Welcome, Class of 2021!

On Wednesday, 186 students of the Class of 2021 entered Saint Joseph Academy. Yesterday, they celebrated All-School Mass and received a warm welcome.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors lined the walkway leading to the front steps of the Academy, clapping and cheering as the Freshmen and nine transfer students received a single yellow rose from Principal Jeff Sutliff and President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71. The Freshmen then gathered together on the front steps of the Academy for a group picture.

Some fun facts about the Class of 2021:

- Students live in 37 zip codes
- They live as far west as Huron, as far east as Euclid/Cleveland Heights and as far south as Medina
- They came to the Academy from 55 different schools
- Grace is the most common first name
- Brinker, Hough and Kaufman are the most common last names

Click here to see the rest of the photos from the day.

New Faculty Members Join the Academy

Saint Joseph Academy welcomed new faces and not just students this
Financial Aid Presentation: Seniors and Parents, Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Student Spotlight

Name: Cassandra (Cassie) Van Etten ’19

Accomplishments: This summer, Cassie was selected for the National Student Leadership Conference on Medicine and Health Care at the University of California, Berkeley. Students learned about leadership, how to suture, insert IVs, take vital signs, intubate a patient, how to care for a person in the state of an emergency and neurosurgery. The students visited the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, Gladstone Research Institute and the UC Berkeley Optometry School.

"The most challenging part of the experience was creating a public health presentation. My assigned group had to target a health problem in a specific region of the world and find a solution to fix it using $10,000. My group decided to send feminine hygiene products to a township in South Africa to promote better feminine hygiene and counter sexual abuse. This was a great exercise in teamwork," shared Cassie.

"My favorite part of this experience was learning how to suture and perform part of a craniotomy on a fetal pig," stated Cassie.

L-4: Mrs. Avila-John, Mrs. Plesca, Mr. Morar, Mr. Pelegano and Mr. True

Those who joined us include:

Mr. Jon Pelegano, English, Mrs. Tina Plesca, Spanish, Mr. Ilie Morar, French, Mrs. Theresa Avila-John, CORE Ministry and Mr. Daniel True, CORE Ministry. Welcome to Saint Joseph Academy!

I-90 E Construction

The City of Westlake is partnering with ODOT to provide and maintain a safer and more efficient transportation network. During the next few months, the southern portion of the I-90 and Columbia Road interchange will be undergoing improvements. It will be configured as a diamond shape to improve intersection spacing between the interstate ramps and Detriot Road.

For the next few months, the eastbound I-90 entrance ramp from northbound Columbia Road will be closed. A detour will be posted using Detriot Road to Clague Road to I-90. This construction phase will be in place for a period of six weeks. Should this construction affect your commute to Saint Joseph Academy, please adjust your route accordingly.

What is the Character of a Saint Joseph Academy Graduate?

The Character of a Saint Joseph Academy Graduate reflects the philosophy that has led our community since the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph first founded Saint Joseph Academy. We hope that every graduate from Saint Joseph Academy possesses these attributes at the end of her four years at the Academy. Click here to watch the video.

Lend a Hand at the Paw Prints Store; New Items Available

The Paw Prints Store is in need of more helpers both during the school day (approx. 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.) and for evening and weekend special events throughout the academic year. Volunteering in the store is a great way to meet others in the Saint Joseph Academy community and be among the first to see the newest apparel items!

If you are interested in volunteering, please download the online application here and email the completed application to Paw Prints Store Manager Mrs. Colleen Welsh DeVenney ’94.

New items available in the Paw Prints Store.
"The most rewarding parts of this leadership conference were the medical experience gained and the friendships made. I met amazing people from all over the world at this camp, and I will cherish these friendships and the memories I made forever," Cassie expressed.

Activities & Interests:
At Saint Joseph Academy, Cassie is a member of the Health Sciences Honors Program, the tennis team, track team, is an Academy Ambassador and involved with the Spanish Club. She volunteers at Fairview Hospital and sings at School of Rock.

Support the Academy by Shopping at Heinen's
Support our students simply by doing your regular shopping at Heinen’s. Click here to learn how to enroll in their "School Rewards" programs and sign up to help Saint Joseph Academy at no additional cost to your purchases.

Heinen’s Tasteful Rewards program members must annually re-select Saint Joseph Academy as their preferred school in August, so please sign up to support our students!

Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors and Parents
On Thursday, September 7, 7-8 p.m. in the Auditorium, a College Now representative will present information on the financial aid process. For more information, please contact College Counseling Department Chair Ms. Susan Emmerich.

Guardian Angel Box Located in the Chapel
Feeling anxious or upset? Worried about a friend or acquaintance? The Guardian Angel box is in the Chapel, placed above the petitions for prayers/special intentions, to help. Students may place notes in the box where there is a concern about themselves or someone else. The purpose of the box is to open communication if students are dealing with issues that could have serious consequences.

This program was started seven years ago when a Saint Ignatius High School Senior, Joe "Ski" Anielski, committed suicide. His parents believed he suffered from undetected and untreated depression. Their thoughts are that if only one person may have written a note, maybe the outcome would have been different for their son. Since that time, the Anielskis have provided Guardian Angel boxes to schools from kindergarten through college throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee.

Students, please notify a responsible adult, teacher, coach, counselor or administrator if you have concerns about someone or yourself. The Guardian Angel box will be checked daily and appropriate action will be taken with the information provided. Questions? Please contact School Counselor Ms. Maryann Marek.

Sports Highlights

Saint Joseph Academy and Hathaway Brown Play to 1-1 Tie
The Jaguars played a tough match that ended in a 1-1 tie with Hathaway Brown. The Academy’s goal was scored by sophomore Claire Shepherd ’20 who scored on a shot from 30 yards out. The Jaguars will be back in action against Archbishop Hoban on Saturday.

3rd Set Rally From Kahl Leads Tennis To Win
Mary Kate Kahl ’21 led the Jaguars to a thrilling win as she rallied from 0-4 down
in the third set to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and clinch a 3-2 win for the Academy. The Jaguars are now 4-0 on the season after a come-from-behind victory for the second straight day.

Bridget FitzGerald ’18 and Abby Weaver ’19 got the Jaguars on the board first with a 6-0, 6-0 win at first doubles. Maggie Griffin ’19 and Angela Weiland ’18 followed with a 6-3, 6-3 win at second doubles to put the team ahead 2-0.

Strongsville rallied in singles by winning all three first sets. The Mustangs were able to claim wins at 1st and 2nd singles, but Kahl’s rally at 3rd singles was the deciding point for the Jaguars.

**Volleyball Opens Season With Sweep**

Saint Joseph Academy opened its season on Tuesday with a three-set sweep at Elyria Catholic. The Jaguars jumped out to a 13-3 lead in the first set and never looked back en route to the victory.

To check out photos, see scores from rugby, softball, crew or track and field or to the schedules for upcoming important meetings, click [here](#).