Eucharistic Ministers Commissioned by Bishop Nelson J. Perez

On Monday, Saint Joseph Academy held the annual mass for Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at which 35 Seniors were blessed to be commissioned by Bishop Perez. For his installation, Saint Joseph Academy made Bishop Perez an over-sized card, signed by hundreds of students. He was touched by this gesture and told his team he wanted to visit the Academy. Saint Joseph Academy was the first in the Diocese of Cleveland to host Bishop Perez on
Bishop Nelson J. Perez dons his cap from Saint Joseph Academy.

Back Row, L-R: Seniors Abbigail Votaw, Claudia Stephens, Audrey Kunath, Nell Simons and Maria Alamir. Front Row, L-R: Seniors Emily Sonby, Kiera Reilly, Ingrid Cheung and Lily Gabriel.

Student Spotlight

Name: Audrey Kunath '18

Accomplishments: Audrey Kunath is a Semifinalist in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Ceremony, Media Center, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Celebration of Academy Committee Meeting, Board Room, 6-8 p.m.

No School/Teacher Day/Blizzard Bags Given to Students

Wednesday, October 4
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 5
Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-8 p.m.

Friday, October 6
No School/Office Open

Grand Reunion for Classes Ending in '2' or '7', 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, October 7
Grand Reunion for Classes Ending in '2' or '7'

Crew FunRaiser
The Foundry, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Register here.

Click here to read the article about Bishop Perez's visit from the Diocese of Cleveland. Click here to view photos from the day.

Nine Seniors Receive Prestigious National Merit Recognition

We are thrilled to share Audrey Kunath '18 was named as a Semifinalist in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program! In addition, eight Seniors were named National Merit Commended Students (NMCS): Abbigail Votaw, Claudia Stephens, Audrey Kunath, Nell Simons, Maria Alamir, Emily Sonby, Kiera Reilly, Ingrid Cheung and Lily Gabriel.

Both NMCS honors continue Saint Joseph Academy's long-standing tradition of academic excellence through the National Merit Program. 1.6 million students took the 2016 PSAT/NMSQT® to qualify for the 2018 program. 34,000 of 50,000 entrants receive the Commended Scholar distinction. 16,000 of 50,000 students receive the Semifinalist distinction.

In making the announcement, Principal Jeff Sutliff congratulated the students on their incredible milestone: "This recognition will help broaden each of these young women's educational opportunities, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished." Congratulations, ladies!

Students Honor Fallen WWII Soldier
Students line Rocky River Drive to pay their respects to Staff Sergeant Thomas McGraw.

Cancer Awareness Club plants sunflowers in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

On Wednesday, the Cancer Awareness Club planted sunflowers on the Academy’s back campus to raise awareness for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, going along with gold, the color of childhood cancer awareness. "There is a sunflower field in Avon called Maria’s Field of Hope. It was planted to honor a young girl, Maria McNamara, who died on July 14, 2007 at the age of seven. She would have been a senior this year. Many girls in my class knew Maria personally which is why we wanted to continue her legacy. This sunflower patch is not only in honor of Maria but also to remind the Saint Joseph Academy community to always keep children with cancer in their thoughts and prayers. Every day, there are 43 children diagnosed with any type of cancer. Although we may not know all the cancer patients personally, this sunflower field will show them that Saint Joseph Academy cares," shared Cancer Awareness Club president Jessa Nauman ’18.

Do You Know an 8th Grade Girl Considering Attending Saint Joseph Academy?

Shadowing is a great way for an 8th grade girl to experience what it is like to be a student at Saint Joseph Academy. The experience provides an opportunity for them to spend a full school day at the Academy, attending classes alongside their shadow host (another student), touring the beautiful campus and meeting the amazing teachers and students.

There are select dates for shadowing, through November 30.

To register for a shadowing day, click here.

Help Your 8th Grade Daughter Score Higher on the HSPT

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) Preparation Class helps students prepare for taking the entrance test for Catholic high schools. It is a fact that students who receive higher scores on high school admission test:

- Gain admission to their #1 high school choice
- Qualify for scholarship opportunities

Click here for details.
School:
University of Mount Union

Location:
Alliance, OH
(1.5 hours)
Rural, small town

Enrollment:
2,200 undergraduates

Strongest Programs:
Sports Management,
Physician Assistant

Fun Facts:
Students are encouraged to participate in the annual Belly Flop competition!

mountunion.edu

Test into more advanced curriculum choices, including Honors and Advanced Placement classes

Students who attend this class will:

- Take the actual, timed, full HSPT under testing conditions
- Be prepared for the HSPT at Saint Joseph Academy or any other area Catholic school
- Receive lunch, manual and instructional materials

Testing is on Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Saint Joseph Academy in the Dining Hall. Fee is $149.

