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8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Friday, December 22
First Semester C & D Block Final Exams,
8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Parents: At-A-Glance

Tuesday, December 12
Blood Drive
Auditorium, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13
ODE Testing: Algebra 1
Auditorium, 8-11:30 a.m.
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

Thursday, December 14
ODE Testing: Geometry
Auditorium, 8 a.m.-12 p.m

Friday, December 15
ODE Testing: Make-Up Tests
Board Room, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Christmas at the Academy, Girls grades 2-6
Auditorium, 6:30-8 p.m.
Admission is $5. Register here.

Mandatory State Testing Continues Next Week

Students in the classes below are required by the Ohio Department of Education to take an end-of-the course assessment during the semester they are enrolled in the class.

- Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 1
- Geometry or Honors Geometry
- English 9 or Honors English 9
- English 10 or Honors English 10
- Biology or Honors Biology
- U.S. History or Honors U.S. History
- Government or Honors Government

Students should come prepared for testing by having their Chromebooks fully charged and bringing ear buds. They should eat a healthy breakfast and be well-rested to do their best.

Below is the schedule for the specific test dates.

Questions? Contact School Counselor and Department Chair Ms. Maryann Marek.
Student Spotlight

Name: Eve Jursinski ’21

Accomplishments: Over Thanksgiving break, Eve Jursinski ’21 traveled with forty other Singing Angel choir members to New York City to sing in two performances of Kris Kringle The Musical, and opened for the Radio City Rockettes the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Radio City Music Hall. “My favorite part of being in Kris Kringle The Musical was meeting the actors and working with them. I loved having the opportunity to open up for the Rockettes and see them perform. They are amazing and beautiful to watch. Because of this experience, I realized how important singing is to me and how I want to continue to pursue it," exclaimed Eve Jursinski ’21.

Activities & Interests: Eve is a member of the Singing Angels and The Academy Chorale. She is also a member of the Art Club, Cooking Club, Glamour Girls and Maker’s Club.

Seeking Summer Reading Recommendations

Parents, the Nazareth Library is looking to generate a list of books exemplifying the quality Emerging Wisdom for our summer 2018 reading program. As defined in the Character of a Graduate statement, a student who exhibits Emerging Wisdom is "enlightened by intellectual curiosity, discernment, and openness, she thinks critically, reflects regularly, broadens her perspectives, and embraces the challenges of new ideas."

If you know of a book that reflects this statement, please email your suggestion and rationale to Instructional Librarian Mrs. Meagan Fowler. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, December 20. Thank you in advance for your help!

Engineering Students Support Local Families

As a Christmas service project, students in Introduction to Pre-Engineering class put their coursework to the test when they brought toys to life by reconfiguring the circuits and switches. The modifications allow the toys to be used by special needs children through the nonprofit organization, RePlay for Kids. The charitable organization repairs devices and adapts a wide-range of battery operated toys for use by children with disabilities who may have limited resources. Click here to read more about this inspiring project.

Celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Friday, the entire student body participated in the Celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass in the Academy Center.

The mass was presided over by Rev. Daniel Reim, S.J., Vice Superior of the Jesuit Community, SPA and pastoral minister of Saint Ignatius High School.
Creating the Christmas Spirit in Kermit

Last summer, 42 students had the opportunity to go on three mission trips which partnered with ABLE (Affirming, Believing, Learning and Empowering) Families, a nonprofit, faith-based agency founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling, WV and located in the Appalachian town of Kermit, WV. Students were so impacted by this trip that they decided to continue to give back during the Christmas season. The students started a "Christmas in Kermit" project to raise funds to create and send Christmas gift bags for every child that is served through ABLE families for children living in Kermit. The student bake sales raised more than $1,000 for the project.

Seniors Lily Silva, Cassie Cisco, Lauren Koch, Anna Hongosh and Annie Stewart were inspired to start "Christmas in Kermit" after they all attended one of the 2016 Kermit service trips. Click here to read more about creating the Christmas spirit in Kermit.

JaguarBots Compete in OSU-Marion VEX Qualifier Competition

Last week, 13 students participated on four teams at the very competitive OSU-Marion VEX Qualifier at The Ohio State University at Marion. All of the teams scored in the middle percentile (23, 28, 30 and 33 places) of the 53 teams that competed. The teams were granted an individual interview with the judges for the Excellence award, the highest award at the event. The highest place team was Juli Howe '18, Lizzie Lewandowski '18 and Lexie Soltesz '20, placing 23rd out of 53 teams. Lexie’s code was successful in winning most of the autonomous portions of the competition. Congratulations, JaguarBots, on a successful competition!

Sports Highlights

Basketball Dominates the Magnificat Blue Streaks 62-39

The Jaguars used a 25-5 run during the first half to open up a big lead and the team never looked back as they posted a 62-39 win over the Magnificat Blue Streaks on Wednesday evening inside the Academy Center.

The Jaguars were ahead 8-7 in the first quarter and then scored 25 of the next 30 points to open up a 33-12 lead. The team was ahead 39-18 at the half. In the second half, the Jaguars’ lead never fell below 20 points.

Colleen Neitzel ’18 led the Jaguars with 24 points, including 17 in the first half.
Bre Coleman ’18 attempts a shot against Magnificat. She also added 10 rebounds. Molly Dever ’18 also scored 14 first half points on her way to 16 in the game to go along with seven steals.

The Jaguars will be in action on Saturday, December 9 as they host the Massillon Tigers.

Bowling Takes Fifth; Kovacic Finishes Second at Wildcat Classic

The bowling team competed in the inaugural Wildcat Classic on Sunday. The event was hosted by Saint Ignatius High School and was held at Freeway Lanes in Parma.

The Jaguars, in their first year of Varsity bowling, finished in fifth place overall (2601) while Emily Kovacic ’19 finished second overall with a 499 in the women’s division. Angela Weiland ’18 was eighth with a 461 individually. Due to their fifth place finish, the Jaguars were entered into the head-to-head roll-off, upsetting the #4 seeded Crestwood Red Devils before falling to the Berea-Midpark Titans.

Swimming Drops Dual Meet to Beaumont

The swim team dropped a tight dual meet on Tuesday night to Beaumont School 87-82. Highlights for the Jaguars are below.

First Place Finishes
- 200 yard medley relay: Maddy Kelly ’20, Julia Patterson ’19, Paola Colon ’19 and Gwen Pierce ’21
- 200 yard freestyle: Julia Patterson ’19
- 500 yard freestyle: Julia Patterson ’19
- 100 backstroke: Maddy Kelly ’20
- 400 yard freestyle relay: Maddy Kelly ’20, Jadalise Pacheco ’18, Gwen Pierce ’21 and Julia Patterson ’19

Second Place Finishes
- 200 IM: Jadalise Pacheco ’18
- 500 yard freestyle: Jadalise Pacheco ’18
- 200 yard freestyle relay: Kassidy Gartin ’19, Lucy Polkinghorn ’20, Lexi Smith ’20 and Paola Colon ’18

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