Parents: At a Glance

March 15
Paw for a Cause
Dress Down Day,
$2 donation for
project to end
Human Trafficking.

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

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

March 18
Feast of St. Joseph
Mass, 1:30 p.m.,
The Academy Center.

April 24
Annual Mother-Daughter
Mass & Reception,
10 a.m. at SJA.
Students Experience Potential Careers During Junior Professional Shadowing

Last week, 177 juniors - some traveling as far away as Washington, D.C. and Florida - were paired with a wide range of professionals, including scientists, doctors, naturalists, public officials, lawyers, nurses and engineers as part of the Junior Professional Shadowing program.

The program allows juniors to experience the real world of potential careers. Students are required to keep journals detailing their responsibilities and opinions on the professionals observed. This career exploration helps students decide what professions are of interest and helps them narrow their college paths.

Catholic Schools For Peace and Justice Hold Mini-Summit on Economic Human Trafficking

SJA hosted a mini-summit for the group Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ) on Tuesday, March 8. Nearly 75 students, 25 teachers and campus ministers from the 20 area Catholic high schools attended.

Students Excel at Cleveland Council on World Affairs Model United Nations

Last week, eight Social Studies students attended the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Model United Nations conference at Notre Dame College. The students worked on various committees, including
Spotlight

Name: Math and engineering teacher John Lesko

Accomplishment: Congratulations to Mr. Lesko for being an outstanding role model for the young women of SJA for 24 years!

Fun Facts: Mr. Lesko started teaching at SJA right after graduating from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science. He also earned his Master of Education from Cleveland State University. This year, he is teaching Honors Calculus, Programming, Pre-Engineering and Digital Technology. “I love math, science, programming and technology because they are constantly evolving and there is always something new and interesting to learn. I enjoy being challenged,” he shared.

Over time, Mr. Lesko has been a class moderator and department chair. “About 10 years ago, Science teacher Dave Weiss and I implemented the Engineering Program. He and I envisioned, set up and now supervise our new Makerspace, a challenging learning space for independent and collaborative UNICEF, Human Rights, and the Commission on the Status of Women.

Full Story

Pictured l-r: Annie Holan ’18, Alexis Defreitas ’18, Nina Braquet ’18, Katie Ross ’18, Karli DeChant ’18, Hannah Nussle ’19, Jessa Nauman ’18, and Claudia Stephens ’18.

'Easter at the Academy' Is Almost Here!
Do you have younger girls at home? Girls in grades 2nd-6th are invited to 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 here.

Students To Perform at Barnes & Noble Bookfair Fundraiser for SJA Book Club on March 19
Spend the morning enjoying the musical talents of our students and then grab lunch or dinner at a nearby TGI Fridays - all to benefit the Sursum Libra Book Club! The Crocker Park Barnes and Noble is holding a bookfair on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m.-11 p.m., and a portion of the sales will be donated to the book club. (Present this flyer when making a purchase.) On that day, the SJA Handbell Choir will perform at the bookstore at 10:30 a.m.; senior Molly Stofko will perform original work at 11:30 a.m.; and Olivia Martinez ’19 will also perform original work at 12:30 p.m. Also benefitting the book club, TGI Fridays on nearby Detroit Road is donating 20 percent of your purchase from 11 a.m. to midnight, also on March 19. Here is the flyer to present at the restaurant.

Paw Prints Store: 'March Madness' Sale; Special Contest!
March Madness has hit the Paw Prints Store and that means it’s time to clear out Josie’s closet! Our Winter Clearance Sale is from Monday, March 14 to Thursday, March 24. (No further discounts will apply to sale items. Limited quantities and sizes. While supplies last.)

Where in the World is Josie?
Spring Break is just around the corner and we want to know how our
learning," he said.

"My favorite moments are when students come up to me years after graduation and say that I made a difference to them in some small way. That's what people who go into teaching are hoping to hear."

College Corner

Location:
Cleveland, OH. Urban.

Enrollment: 12,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs:
Business, education and law. Honors program available for academically talented and highly motivated students. Only college with a College of Urban Affairs.

Fun Facts: CSU and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's new International School incorporates programs from the International Baccalaureate programs. (SJA is a candidate for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.) This International School is located on CSU's campus and enrolls students in Kindergarten-3rd grade.

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Additional March shopping hours will make it easier to take advantage of this month's sale prices:

Wednesday, March 16, 3:30-8 p.m.
Friday, March 18, 6-8 p.m.
Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m.-Noon
Wednesday, March 23, 9 a.m.-Noon
Thursday, March 24, 9 a.m.-Noon

Pictures Needed for Senior Tribute Video for Annual Mother-Daughter Mass & Reception

Senior parents: The Mothers' Club needs two pictures of your daughter - one when she was under age 5, the other a current one from her senior year. The pictures will be used in a video shown after the Annual Mother-Daughter Mass & Reception on Sunday, April 24.

Please send the digital or scanned photos to pepplecolleen@yahoo.com, along with the names of both mother and daughter. If you scan a photo, please save it as a jpeg to ensure a clear reproduction. If you prefer to send in hard-copy pictures, please turn them into the Main Office in an envelope marked "Mother-Daughter Senior Tribute" by Monday, March 28. The photos will be returned, so please make sure your name is on the back of both photos.

More information will be sent out regarding the Mother-Daughter Mass & Reception, but if you have any questions, please email molly813@aol.com or call 216.251.4742.

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. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., Sunday 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.

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 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](mailto: ); to sign up, go [here](mailto: ).

### SPORTS

**ALUMNAE COMPETED IN MAC CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY)!**

Two former Jaguar Varsity basketball teammates reunited at the women's Mid-American Conference basketball tournament at the Q, when Greta Burry '14 and the University of Akron Zips played Brittany Morrison '15 and the University of Buffalo Bulls earlier today.