Senior Parade Marks Beginning of Graduation Festivities

With a blare of fire engine horns, the clang of the old Euclid Beach Rocket Car and the siren from an antique police car, the 160 members of the Class of 2016 loudly upheld their end of tradition with the annual Senior Parade on Wednesday. Marking their last official day of classes, the seniors sang special songs throughout the day and showed their love of the school that they’ve called home for four years. We will miss you, seniors!

Here is a link to the 2016 Senior Parade.
May 25  
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

May 26  
Honors Convocation, 1 p.m.,  
The Academy Center.  
Tree Night & Baccalaureate  
Mass, 6-9 p.m., at SJA

May 27  
Senior Farewell Mass &  
Alumnae Induction, 12:30 p.m.,  
Our Lady of Angels Church

May 30  
“Earn Your Spots  
5K/1 Mile Walk,” at SJA,  
7:30 a.m. Email here for more info

May 30  
No school; office  
closed, Memorial Day

May 31  
Walk of the Roses,  
6:15 p.m.  
Class of 2016 Graduation,  
7-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church

Nazareth Library wins State 'Outstanding Individual Library' Award

Congratulations to the Nazareth Library for winning the Ohio Educational Library Media Association’s (OELMA) Outstanding Individual Library Award. The recognition honors a school's library program, its integration into the school's curriculum and connecting with the needs of the school's wide array of learners.

Full Story

Prom Is This Saturday at Windows on the River

Reminder for Seniors attending the 2016 Prom at Windows on the River: Students will be gathering with their dates and parents at SJA at 4 p.m. for pictures. The bus to transport students to the venue will leave promptly at 5:30 p.m. Have fun!

Talented Students Create Magical Moments at Annual Jazz and Cabaret Concert

Parents, students, faculty and friends of Saint Joseph Academy enjoyed the annual "Jazz and Cabaret Night," held Thursday in the auditorium. The Jazz Band, Show Choir, Academy Chorale and Handbell Ensemble all performed in this popular, end-of-the-year concert.

Instrumental selections included "Birdland" by Zawinul, "Blue Monk" by Thelonious Monk, several hit songs by Lennon and McCartney and several rousing selections in a swing style. Vocal selections included "Blue Moon," "Edge of Glory" and "Girls Just Want to Have Fun." Graduating seniors received special recognition in their last SJA concert. Click here to see the complete photo album.

Student Wins Top Art Prize for Human

(photos at SJA starting 4 p.m.)
she will studying Nursing and/or Pre-Medical Professions at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

Fun Facts: "Being in the Health Science Honors Program was a significant part of my time here at SJA. It included rigorous coursework and amazing opportunities for internships," shared Corrine.

"Although the Health Science Honors Program was very intense, it provided me with a better outlook on my chosen career. Being able to hear real-life accounts from speakers, professors and current medical students gave me the confidence and extra push to explore the medical field more in depth."

Corrine's favorite class at SJA was Honors Anatomy.

"I have been in a youth group for the last five years, and through that I have had the opportunity to plan several retreats, as well as lead and give witness to Christ through several visits to soup kitchens, GoodWill services, and organized donation drives. I plan to continue this work in college and study abroad on service, pursuing missionary nursing."

In addition to her academic work and service, Corrine is a member of the nationally ranked Jaguar rugby team.

### Trafficking Poster

Kiara Hoefsmit '18 is passionate about working to end the evils of human trafficking. It was that passion that led her to create an award-winning poster on the movement. Kiara learned this week that her poster was the winner in the annual Art Challenge for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking.

"When I received the assignment, I immediately began to brainstorm ideas by forming imagery that I associated with the problem. My mind instantly went to the eye. There is so much in the world that we think we know but don't actually see," said Kiara. "My caption said 'Look A little Closer. See the Signs of Slavery' to remind us all that even the most innocent can house horrors."

This is the second year in a row that Saint Joseph Academy has had a winner in their contest.

### Trip to University Circle and Little Italy Showcases Engineering Career Paths

This week, 14 engineering students this week experienced a "behind the scenes" tour of the Little Italy Rapid Transit station with RTA officials and the architect who designed the new station. The $12 million project, completed last summer, involved moving two bridges and relocating the station directly on Mayfield Road in Little Italy.

"The purpose of this field trip is to show students the many facets of transportation engineering," shared Math teacher John Lesko. "It is also an opportunity to share the many different career opportunities for those interesting in engineering fields."
The Honorable Francine Goldberg, center, with students in the "Women Leading in the 21st Century" class.

Location:
Cincinnati, OH (4 hours from Cleveland). Urban.

Enrollment: 22,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs:
Engineering, business, health sciences, politics, law, and social justics.

Fun Facts: A brick from McMicken Hall at UC lies in the foundation of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, which was engineered and built by Joseph Strauss, a UC engineering graduate. www.uc.edu


Writing Team Wins First Place in PenOhio Competition
Two teams of students (one with freshmen and sophomores, the second with juniors and seniors) participated on May 14 in the inaugural PenOhio Northeast Ohio Regional High School Writing Team Championships. The "JV," or freshmen and sophomore team, won first place in the contest, competing against writers from four counties representing 39 high schools. In addition, sophomore Hannah Glaser took second place in the individual JV category. Full Story

Judge Shares Wisdom In 'Women Leading in the 21st Century' Class
The Honorable Francine Goldberg spoke to the "Women Leading in the 21st Century" class on May 16, sharing an engaging presentation about her position in the Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court. The class, offered as an elective, illustrates "in-action" leadership skills through study, as well as meeting Northeast Ohio female leaders.

