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Tuesday, November 21
Formal Uniform
Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Academy Center, 2-3 p.m.
Fall Dance
Academy Center, 8-11 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22
No School/Office Open

Thursday, November 23
No School/Office Closed

Friday, November 24
No School/Office Closed

Tuesday, November 28
Women's Leadership Symposium

Thursday, November 30
Christmas Fair Trade Boutique
Auditorium, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (open only to students) and 5-8 p.m. (open to the public)

Celebrate the Academy Committee Meeting
Board Room, 6-8 p.m.

There will be no SJA E-News next week

Two Dates Left for Eighth Grade Shadowing!
Women's Leadership Symposium Brings World of Possibilities to Students

On Tuesday, November 28, 723 Saint Joseph Academy students will gather for a day filled with inspiring stories and personalized guidance at the school's 11th annual Women's Leadership Symposium - an event designed to expose students to female leaders, many of whom are alumnae.

The symposium's signature event is a keynote address, given this year by Linda Bradley, MD of Cleveland Clinic - Main Campus. Dr. Bradley is an internationally recognized gynecologic surgeon. She is a Vice Chair of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health Institute as well as the Director of the Fibroid and Menstrual Disorders Center and Director of Hysteroscopic Services. Dr. Bradley is a Professor of Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. She has been an invited lecturer at more than 1,000 local, national and international symposia conferences, and meetings as an honored guest speaker. Additionally, she has performed live telesurgery for many programs. She has received the "Top Doctors of America" award annually since 2002. In 2009, Dr. Bradley was selected by Ladies' Home Journal as one of the top six female physicians in the United States. Click here to read more about Dr. Bradley and the Women's Leadership Symposium.

Save the Date for the Christmas Fair Trade Boutique

Shop for gifts that help people and help the planet at the second annual Saint Joseph Academy Christmas Fair Trade Boutique on Thursday, November 30, 5-8 p.m. in the Auditorium at Saint Joseph Academy.

Browse various fair trade items from more than 25 vendors, including One World Shop, Threads of Hope, Noonday and Sweet Designs, jewelry, soaps and lotions, coffee, tea, homemade candles, high-end handbags and scarves, knitted apparel and chocolates.

Admission and parking is free. For more information, please contact CORE Ministry teacher Mrs. Cathy Lanning Knittel '67.

Women Helping Women: Register Now for the Sixth Annual Building Futures Breakfast

Now in its sixth year, this unique morning networking event gathers professional women from throughout Greater Cleveland.
Spiritedly Uplifting Kairos XXXIX

52 juniors and nine senior leaders gathered at the St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center last week for Kairos XXXIX. The theme of this specific Kairos retreat was "My Lighthouse," with a focus on God as one’s lighthouse.

Kairos retreats focus on participants deepening their personal relationship with God during three days of discerning and discovery. Through a variety of activities, including small group discussions, journaling, and participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Kairos participants are encouraged to reflect on the many ways they experience God's love in their lives.

Seniors Enjoy Performance by The Cleveland Orchestra

Seniors finished the week with a special visit to Severance Hall and a concert by The Cleveland Orchestra. The annual Severance field trip for Seniors is integral to the Academy’s efforts to create lifelong appreciation of the arts and the world-class cultural institutions our region provides.

The Seniors enjoyed music featuring the first performance by the Cleveland Orchestra of Rameau's Suite from the opera Dardanus, Gluck's Suite from the ballet Don Juan and Mozart's Symphony No. 36 ("Linz.") The concert was conducted by Nicholas McGegan.

Activities & Interests: Mary writes for the Academy’s newspaper, the Jaguar Beat, serves on the leadership team for Academy Inclusion and is an Academy Ambassador. She also helps run her family’s nonprofit theater company, the Upstage Players.

College Corner

Cleveland State University

School:
Cleveland State University

Location:
Cleveland, OH

Enrollment:
12,000 undergraduates

Strongest Programs:
Business, Education, Law; Honors Program available for academically talented and highly motivated students. Only college in Ohio with a College of Urban Affairs.

Fun Facts:
CSU and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's new Campus International School incorporates programs from the International Baccalaureate. The School is located right on CSU’s campus and enrolls students in grades K-3.
instrumental music students participated in the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District IV and VII Honors Bands. Students were selected from bands across Northern Ohio.

The purpose of the Honors Ensemble Festival is to provide an exceptional musical experience for a select group of high school band students. The Academy was represented by Annie Yantek ’19, Genevieve Kramer ’19, Julia Kashuba ’18 and Lydia Rozic ’18.

Students rehearsed together for two days before the concert on Saturday at Waetjen Auditorium at Cleveland State University. Bravo, Annie, Genevieve, Julia and Lydia, on a job well done!

JaguarBots Compete in VEX Robotics Competition

The VEX Robotics Team (JaguarBots) competed this past Saturday at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School State Qualifying Tournament. The Jaguars entered four teams in the tournament that included 72 competing teams from high schools across Northeast Ohio.

The Jaguar team of Stephanie Rolon ’18, Mira Earhart ’19 and Joslyn Muniz ’18 was selected by the judges to be a team captain in the final round of eight. Teammate Lauren Sherrard ’20 also helped to build and program the robot but was not able to attend the event on Saturday. The team finished an Academy best eighth place out of 72 teams.

