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Parents: At-A-Glance

Saturday, September 8
ACT
Auditorium, 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Crew FUNRaiser
The Foundry, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

College Application Presentation for Senior Parents/Guardians
Auditorium, 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 13
Class of 2019 Urban Plunge Retreat
St. Patrick's Church, 3602 Bridge Ave., Cleveland

Friday, September 14
Joe's Clothes Day
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Jaguar Jackpot Kickoff

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Name: Christina Kuemerle '20

Accomplishments: This past summer, Christina was selected to participate in Drum Corps International (DCI), a non-profit organization for junior drum and bugle corps in the U.S. and Canada.

"I joined color guard (flag corps) for St. Edward High School. Their marching band went to a DCI show in Massillon, Ohio, and I was blown away by what I saw: groups of 150 young adults working together to put on an extremely difficult, world-class level show. When I went home, I was inspired to do my best for St. Edward High School's marching band. Throughout the season, marching drum corps became a goal and I decided to go to an audition in Michigan for an open-class group called Legends," shared Christina.

"The season lasted from June 10-August 11, but I missed 12 days due to attending the Academy's service trip to the Dominican Republic. I caught up on what I missed as fast as I could and had my first full performance in Saint Louis on July 15. We performed in 10 different states, from Minnesota to New York, and championships week in complete projects and build skills that are applicable in everyday life. Students in the Health Sciences Honors Program are required to take chemistry. A state-of-the-art lab enables students to carry out extended research projects along with their classroom experience," shared Science Department Chair and teacher Mrs. Valerie Sanfilippo.

"Chemistry classes are growing at Saint Joseph Academy. This new layout can accommodate the labs performed. The advanced environment allows students to immerse themselves in studying of concepts that may be difficult to understand otherwise," shared Science teacher Mrs. Jessica Carny.

"Our students will truly transform their world - and the first step will include what they learn in chemistry and other science classes," voiced Mrs. Sanfilippo.

Last Chance to Sign Up for Grandparents' Day!
Don't miss out - Monday is the final date to turn in contact forms.

Help your Freshman daughter create a memory at our annual Grandparents' Day. This is a very special event that will be remembered by grandparents and granddaughters.

The annual Grandparents' Day includes the celebration of our All Saints' Day mass, followed by a special afternoon reception, held on Thursday, November 1, 12-3 p.m.

The deadline for submitting forms for Grandparents' Day is this Monday, September 10! Students may drop off their contact sheets to the Main Office on Monday morning.

For more information or questions, please contact Advancement Assistant Mrs. Donna Corrigan Ernst '80.

Cancer Awareness Club Visits Maria's Field of Hope in Honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

On Tuesday, the Cancer Awareness Club visited a sunflower field in Avon called Maria's Field of Hope as part of the Wellness curriculum. This field was planted to honor a young girl, Maria McNamara, who died in 2007 at the age of seven.

The trip started with an opening prayer for those with cancer, especially young people, as September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The purpose of the event was to become more aware of the battle individuals face concerning cancer. The participants were given instruction to go with a partner and read stories of young people battling cancer or who have passed onto Heaven after having cancer. The leaders then said prayers for those that were mentioned in the stories or signs spread throughout the field.

"It is easy to forget that the people who have this disease have a life outside of
Indiana. That was the culmination of the season for me, when my hard work paid off. I wouldn't have traded that feeling for anything," voiced Christina.

**Activities & Interests:** At Saint Joseph Academy, Christina is a member of the Health Sciences Honors Program, a freshman mentor, a member of the Junior Leadership Team and Winterguard team. At St. Edward High School, she participates in color guard and their stage performances.

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**College Corner**

**School:** Boston College  
**Location:** Chestnut Hills, MA  
**Enrollment:** 9,110 undergraduates  
**Strongest Programs:** Chemistry, Economics, English, Finance, Political Science, Physics, History  
**Fun Facts:** BC boasts over 160,000 alums, making them the largest alumni association among Catholic universities in the world.

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**Jaguar Jackpot News**

Jaguar Jackpot tickets were mailed to each student's residence on Thursday, September 6. Remember $25,000 is the Grand Prize! For more information, please contact Advancement Assistant Mrs. Donna Corrigan Ernst '80 or Special Gifts Coordinator Mrs. Michelle Rattay Tarr '75. Go Jaguars!

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**All-School Test Day: Wednesday, October 10**

*Wednesday, October 10* is an all-school testing day at Saint Joseph Academy. 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/guardians.

Please review the approximate dismissal times as you arrange transportation for your daughter. Freshmen will be dismissed at 2:10 p.m. and Juniors will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m.
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
- 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 29, 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](#).

Athletics

Volleyball Sweeps Magnificat

Saint Joseph Academy moved to 6-2 on the season as they swept the Magnificat Blue Streaks in dramatic fashion on Thursday, September 6. The Jaguars won the first two sets 25-20, 25-22 before finishing off the Blue Streaks 30-28 in the third set. The win was the fourth in a row for the Academy in the series between the two teams. The Freshman and Junior Varsity teams also swept the Blue Streaks in their respective matches. Congratulations, Jaguars!

Annie Allen '20 Captures Win in Pennsylvania; Cross Country Finishes Fourth to Open Season

The cross country team opened its 2018 season on Saturday, September 1 over the border in Pennsylvania. The Jaguars competed in the 47th Annual Marty Uher Invitational, held at Roadman Park in California, PA. The meet was hosted by California University of Pennsylvania.

Annie Allen '20 captured first overall in the AAA race out of 182 runners in a time of 19:52.60 which was 28 seconds faster than the second-place finisher. Her first-place finish led the Jaguars to a fourth-place finish overall out of 12 teams. Other runners placing for the Academy included:

- 17th - Amanda Keim '20 (22:07.50)
- 28th - Marie Musser '20 (23:01.30)
- 30th - Danica Hruby '21 (23:01.90)
- 33rd - Anna Duesenberg '22 (23:07.00)

Way to go, Jaguars!

Golf Falls to Westlake High School at Big Met Golf Course

The Varsity golf team fell to the Westlake Demons. The Jaguars were led by Libby Poole '19 who shot 44 including a birdie on #4, a par 3.

Tennis Drops Match to Hudson High School 4-1

The tennis team fell 4-1 to a strong Hudson High School team in Northeast Ohio Tennis Association (NEOTA) Division B play. The Jaguars were led by Cassie Van Etten ’19 and Abby Weaver ’19 who were victorious 6-4, 6-2 at first doubles. Cassie and Abby are now a team-leading 12-3 on the season. Melissa Martin 20 and Kerrigan Ponsart ’20 also played well in close singles matches. The Academy is now 4-3 on the season and 2-2 in NEOTA Division B.

Soccer Falls to Gilmour Academy
The Varsity Soccer team lost to Gilmour Academy 2-0 in a well-played match. The Jaguars move to 3-2 on the season and play the Magnificat Blue Streaks on Saturday, September 8 at Saint Ignatius High School.

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