"I had a wonderful time!" shared Judge Goldberg. "It's always fun to speak with these bright young women."

Judge Goldberg was the last of 22 speakers to visit the class this year. Other visitors have included the Vice President of Medical-Surgery Services at University Hospital Case Medical Center, an Assistant Attorney General, and the President and Founder of CLESeats - all SJA alumnae.

Celebrate Your Senior!
It's hard to believe but graduation for the Class of 2016 is less than two weeks away! “Congratulations, Graduate” yard signs are available for $12 each (complete with yard stake). How about a Saint Joseph Academy picture frame to hold that special memory of your daughter in the Walk of the Roses?

For your shopping convenience, the Paw Prints Story will be open the morning of the "Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K/1 Mile" race on Monday, May 30 from 8-10:30 a.m. For regular store hours or to shop online, click here.

Academy Chorale To Sing The Star Spangled Banner at Indians Game

Make plans now to attend the June 20, 2016 Indians game at Progressive Field as our own Academy Chorale starts the game by singing the Star Spangled Banner. Tickets are $20. Here is a link to an order form. All orders must be received by June 15. Questions? Email here.

There's Still Time To 'Earn Your Spots!'

Start your Memorial Day off with a bang by exercising AND helping raise vital assistance for our Scholarship Fund! The 4th annual "Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K/1 Mile Walk" is on Monday, May 30, at 9 a.m. Cost is $25 for pre-registration (deadline 9 a.m. Friday, May 27), $15 for students (pre-registration only) and $30 for race-day registration. For online race registration, visit here. Questions? Call 216.623.9933.

Pictured above at last year's "Earn Your Spots" race: Left picture: l-r, Hue Tran ’17, Jessica Schuler ’17, Narupa Dabydeen ’17, Daniella Saul ’17, Alessia Saul ’14. Right picture: l-r, College Counselor Maria Mueller, Math teacher Lisa Previts and Nazareth Library Department Chair Rebecca Synk.

Fun-filled Adventures, Learning at SJA's Summer Camps!

Discover! Learn! Grow! Do you have young children looking for something fun to do this summer? We can help them improve a skill or develop a new talent. From basketball to leadership to photography to musical theater and everything in-between, Saint Joseph Academy Summer Camps have it all! Space is limited, so register early.

For details and to register, visit www.sja1890.org/summercamps. Call 216.251.4868 if you have questions.
SPORTS

SOFTBALL
The Varsity season, led by first-year head coach Dale Dawson, came to an end on Monday, May 16, in the district semifinals. The Jaguars fell 8-0. The team then finished its schedule on Thursday, May 19, with a 6-5 loss to the Sandusky Perkins. It gave the Jaguars 15 wins on the season.

TRACK & FIELD
Track & Field had a strong showing on Wednesday, May 18, the first day of the district track meet, held at Brunswick High School. The team had six athletes already qualify for the regional meet based on their performances. The 4 x 800 relay team of Sydney Seymour '18, Maggie Wagner '18, Olivia Battistoni '17 and Jocelyn Perkins '18 finished third in their race to qualify for regionals next week at Amherst. Freshman Emma Pesicka also qualified by finishing fourth in the shot put and senior Kye Williams advanced to regionals in the high jump.

Looking forward to Friday's meet, the Jaguars have at least one competitor in each of the 14 final events to be held. The team currently sits in third place overall in the district heading into this competition.

LACROSSE
The amazing inaugural season for the Jaguars lacrosse season came to an end on Monday, May 16, as the team fell in the opening round of the OSLA state tournament to Notre Dame Academy. The Varsity first-year program had six wins on the season and competed hard against already established programs. The entire program (JV and Varsity) had 45 participants.

RUGBY
On Friday, May 13, Varsity beat Hudson 31-12 and JV beat Hudson 45-10 and are on their way to Nationals! In the Varsity game, scoring included two tries each for Frankie Burns '19 and Annie Rolf '17, a try for Rachael Kean '16 and three conversion kicks by Regina Baldedo '18. Maiden of the Match Frankie Burns '19 was announced for her speed in her new outside center position.

Although JV is not allowed to play in the Division II State Championships due to a OSHAA rules, we all know that a 45-10 win over Hudson and an 6-0 undefeated league season has SJA Jaguar JV as the No. 1 B-Side team in the state. Scoring in this game included Kara Whalen '19, Angelica Simpson '17, Anna Schubert '18, Jessa Nauman '18, Hanna Graf '17 and Karlee Trickel '17. Maiden of the Match goes to Hanna Graf '17 and Karlee Trickel '17.

CREW
The SJA Navy finished second in points at the 2016 Midwest Championships! The Jaguars had their highest points finish ever, placing second behind New Trier, IL in the Women's Points Category. The stellar finish included a fourth place finish by the 1V8+, second place finishes for both the F8+ and the 3V8+, and gold medal finishes by the 2V4+, the J8+ and the N4+ crews. It is the strongest finish in SJA Midwest history, with the F8+, the J8+ and the 1V8+ all qualifying for nationals. It's now on to Nationals!

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