Parents: At-A-Glance

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day/No School/Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29
Walk of the Roses
Rocky River Drive, 6:30 p.m.

Graduation (by ticket only)
Our Lady of Angels Church, 7 p.m.
Click here to access video.

Wednesday, May 30
Second Semester Final Exams: C & D Blocks
8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 31
Second Semester Final Exams: A & B Blocks
8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

PenOhio Competitor Takes Home First Place

On Saturday, May 19, seven students competed at the inaugural PenOhio High School State Championship at the College of Wooster. Writers competed in three rounds of impromptu writing, creating narratives in response to a prompt provided in each round. Each of the writers qualified for the State competition by scoring in the top 50% in January's Regional competition.

The team was coached by Instructional Coach Mrs. Keri Grady and Student Support Services Mrs. Becky Goede McNulty ’96.

Participating writers are listed below, in their respective divisions.

Junior Varsity Division
Maura Bradesca ’21, Abby Collins ’21, Olivia Pelley ’21 and Darby Smith ’20

Front Row, L-R: Maggie Cornelison ’19, Olivia Pelley ’21 and Darby Smith ’20. Back Row, L-R: Maura Bradesca ’21, Abby Collins ’21, Angela Weiland ’18 and Grace Thomas ’19
Student Spotlight

Name: Liberty (Libby) Kempf '19

Accomplishments:
Liberty Kempf ‘19 is the new Student Council president for the 2018-19 school year. "I decided to run for Student Council president because I love this school and truly enjoy being in leadership positions. This is a goal I set for myself about a year ago and the only way to reach that goal was to run for office," voiced Libby.

"My main goal is to have a fun, successful and safe school year. I hope to be inclusive and make sure everyone is having a good time at pep rallies, Paws for Pride, spirit week and other events. I would love to continue work done of Claire Forrestal ‘18, our current president, to work towards ending gun violence in schools, sponsoring school walk-outs and supporting the March for Our Lives movement. I am most looking forward to being able to have fun with the entire Academy! Our school spirit is something I love to spread and be a part of, so I can't wait for next year," shared Libby.

Activities & Interests: Libby is a member of the Varsity Crew, participates in Model United Nations (UN), is a member of the Irish Club, Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ) Club, Ultimate Fan Club (UFC), National Honor Society, Varsity Division

Maggie Cornelison ’19, Grace Thomas ’19 and Angela Weiland ’18

Grace Thomas ‘19 took home first place in the Varsity division, outscoring 85 of the best high school writers in the state. Congratulations, Grace, and congratulations to the PenOhio team!

Help Us Ensure Safe Graduation Season
Administrators from six area Catholic high schools are jointly asking Senior parents to help ensure a safe and happy graduation season. As part of an educational effort, the administrators have composed a letter outlining the details of the 1989 Amendment to the Ohio Revised Code, commonly known as the "Keg Law," that holds individuals responsible for underage drinking on property under their control. Senior parents, please click here to read the letter.

Watch the Video of the Class of 2018's Commencement!
Saint Joseph Academy's Class of 2018 commencement ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 29 in the evening at Our Lady of Angels Church. The event will be filmed.

The commencement video will be uploaded after the ceremony. Please note that the uploading process will take some time, so the video will be available later that evening, after 10 p.m. Our Lady of Angels Church does not have the bandwidth capabilities for us to livestream the ceremony, so we appreciate everyone’s cooperation and understanding.

Click here on Tuesday, May 29, after 10 p.m. to watch the Class of 2018’s commencement ceremony. Be sure to share this link to your family and friends!

Students Celebrate Class of 2018 at Farewell Mass

On Wednesday, the Class of 2018 joined more than 17,000 other alumnae at the Farewell Mass and were welcomed into the alumnae community.

Father Ryan Duns, S.J. (cousin of Ronain Heath ’18) was the presider for the Farewell Mass. He was also the same priest to celebrate our first mass at the beginning of the school year. He encouraged students to harden not their hearts, pay it forward to what is good and just in the world, to speak up and speak out. He played the Irish tin whistle and stated "every one note counts. Every one is needed for the song to continue."

Brooke Hamilton ’09, 2017 "25 Under 35" honoree, gave alumna remarks, encouraging students to be women who blaze a trail and for students to share their time, talent and treasure with Saint Joseph Academy. "Everything I love and am passionate about started at Saint Joseph Academy. Don't think you're going backwards when you see someone from your past, because many paths
College Corner

Beloit College

School:
Beloit College

Location:
Beloit, WI
(7.5 hours from Cleveland)
Large town

Enrollment:
1,500 undergraduates

Strongest Programs:
Anthropology, Economics, English, Geology, Modern Language/Literature, Natural & Social sciences, Theater Arts

Fun Facts:
Several Indian burial mounds are on campus and Beloit's Logan Museum of Anthropology owns the largest archaeological collection of any college. Much of this collection was provided Beloit graduate Roy Chapman Andrews, the most famous archaeological explorer of the 20th century and the rumored model for the film character Indiana Jones!

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Introduction to Accordion

This week, students in Ms. Kathleen Cooper's Introduction to Accordion class learned from Cory Pesaturo, three-time World Champion in Digital Accordion, Acoustic Accordion and Jazz Accordion. He is the only person to hold this record. Mr. Pesaturo is the youngest person to ever play at a State Dinner at the White House, playing for the Clintons when he was only 12. At 15, he was the youngest person to win the U.S. National Accordion Championship and at 16, he was the youngest person ever to be an accordion soloist with an orchestra.