For more information and to register, please click here.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Thursday, October 5
Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday October 5 from 3:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

We will again be using an online appointment system for conferences. Parents are invited to sign up for ten minute appointments with any or all of your daughter’s teachers. If you feel that you need more than ten minutes to meet with your daughter’s teacher(s), please email them directly to set up a conference for another day.

Please note conferences are not mandatory. You only need to schedule appointments with teachers you feel it necessary to see.

To sign up for an appointment please click here.

You will be asked to select your daughter’s teachers and enter your information including an email address.

If you do not have internet access or you have any questions, please contact the Main Office at 216.251.6788 or email Dean of Women Ms. Marie Ciolek.

Support "Celebrate the Academy"

Volunteer Meeting: Thursday, September 28
Plans are underway to make this year’s "Celebrate the Academy" gala an event to remember and there are lots of opportunities for volunteers to become involved. This is our largest fundraiser, netting nearly $260,000 last year, and with your help we will raise even more this year to support tuition assistance.

If you are interested in volunteering, please join our "Celebrate the Academy" co-chairs at Saint Joseph Academy in the Board Room on Thursday, September 28, 6-8 p.m. as they kick off "Celebrate the Academy" 2018. Please RSVP to Development Coordinator Mrs. Carolyn Conway Novak '06 216.251.6788 x224 or cnovak@sja1890.org.

Parent Open House to Support "Celebrate the Academy" Gala
Please join family and friends of Saint Joseph Academy to support the mission of the annual gala, "Celebrate the Academy!"

Saturday October 14, 6-10 p.m.
Hosted by Pat and Camille Sheehan P’18
29212 Cowles Drive
Bay Village, OH 44140

Please RSVP to pcapsheehan@oh.rr.com or 440.471.4780.

The "ticket" to the event is an unrefrigerated six-pack of unique craft beer or a bottle of wine valued at $25 or more. All donated beer and wine will be featured in the craft beer and wine pull at "Celebrate the Academy" gala, held on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

Not able to join us? You can still participate by donating a Visa ® gift card!
Josie the Jaguar is excited for "1890" to be on the Academy's campus.

Kerrigan Ponsart '20

The Varsity volleyball team after their victory over Magnificat

Sarah Skodny '18

Thank you for your kind support and generosity!

All-School Test Day: Wednesday, October 11

Wednesday, October 11 is an all-school testing day. Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 will take standardized assessments, while the Seniors will use this day for college planning. Click here to read the letter sent to parents and guardians.

Please review the approximate dismissal times as you arrange transportation for your daughter. Freshmen will be dismissed at approximately 11:30 a.m. Sophomores and Juniors will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. The Dining Hall will be closed on all school testing day.

New Bus for Athletic Teams and Field Trips

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Sports Highlights

Volleyball Sweeps Magnificat

The Academy swept Magnificat in the rivalry match on Wednesday night as the Varsity Jaguars posted a 25-17, 25-18, 25-18 win over the Blue Streaks. The Varsity Jaguars are now 11-0 on the season.

JV Volleyball team had a 25-17, 25-16 win over Magnificat and the Freshman team swept the Blue Streaks 25-20 and 25-22.

Soccer Drops Match at Avon

The soccer team dropped its match at Avon by a score of 7-0 against the state-ranked Eagles. Next up for the Jaguars is a game on Saturday at CVCA.

Tennis Tops Magnificat

The Jaguars traveled to Magnificat High School and came away with a 5-0 sweep over the Magnificat "B" team. The first doubles team of Bridget FitzGerald '18 and Abby Weaver '19 quickly put the Jaguars on the board with a 6-0, 6-3 win. Melissa Martin '20 and Julie Lorincz '18 also added straight set singles wins to clinch the match for the Jaguars. Mary Kate Kahl '21 picked up the 4th point for the Jaguars. After her opponent rallied from down 2-5 to take a 6-5 lead in the first set, Kahl was able to take control of the match and pick up a 7-6, 6-1 win. The longest match of the day was played at second doubles where Kerrigan Ponsart '20 and Angela Weiland '18 outlasted their opponents in a marathon 6-4, 6-7, 10-8 match to complete the sweep for the Jaguars. The win moves the Academy to 11-5 on the season.

Jaguars Golf Fifth at North Coast League Tournament

On Tuesday, the golf team competed in the Academy's first-ever North Coast League event. The Jaguars finished in fifth place at the conference tournament, hosted by Lake Catholic and held at Pine Hills Golf Club.

Maddy Macalla '19 was the medalist for the Jaguars as she shot 101. Other team members that competed were Sam Soucie '19, Sarah Skodny '18 and Olivia Morabeto '19.

To view photos, check out scores or to see the schedules for upcoming games and important meetings, click here.