The JaguarBots return to action November 29 and 30 in Columbus at the OSU-Marion VEX Qualifier. Students are busy making improvements in their designs and codes. Congratulations, JaguarBots and good luck!

Women Leading in the 21st Century Class Hosts Two Guest Speakers

This week, the Women Leading in the 21st Century class hosted two speakers: Ret. Admiral June Ryan P’20 and Gab Kreuz ’10.

June Ryan P’20 served as career Coast Guard officer until her recent retirement. During her 35 years in the military, she served in a wide variety of leadership assignments. Her most recent assignment was as the Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District (Great Lakes Region), leading the 6,000 men and women of the Coast Guard across an area that spanned eight states and a 1,500 mile international maritime border. Upon her promotion to Rear Admiral, she became the first women in United States Coast Guard history to ascend from the enlisted ranks to Flag Officer. Her Coast Guard career includes several distinctions, including serving as the Military Aide to the President of the United States, only the third woman in history to do so.
Gab Kreuz '10 with Women Leading in the 21st Century students

During her discussion with students, June Ryan shared ten principles of success, ranging from having an attitude of gratitude, feeling the fear and doing something in spite of that fear, ask, encouraging students to take action, live their passion, to not quit and "to shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

On Thursday, the class heard from alumna Gab Kreuz '10, a freelance broadcast and commercial talent in the Cleveland area. Gab shared about her hosting gigs, from the Cleveland Indians to Fox Sports Ohio. She also shared about producing her own music and starting her own non-profit, Love Doesn't Shove.

Love Doesn't Shove exists to educate the community about the dynamics of healthy relationships as a means to end teen dating violence and promote a safer, happier society. Love Doesn't Shove started as a teen dating violence awareness campaign during Gab’s senior year at John Carroll University with intentions of starting an informative conversation on campus. "Sharing my story helps illustrate healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors."

Christmas at the Paw Prints Store

As the Christmas season is quickly approaching, the Paw Prints Store is ready for all your gift giving needs!

Wish Lists

Students are encouraged to stop in to fill out a Christmas Wish List. We will keep their lists on file to help make your shopping experience a little easier. Please ask your daughter if she filled one out so you can stop in and get some shopping ideas!

Christmas Fair Trade Boutique

On Thursday, November 30, Saint Joseph Academy will host a Christmas Fair Trade Boutique from 5-8 p.m., featuring more than 25 vendors who pride themselves on providing products that support people and the planet. Stop in the Paw Prints Store and check out the Alta Gracia and League sweatshirts, t-shirts and baseball tees, which are both fair trade certified.

Hoodies for the Homeless: November 27-December 16

In support of the Academy’s Advent service project, the Paw Prints Store will be having their Hoodies for the Homeless collection. Please bring in gently used hoodies between November 27-December 16 and receive a coupon for 20% off your total purchase to use the week of December 18-22.

Hoodies will be donated to the West Side Catholic Center and the Labre Ministry to the Homeless at Saint Ignatius High School which delivers meals to approximately 60-70 homeless individuals every Sunday evening.

In addition to our regular store hours, our Special Holiday Shopping Hours can be found on the Academy’s website.

Four Jaguars Sign NCAA National Letters of Intent

Four outstanding Jaguar student-athletes signed NCAA National Letters of Intent on Wednesday. Sydney Seymour ’18 committed to Division I University of Tennessee for cross country and track and Colleen Neitzel ’18 signed with the University of Akron to continue her basketball career. Two volleyball players signed with two Division II colleges/universities: Beth Brady ’18 will be attending Mercyhurst University and Nora Clink ’18 will continue her academic and athletic career at Ursuline College.

Click here to read more about these student-athletes’ accomplishments. Congratulations to these seniors for their accomplishments in the classroom and in their respective sports!

Sports Highlights
The volleyball team with their runner-up trophy at the Division I State Championship game

Volleyball Finishes as Division I State Runner-Up

The volleyball season was an incredible journey. The journey ended on Saturday afternoon as the Jaguars fell in the OHSAA Division I State Championship match 3-0 to the state’s top-ranked team from Cincinnati’s Ursuline Academy.

The runner-up finish marked the deepest postseason run in the history of OHSAA sanctioned sports at Saint Joseph Academy. The team won a school-record 25 games and captured its second straight regional championship.

There is so much to be proud of this season. "Three years ago, we had never won a district championship," said Head Coach Mrs. Kate Latkovic. "Then we went on to win back-to-back regional titles. This year, we won a state semifinal and we are the state runner-up. These kinds of things don't just happen. They should do a '30 for 30' television special on us. This is special and it's a credit to these girls who are great players and great teammates. It's amazing."

Just as they have done all season long, the Jaguars did not quit even when things looked bleak. Trailing two sets to zero and down 18-14, the Jaguars rallied to tie the third set at 19-19 and 20-20. The Jaguars even fought off two match points before dropping the set 25-22. Cecylia Guye '19 led the way with five blocks while Colleen Neitzel '18 and Beth Brady '18 each finished with six kills. Beth Brady '18 added a team-high 21 digs. Congratulations to the Jaguars on an amazing season!

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