Mr. Pesaturo is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where he was the first musician ever to major and graduate in the...
Mr. Pesaturo asked students why they were interested in playing the accordion. "I like trying new things, so this really appealed to me. It's now my fun fact to tell people I play the accordion," shared Aaleah Krone '19.

Students were excited to discover their class is the only class offered in a high school in the United States. The class has either been learning the accordion all school year or just started in January. Mr. Pesaturo shared interesting information about the accordion, popular and unexpected genres that include an accordion, and played music for them. Some of the Introduction to Accordion students played their music for him and he was able to give feedback to help the students become stronger performers. The students were delighted to have such an learn from someone who has had success in the accordion world.

Circle the City With Love: Sunday, July 29
The Circle the City with Love (CCWL) event will take place on Sunday, July 29, 2-4 p.m. at Voinovich Park Thousands will stand in silence for a half hour, putting the power of love that brings non-violence, peace and justice into the world. Click here to read the letter discussing the event. Visit circlecitywithlove.com to register for this free event.

Prom 2018 Was a Night to Remember
Prom 2018 was filled with memories to last a lifetime. Seniors danced the night away by the waterfront at Windows on the River on Saturday, May 19. The dazzling venue offered an unforgettable backdrop for students and their dates. Before making their way to the West Bank of the Flats, many paused for a photo opportunity at the Academy. The Class of 2018 didn't let a little rain damper their spirits as they got ready to head off to a memorable Prom night.

Here is an album of the night's highlights from photos taken at Saint Joseph Academy and Windows on the River.

Sports Highlights
Crew Team to be Featured on WKYC Tonight at 6 p.m. and Advances to Semifinals
Tune in to WKYC - Channel 3 tonight at 6 p.m. for a story highlighting the success of the crew team, particularly their exciting weekend at the SRAA National Regatta. The crew team has two boats participating this weekend in the SRAA National Regatta in New Jersey. This morning, the Varsity 4+ boat of Anya Żurawski ’20, Margaret Grant ’19, Sarah Houser ’19, Julie Panstares ’18 and Katie Hinton ’19 won their heat to advance directly to tomorrow's Semifinal round. The lightweight Varsity 4+ boat of Libby Fox '20, Caite Egan '20. Hannah Zerman '20, Karly Turner '19 and Sarah Gallo '20 races today at 3:30 p.m. in their heat.
4x800 Relay Team Qualifies for State Meet
The 4x800 meter relay team qualified for the State track & field meet on Wednesday, May 23 as the Jaguars finished third at Regionals. The Jaguars posted a time of 9:23.54 to finish third in the race. The top four teams from the Austintown-Fitch Regional meet advanced to State.

The relay team consists of Annie Allen '20, Maggie Wagner '18, Amanda Keim '20 and Sydney Seymour '18. The alternate is Grace Kelley '19. The 4x800 relay team will compete at the State track & field meet on Wednesday, June 1 at 4:45 p.m.

Also on Wednesday, Juniors Madison Wilson and Emma Pesicka competed in the shot put. Madison Wilson '19 just missed a trip to State with a throw of 37-09.25 to finish fifth while Emma Pesicka '19 finished seventh at 37-08.50.

Four more athletes compete today: Natalie Larkman '18 in the pole vault, Mia Crayton-Prioleau '19 for long jump, Emma Pesicka '19 discus. Sydney Seymour '18 will run the 3200 and Annie Allen '20 will run the 1600. Congratulations and good luck, Jaguars!

Ronain Heath '18 Named Honorable Mention All Ohio and First Team All District
Congratulations to Outfielder Ronain Heath '18 on being named Honorable Mention All Ohio and First team All District for the second consecutive season!

Rugby Teams Play for State Titles
The Junior Varsity rugby team will play for the "B-Side" State Title this evening as the Jaguars take on the Brunswick Blue Devils. The championship game will be played at Rugby World in Avon at 6:30 p.m.
The Varsity rugby team will play in the State Semifinals on Saturday, May 26 at 11:30 a.m. against Walnut Hills High School. That game will be played at Fortress Obetz in Columbus. The winner of that game heads to the State final which will be played on Saturday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Fortress Obetz. Good luck, Jaguars!

Haley Morgan '19 Named North Coast League MVP; Coach Joe Magill Named Coach of the Year
Sprinter Haley Morgan '19 has been selected as the North Coast League's (NCL) Track & Field's "Most Valuable Athlete" for 2018. The Junior was selected at the NCL Track & Field coaches meeting on Sunday, May 20. In addition, first-year Head Coach Mr. Joe Magill was selected as the "Coach of the Year" by his fellow coaches.

At the North Coast League meet on Friday, May 4, Haley Morgan '19 helped lead the Jaguars to the Blue Division title as she won three events while finishing second in a fourth event. She won the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash and was a member of the winning 4x200 relay (along with Mia Crayton-Prioleau '19, Maura Jordan '20 and Grace Trepczyk '20). She also finished second in the 400 meter run. Unfortunately, an injury prevented Haley from being able to finish competing the rest of the season.

In his first season as the Head Coach at the Academy, Coach Magill guided the Jaguars to a first-place finish at the NCL meet. The Jaguars scored 151 points and won eight events at the conference meet. Congratulations to both Haley and Coach Magill!

Spring Sports Awards
Students earned honors/awards at the Spring Sports' banquets this week. Congratulations to all of the teams and athletes on a great season. Click here for a full list of awards.

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