Parents: At-A-Glance

Monday, October 2
No School/Teacher Day/Blizzard Bags Given to Students

Tuesday, October 3
Picture Retake Day, 8-10 a.m.
Test of the Alert Notification System, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.
Emergency Evacuation Drill, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, October 5
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-8:30 p.m.
(By Appointment Only)
Paw Prints Store Open, 3:30-8:30 p.m.
Celebrate the Academy Committee Meeting,
Board Room, 6-8 p.m.
National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Ceremony,
Media Center, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 6
No School/Office Open
Grand Reunion for Classes of 2002, 2007 and 2012,
7-9 p.m., Saint Joseph Academy
Paw Prints Store Open, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, October 7
Grand Reunion for All Classes Ending in "2" and "7"
Saint Joseph Academy
Crew FunRaiser,
The Foundry, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Register here.
Paw Prints Store Open, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, October 8
All Community Homecoming and Appreciation Mass,
Academy Center, 12 p.m.
Paw Prints Store Open, 1-3 p.m.

Record-Breaking 71 Students Named AP Scholars!
Fall Sports Pep Rally
2:30-3 p.m.

PrideBowl/Cookout/Bonfire
3:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 13
No School/Office Open

5th, 6th and 7th Grade Visits, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Register here.

Student Spotlight

Name: Julianna (Juli) Sulzer ‘18

Accomplishments:
Juli Sulzer ’18 was selected as a finalist in the Chagrin Documentary Film Fest’s inaugural “One Minute Documentary” contest. “I found out about the One Minute Film Documentary Film Festival through my independent study film class. For one of my assignments, I was encouraged to enter this contest and take advantage of the fact that the Academy was hosting international students from Barcelona a few weeks after the most recent attack in their country. I made the film in the span of about three days. My favorite part was connecting with the people from Spain through such an emotional and important subject. It was an amazing experience that paid off,” shared Juli.

Activities & Interests:
Juli is a member of Student Council, the president of JagsFeed, the founder spiritual wellness activity, Bracelets with Barberic, a member of the

Congratulations to all of the students recognized recently as AP Scholars, including a school record of 23 students who received the top award, AP Scholar with Distinction. In all, a school record of 71 students were honored in the 2017 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards, which recognizes high school students who have demonstrated college level achievement through AP courses and exams. Most colleges accept AP courses for college credit when students score three or higher on their AP exam. Students who take AP courses are better prepared, thus making them more likely to succeed in college. Since the results are from the 2016-2017 academic year, they include 49 AP Scholars of the Class of 2017 who graduated in June plus 22 students from the Class of 2018. Click here for a full list of AP Scholars.

Two Drills Next Week
Next week we will be having two important tests/drills. These will prepare the Saint Joseph Academy community for various emergency situations and school closures.

The first drill will take place on Tuesday, October 3 at 4 p.m. We will be conducting a test of our alert notification system. This system is used to notify the Saint Joseph Academy community if there is a school closure, delay or any other emergency situation. The system will call, text and email using the contact information on file for you and your family. If you do not receive the message on October 3 or would like to change/add contact information, please contact Registrar Ms. Ann Ersek.

The second drill will take place on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:15 a.m. We will be doing an evacuation drill with the entire student body, faculty and staff. This drill will allow us to practice the evacuation of the Academy and go to the reunification point at Our Lady of Angels Church.

In the event of a real emergency and evacuation, parents/guardians will be notified using the alert notification system. It is extremely important for everyone to make an extra effort to be in the Academy before 8 a.m. on Wednesday as we will start our drill will start immediately following morning prayer and attendance. For more information, please contact Dean of Women Ms. Marie Ciolek.

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.
Juniors Welcomed as Upperclasswomen

Congratulations to the 172 members of the Class of 2019, who are now officially upperclasswomen! Family, friends, faculty, staff and fellow classmates celebrated the Juniors’ rise into the higher ranks.

Science teacher Mr. Bryce Ormiston was selected by the Junior class as the event speaker. Sister Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ, offered the blessing of the rings. "This ceremony marks the halfway point in our time at Saint Joseph Academy. The rings we receive symbolize eternity, a source of school pride," shared Jane Roche ’19 (daughter of Malena Nanni Roche ’93), member of the Junior Leadership team.

Haley Morgan ’19 received the class ring of grandmother Marlene Manik Bergen ’61. Dierdre Patton ’19 also received her grandmother's class ring (Margaret O'Donnell ’45, deceased). Click here for more photos from the celebration.

Maker Faire Provides Learning and Inspiration

Last week, 25 students traveled to a unique convention in New York City dedicated to the invention, creativity and resourcefulness behind engineer: Maker Faire, where they experienced "forward-looking, showcasing makers who are exploring new forms and new technologies."

