Students from France and Spain gather on the Academy’s steps prior to their welcome luncheon

Parents: At-A-Glance

Monday, September 4
Labor Day
No School, Office Closed

Wednesday, September 6
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

Thursday, September 7
Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors and Parents
Auditorium, 7-8:30 p.m.

International Exchange Students Welcomed to the Academy

Last week, the Academy welcomed six exchange students from Le Puy, France and five from Barcelona, Spain, who will be staying with our students for roughly three weeks.

Last weekend, they participated in activities around the city, such as visiting the West Side Market and Edgewater State Park. This week, students were welcomed to their first full week of classes with a luncheon and observed an arraignment at the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Bienvenue and bienvenidos to Cleveland and Saint Joseph Academy, ladies!

Join Us to Learn How to Combat Opioid Crisis with Cleveland Clinic
Name: Kiera Reilly '18

Accomplishments: Kiera founded Friends with L’Arche, a club that will provide monthly meals for L’Arche homes in Cleveland. L’Arche communities are homes in which people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers, creating inclusive communities of friendship and faith.

"I got involved with Friends with L’Arche through a friend at St. Ignatius. He talked about the relationships he had formed with the people who live at the L’Arche homes and he was very passionate about being with them. This made me want to also form relationships because I could see how worthwhile they would be," stated Kiera Reilly.

"I wanted to start this club at the Academy because I feel like there would be a lot of interest in this group, especially because many students who go on the service trip to Louisville, Kentucky work with adults with disabilities. I am very passionate about this because I think it is important for all people to feel valued and if that means eating dinner with Parents, join Saint Joseph Academy and Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital for a panel discussion entitled "Heroin, Fentanyl and Carfentanil: The Triple Threat on Our Doorstep." This event hopes to bring residents, community partners and local experts together to engage in open conversation about the opioid epidemic, a serious issue facing teenagers in Northeast Ohio. This goal of this discussion is to empower community members by connecting them to the resources and information they need to combat the opioid crisis.

Panel members include moderator Timothy Barnett, MD, Vice President, Medical Operations, Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital; The Honorable David Matia, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Drug Court; James Mark, MD, Director of Emergency Services Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital; Valeria Harper, Executive Director of The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County; and Saint Joseph Academy alumna Margaret A. Sweeney ’03, Assistant United States Attorney, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces, Northern District of Ohio.

"Heroin, Fentanyl and Carfentanil: The Triple Threat on Our Doorstep" will take place on Thursday, September 21, 5-8 p.m. at Saint Joseph Academy. Cost is free and is open to the public. All are welcome. A wellness credit will be offered to students that attend. Attendees must register at clevelandclinic.org/TripleThreat.

Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors and Parents

On Thursday, September 7, 7-8:30 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.

Parent Portal Login Information

The parent portal provides access to important information throughout the school year. Parents and guardians can login to receive access to the following:

- Featured School News
- Calendars
- Student Handbook
some friends once a month, I think it is worth it. It is the least we can do,” shared Kiera.

Activities & Interests:
Kiera is a leader of Catholic Students for Peace and Justice (CSPJ), Academy Ambassadors, the Health Sciences Honors Program leadership board, National Honor Society (NHS), the track team and serves on the leadership team for the Senior class.

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Sports Highlights

Cross Country State-Ranked in Preseason Poll
The cross country team, fresh off its team trip to the state meet in 2016, will enter this season state-ranked.

In the pre-season poll released by the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (OATCC), the Jaguars received 75 votes which ties them for 14th in the Division 1 state rankings. Saint Joseph Academy and Twinsburg are tied for the 14th spot. View the full poll here.

As the Jaguars begin their season this weekend, they already have their sights set on the postseason. The Jaguars will compete in the Medina district, which features five schools listed in the state’s preseason poll.

Golf Tops Beaumont
Maddy Macalla ’19 and Libby Poole ’19 led the way for the Jaguars on Tuesday afternoon as they led the Jaguars to a 199-213 win over Beaumont at Hudson Country Club.

Macalla shot a 48 and was followed by Poole’s 49.

On Thursday, Maddy Macalla ’19 fired a team-best 41 in a round that included two birdies as the Jaguars competed against Hathaway Brown and Walsh Jesuit at Mud Run.

Volleyball Tops Hathaway Brown and Padua
The Varsity volleyball team moved to 3-0 on the season with a three-set sweep at Hathaway Brown and 3-1 victory over Padua. After a close opening set, the Jaguars rolled in sets two and three to beat the Blazers on Monday, August 28.

On Thursday, our Jaguars won with a four-set victory over Padua. The Jaguars split the first two sets with the Bruins, going on to dominate in the final two sets. The Jaguar offense came alive with a 9-2 win.
The two teams could potentially meet again on Saturday, September 2 as both teams are on the same side of the bracket at the Norwalk Invitational.

In Thursday’s win, the Jaguars were led by Colleen Neitzel ’18 who had eight kills along with Molly Neitzel ’19 and Cecylia Guye ’19 who each added seven kills. Logan Whitaker ’19 led the Jaguars with 23 assists while Elodie Joyce ’20 had four aces in the match and Izzy Micheli ’20 led the Jaguars with 23 digs.

**Soccer Tallies Nine Goals in Win Over Beaumont**

The Jaguars put together two convincing halves against Beaumont as the Academy picked up its first win of the season. Isabella Mastroianni ’18 had a hat trick with three goals while Claire Horansky ’19 scored two of her own. Maggie Wagner ’18, Hannah Carruthers ’18, Alexa Stringer ’20 and Kady Cushing ’19 added goals as well.

**Tennis Finishes Third at Triway Invitational**

The Jaguars tennis team placed 3rd at the Wooster Triway Invitational. The Jaguars had strong performances across the board, as the team won 2 out of 3 matches at every position. Leading the way for Saint Joseph Academy was Kerrigan Ponsart ’20 who recorded a third place finish at second singles. Ponsart defeated opponents from Bay 6-2, 6-3 in the first round and Orrville 8-5 in the third place match. Mary Kate Kahl ’21 also had a third place finish at third singles with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Triway and an 8-2 victory over Strongsville in the third place match. The doubles team of Abby Weaver ’19 and Bridget FitzGerald ’18 gave the Jaguars another third place finish with wins over Strongsville and Bay.

Melissa Martin ’20 finished fifth at first singles with wins over Beaumont and Orrville and the doubles team of Angela Weiland ’18 and Maggie Griffin ’19 also recorded a fifth place finish at second doubles with wins over Strongsville and Bay. The Jaguars' overall team score of 21 points led to a tie for third place with Orrville. Highland won individual championships at all three singles positions and second doubles to win the team title with 31 points. The host school Triway secured the first doubles title.

To check out photos, see scores or to see the schedules for upcoming games and important meetings, click [here](#).