This is the last issue of the Weekly Newsletter for the 2015-16 School Year. Have a great summer!

Parents: At a Glance

Summer Reading List
Click here for the 2016 Summer Reading List for all students

July 12
Freshmen Picnic,
6-8 p.m. in the Dining Hall.
All incoming freshmen and their families are welcome.

Congratulations, Class of 2016!

The 159 young women of the Class of 2016 enthusiastically accepted their diplomas at commencement on Tuesday, May 31. Dressed in white with beautiful bouquets of red roses in hand, the graduates began the memorable night by processing down Rocky River Drive from SJA to Our Lady of Angels Church in the “Walk of the Roses.”
First Day of School for 2016-17 school year

Summer Camps
Click here for information on summer camps.

Spotlight

Name: Kathleen Loftus ’16

Accomplishment:
Kathleen is the Class of 2016 Valedictorian.

Fun Facts: "Being named valedictorian was surreal," shared Kathleen. "It is something that will follow me for the rest of my life, and I am fortunate to have had the opportunities and wonderful teachers that have allowed me to accomplish this."

In addition to earning the highest grade point average in the Class of 2016, Kathleen is a volunteer at the Ignatius Rini Food Drive, a member of the HPAC and the Health Sciences Honors Program, an SJA Ambassador, a volleyball camp volunteer, and has helped villages in the Dominican Republic.

"My family legacy at SJA has made high school feel like home with countless familiar

Students were led by President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 and the Commencement speaker Mary Ann Fischer ’66, who last year retired after 45 years at Saint Joseph Academy as a teacher and then alumnae director. She urged students to share their talents with the world as they embarked on their lives as SJA alumnae. "It's only fun when you share," she reminded graduates.

Valedictorian was Kathleen Loftus and the Salutatorian was Jessica Sprinak.

Here is a Facebook album of the evening's events.

Crew - #2 in Nation!

Emma Gassman ’17, Maxine McGuire ’17, Molly Miller ’17, Maggie Sullivan ’17, Emily Barni ’17, Mary Sessions ’18, Julie Panstares ’18, Kennedy Jenkins ’18, Brittney Ward ‘17, Head Coach Robert Zdankiewicz

The Saint Joseph Academy crew team put an exclamation point on their outstanding season this past weekend at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Regatta in Nashport, OH. The Jaguars sent two boats to nationals and came away with the school's highest finish in history. The Junior 8+ won their quarterfinal and semifinal heats to advance to the Grand Final where they came in second. It marked the highest finish ever for an SJA boat at the National Regatta in the U.S. The Freshman 8+ boat advanced to the semifinals as well, marking a great showing for Jaguar rowing, finishing 12th in the nation. The team of freshmen included Katie Hinton, Margaret Grant, Lauren Corrigan, Teagen Kelly, Cecilia Tompkins, Brooke Bulan, Liberty Kempf, Sarah Houser and Grace Ducat.

Thank You, Parents!

A sincere "Thank You" to all of the parents who donated $25 to this year's Parent Participation Challenge for the Annual Fund. More than 27% responded,
faces and the fact that I have carried on the tradition of something special," she added.

"I would like the Class of 2016 to remember that we are moving on from a foundation that has enabled us to pursue whatever it may be with confidence in ourselves and assurance that our futures will be bright."

Kathleen was accepted into a prestigious accelerated program of study in which she will attend The College of Wooster for three years and then is guaranteed a spot in the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

Congratulations, Kathleen!

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**College Corner**

Location:
North Canton, OH (1.5 hours from Cleveland). Small town.

Enrollment: 2,300 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Business, health professions, education.

Fun Facts: Walsh's football stadium is maintained by the NFL, thanks to its close help us secure the $25,000 anonymous gift to support all of our students! Saint Joseph Academy parents are an amazing group, and your participation in this challenge proved your dedication to your daughters and to Saint Joseph Academy.

Thank you so very much!

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**Help Spread the Word about Sing Out!**

On Thursday, June 9, President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71 and The Academy Chorale will join the 100-voice-strong Sing Out! Chorale, to Sing Out against rape and sexual abuse in our community and raise funds for Cleveland Rape Crisis Center.

Sing Out! is a chorale performance to benefit Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and will be held at Severance Hall. Community members representing a cross-section of our community will lend their voices to the Sing Out! Chorale which offers an outstanding and uplifting performance that raises awareness, inspires change and raises funds to support the Center's work.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center's mission is to support survivors of rape and sexual abuse, promote healing and prevention, and advocate for social change. They have been a partner to SJA for many years.

**Event Information:**

Sing Out! for Cleveland Rape Crisis Center 2016
Thursday, June 9
5:30 p.m. - VIP Pre-Performance Party
7:00 p.m. - Performance
8:30 p.m. - Post-Performance Dessert and Champagne Reception
Severance Hall, 11001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Purchase your tickets and learn more [here](#).

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**Academy Chorale To Sing The Star Spangled Banner at Indians Game**

Join us at the June 20, 2016 Indians game vs. the Tampa Bay Rays 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](#).
Save the Date for Our 22nd Annual Golf Outing

Don't forget to mark your calendars to attend our 22nd Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, July 30 at Sweetbriar Golf Course in Avon Lake. Come as a team or come by yourself and we will match you up! This event supports the SJA Scholarship Fund.

Not a golfer, but interested in helping on golf day? Contact Alumnae Director, Allie Busser '04 at abusser@sja1890.org or at 216.619.1653.

All are welcome.

For more information and to register, please click here.

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? It's not too late to register for our summer camps. 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!

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

Help Your Daughter Excel with Leadership Skills from Club LEAD!

As a student, do you want to learn to lead and excel in the classroom? Please save the dates for SJA's partnership with the Effective Leadership Academy Club LEAD (Leadership, Education and Development) in an eight-week youth leadership development program. Club LEAD will be held on Tuesdays from August 30-October 18 from 3:05-4:05 p.m. Cost is $195 per students.

For more information or to register, please go to www.effectivela.org.

SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD - Heading to State!

Track and Field team will have five athletes competing this Friday and Saturday at the State track meet. Best of luck to these athletes and congratulations on a great accomplishment!

Timmia Crayton-Prioleau '19 4x200
Monica Hahn '17 4x200, 4x100 and 300H
Haley Morgan '19 4x200 and 4x100  
Kye Williams '16 4x100  
Lauren Zawie '17 4x200 and 4x100

In addition, Monica set a school record for the 300H with a time of 45.48, and she placed first at Districts with that time.

Good luck at States, Jaguars!

**RUGBY - State Championship Game Next!**
The Jaguars take another step closer to a 4-Peat State Champion beating No. 4 Brunswick 66-5. The Jaguars started a little slower in scoring in this game coming off of the National Championship, but nonetheless took control, allowing one opposing try. Scoring in this game included Regina Baldado '18, Rachael Kean '16, Alex Gribble '16, Annie Rolf '17, Rebecca Sullivan '16, Kara Whalen '19, Emily French '17 and Angelica Simpson '17. Maiden of the Match was awarded to Mary Hirzel '16 for her leadership and determination on the field. Go Jaguars!

The team advances to the State Championship at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at Fairview Park High School, where they will face their rivals from Lakewood High School.

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