Willesden Lane' Author
March 15
Health Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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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 Mass, 1:30 p.m.

March 18
Easter at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m., 2-6th grade girls. Fun Easter activities!

March 19
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

The school-wide project of reading and discussing "The Children of Willesden Lane: Beyond the Kindertransport: A Memoir of Music, Love and Survival" by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen continues with a special upcoming field trip to meet Ms. Golabek. The trip, for the entire student body, is made possible by the organization "Facing History and Ourselves" and area philanthropist.

The book details the inspirational escape from Nazi-occupied Vienna of musical prodigy Lisa Jura (Ms. Golabek's mother) on the Kindertransport (a train that took children to safety in London). She lived on Willesden Lane with other refugee children during the war. Her music provided hope and comfort for them, perhaps even saving their lives.

In addition to reading passages of the book, Ms. Golabek, a talented concert pianist herself, will also perform for the students.

Below are the event details:
* Freshmen and sophomores will be going on the field trip on Thursday, March 10; juniors and seniors on Friday, March 11.
* The day of trips, students will be on a special schedule that will begin with two abbreviated classes, and an early brunch (can be purchased in the Dining Hall or bring your own lunch).
* Students will have one class to attend upon returning, which means they will only miss one class.
* Formal uniform is required.
* The field trip is free for all students.
* Permission slips will be distributed on Monday, March 7, during a special homeroom time.

An email will be sent reiterating these details. If you have any questions, please contact CORE Ministry teacher Cathy Lanning Knittel here.

Senior Receives President's Volunteer Service Award

Congratulations to Kendra Cundiff '16 on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award - and a letter of recognition signed by President Barack Obama.

Kendra received her award for more than 200 hours of service to Youth Challenge, which brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers for participation in adapted sports and recreational activities.
Name: Marisleysis Gonzalez '18

Accomplishment: Congratulations to sophomore Marisleysis for being selected for the 12-week-long Charles Drew Academy, sponsored by The Cleveland Clinic.

Fun Facts: The Charles Drew Academy is a high school pipeline program designed to increase diversity in the professions of physicians, research scientists, physician investigators, physician leaders, dentists and dental specialists.

"It has been my dream since I was a little girl to pursue a medical career, preferably in pediatrics," said Marisleysis. "When this opportunity came about, I felt like it be a great start! The Cleveland Clinic is a world-class health system and being a part of it is amazing."

"During the first couple of weeks, we focused on ourselves. We had to answer the question, 'Who are you?' We also had doctors, researchers, counselors and other speakers give us advice about medical careers. Now, we are doing a lot of hands-on activities such as going on..."

"Thank you for helping to address the most needs in your community and our country," reads the letter, mailed to Kendra on White House stationery.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition.

"I am thrilled and so grateful," shared Kendra. "This is such an honor."

Kendra's community efforts were previously recognized by the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals with the prestigious "Youth in Philanthropy Award" for her nearly 300 hours of helping children and teens with disabilities.

Don't Miss Spring Musical 'Little Shop of Horrors'

A humorous tale of murder, love and a talking plant is not one to be missed!

SJA's Spring musical presentation of "Little Shop of Horrors" will be performed April 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17. Fridays and Saturdays performances are at 7:30 p.m., Sundays matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

"Little Shop of Horrors" follows the story of Seymour Krelborn who works in a flower shop and one day discovers a strange and interesting plant. He names the plant Audrey 2 after the girl he has a crush on who also works at the flower shop. The plant soon develops the ability to talk and a thirst for blood. The plant starts to attract attention from the media and Seymour finds himself with more money and fame than he's had in his entire life.

Tickets are $10 for general admission and $5 for students and seniors.

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 this Lenten season. Please consider helping the families in need supported by this organization. Boxes are set up near the Main Office.
rounds with the surgical residents at Clinic main campus, going to Case Western Reserve University’s Mount Sinai Simulation Center to do laparoscopic simulations and sutures on an arm and traveling to the Case School of Dentistry to learn how to make an impression on teeth.

“My favorite part of the program is learning about different medical fields and practices, whether it's research or business etiquette. I also love all the hands-on activities! I honestly love this program. It has opened so many doors of new opportunity.”

Marisleysis plans on building what she’s learning and studying to be an OB-GYN. Her favorite SJA classes are history (“all types/1” and all sciences. In her spare time, she volunteers at the soup kitchen at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church.

“I also plan on volunteering for the University Hospitals summer volunteer program,” she said.

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.

Credit Union Scholarship Application Available

Scholarship applications are currently available from Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union.

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-
undergraduates.

**Strongest Programs:**
Photography, computer science, engineering, biotechnology.

**Fun Facts:** RIT has its own student-run ambulance service which serves the entire RIT campus and portions of surrounding suburbs. The ambulance is staffed on a volunteer basis by students, faculty, staff and alumni. [www.rit.edu](http://www.rit.edu)

For more information, email [here](mailto:); to sign up, go [here](http://www.rit.edu).

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**SPORTS**

**SOFTBALL AND LACROSSE**
Practice for two of our spring sports - Softball and Lacrosse - have begun. Lacrosse, which is a club team in 2016, will transition to a Varsity sport in 2017. The club team already has more than 40 members! Crew and Rugby have begun their practice seasons as well. Track & Field program begins its season next Monday, March 7.

Good luck to our spring student-athletes!