Launched in 2006, Maker Faire is billed as "part science fair, part county fair and part something entirely new." The dynamic gathering draws technology enthusiasts, crafters, educators, developers, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students and commercial exhibitors. All of these "makers" make and share what they have learned. It also gave confirmation of importance to our innovative Makerspace.

Chinese World Language Students Represent the Academy at Confucius Institute

Yesterday, Chinese Club leaders Ingrid Cheung ’18 and Alexandra Hamel ’18 represented the Academy at Cleveland State University. The event was organized by the Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University. More than 20 Cleveland area schools joined to celebrate the annual Chinese Teacher Appreciation Day.

The Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University organized the event to acknowledge Chinese teachers and school administrators, as well as to promote cultural exchange experiences among the schools. Principal Mr. Jeff Sutliff and Chinese teacher Mrs. Megan Hsiao were among educators recognized for their support of a Chinese education.
Established in 2008 and sponsored by the Office of Chinese Language International Council, the Confucius Institute works with local partners to directly support programs and activities that help to deepen the relationship between Cleveland and China.

Freshmen Welcomed by Seniors
Today, the Class of 2021 was officially welcomed by the Class of 2018 in an annual ceremony designed to create a bond between the two classes. This year's theme was "Surf the Waves."

Seniors designed and wore tropical blue shirts with "Hang Loose" on the front and "Surf the Waves" on the back. They greeted the Freshmen with cheers. The freshmen wore lime green shirts, designed for the event. The Seniors escorted the Freshmen into the Hawaiian-themed hallway. The fun-filled day included skits, ukuleles, singing, limbo, a dance party and hula dancing. Click here for photos of the celebration.

Mass of Celebration: Sunday, October 8
Please join us for a special Mass of Celebration on Sunday, October 8, at noon, presided by Rev. Raymond P. Guiao, S.J., President of Saint Ignatius High School, and afterwards at our annual Homecoming reception.

Homecoming is a great opportunity to explore all that is new at Saint Joseph Academy. Drop in for a visionary update from President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71, enjoy a guided tour of our new classroom experiences, take a stroll around our beautiful campus and catch up with classmates, family and friends.

Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome!

To help us know how many people are coming to celebrate Mass with us, please RSVP by Wednesday, October 4 with attendee names to RSVP@sja1890.org or contact Development Coordinator Carolyn Conway Novak ’06 at 216.251.6788.

Do You Know an Eighth 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 to spend a full school day at the Academy, attending classes alongside their shadow host (another student), touring the beautiful campus and meeting our amazing teachers and students.

There are select dates for shadowing, through November 30. To register for a shadowing day, click here.

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.

Sports Highlights
Volleyball Team Ranked #7 in Division 1 State Poll

The Saint Joseph Academy volleyball team, fresh off a strong second-place showing at this weekend's Mentor NEO Power Tournament is ranked 7th in the state in Division 1 in the most recent OHSVCA poll.

The Jaguars are 14-1 after a weekend in which they topped Holy Name, Lake Catholic and Brecksville-Broadview Heights, the defending Division 1 state champions. In the title match, Saint Joseph Academy fell in five sets to Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati), currently ranked #1 in the state and #1 in the country according to MaxPreps.

Tomorrow, Saturday, September 30 is the Perrysburg "Block & Gold" Tournament where the Jaguars will face off with Olentangy High School in the first match.

Soccer Performs Well at Walsh Jesuit

The Jaguars fell to the five-time defending state champion Walsh Jesuit Warriors by a final score of 5-0. The Jaguars put in a great performance and played hard. Next up for the Academy is a trip to Villa Maria Academy in Erie, PA on Saturday.

Tennis Ends Regular Season at 13-7

The Jaguar tennis team closed out the regular season with a 4-1 loss at Rocky River High School. The Jaguars put up a great fight against a strong Pirate team, as four of the five courts saw either a set or match tiebreaker played. Kerrigan Ponsart '20 battled back from an early deficit in the third set tiebreaker to get within 8-7 before falling 10-7.

Mary Kate Kahl '21 got the Jaguars on the board with a 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) victory over Lauren Hollis at third singles. In the final match on court, the duo of Angela Weiland '18 and Molly Powers '18 won an incredible first set tiebreaker that went to 13-11. The Jaguars conclude their regular season with a 13-7 record and now look forward to the Division I Oberlin Sectional tournament on Tuesday.

Golf Drops Match To Rocky River High School

The Jaguars fell to Rocky River High School in Monday's dual match at Big Met Golf Course. Maddy Macalla '19 was the medalist for the Academy.

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

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