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STArts Meeting (Parent Boosters of the Performing Arts)
Dining Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 20
"Celebrate the Academy" Gala Kick-Off Volunteer Meeting
The Scholars’ Porch (weather permitting), 6-8 p.m.

Friday, September 21
Freshmen Welcome
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Four Seniors Receive Prestigious National Merit Recognition

We are thrilled to announce that four Seniors were named Semifinalists in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Program. The Semifinalists from Saint Joseph Academy are as follows: Julia Hontaruk-Levko, Julia Patterson, Elizabeth Poole and Mia Saurette.

This NMSC honor continues Saint Joseph Academy’s long-standing tradition of academic excellence.
Name: Mary Jane Nguyen ‘20

Accomplishments: For the past two summers, Mary Jane has interned through the Louis Stokes Internship and Science Internship Programs through Cleveland Clinic.

"I have always wanted to study medicine. In my first year as an intern, I was in the Louis Stokes Internship Program which focuses more on the business side of the hospital. I was placed in the Center for International Medical Education Department where I learned about the process of observers coming from different parts of the world to observe how the Cleveland Clinic operates and implement that knowledge in their hospitals," she shared.

"My second year, I was selected for a Science Internship Program, where I was placed in the Neurological Institute with my mentor, who was a nurse. I watched her complete rounds on patients and worked on my research project about strokes. My favorite part of the Science Internship was witnessing all the medics work together for a code blue and brought a patient back after breathing stopped. This showed me how so many members of a hospital system can come together quickly and work efficiently to save a patient," voiced Mary Jane.

With this honor, these young women now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit® Scholarships worth nearly $32 million that will be offered next spring.

In making the announcement, Principal Jeff Sutliff congratulated the students on their incredible milestone: "Although testing is only one part of the larger educational equation at Saint Joseph Academy, the PSAT/NMSQT is known for showcasing the best and brightest in our country. This recognition will help broaden each of these young women's educational opportunities, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished." Congratulations, Seniors Julia, Mia, Elizabeth and Julia! To learn more about these talented students, click here.

62 Students Named AP Scholars!

Congratulations to all of the students recognized recently as AP Scholars, including 19 students who received the top award, AP Scholar with Distinction. In all, 62 students were honored in the 2018 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 42 AP Scholars of the Class of 2018 who graduated in June plus 19 students from the Class of 2019. 74% of the Class of 2018 took at least one AP class during their Senior year. Click here for a full list of AP Scholars.

Important: Financial Aid Presentation for Senior Parents/Guardians

On Monday, September 24, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, a College Now representative will present information on the financial aid process for Senior parents/guardians. For more information, please contact College Counseling Department at 216.251.6788 ext. 208.

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
Activities & Interests: Mary Jane is a member of the Health Sciences Honors Program, Health Care Professional Affinity Community (HPAC), Key Club, Spanish Club, Ultimate Fan Club (UFC) and Science Club. She also volunteers through the Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership Homework Club, St. Colman Parish, Wigs for Kids and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

College Corner

School: The Catholic University of America (CUA)

Location: Washington, D.C.
(7 hours from Cleveland)
Large city

Enrollment: 3,700 undergraduates

Strongest Programs: Architecture, Psychology, History, Biology, Musical Theater, Nursing, Education, Social Work

Fun Facts: CUA is the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops and the only American university with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

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Jaguar Jackpot Information

The Jaguar Jackpot officially kicked-off today at the fall sports pep rally! Someone is on their way to winning $25,000!

Parents/guardians: To help your daughter sell her 30 tickets, she will receive an email with her personal URL and another with a suggested message to share her URL with friends, family, etc. so they may purchase tickets online.

When an individual purchases a ticket using your daughter's URL, she will receive credit and parents/guardians will receive an email alerting you to who has supported Saint Joseph Academy in your daughter's name.

Only Ohio residents may purchase online tickets through Sunday, October 14, 11:50 p.m. (EST). Please contact Special Gifts Coordinator Mrs. Michelle Rattay Tarr '75 or Advancement Assistant Mrs. Donna Corrigan Ernst '80 with any questions.

"Celebrate the Academy" Volunteers Wanted!

On February 23, 2019, we will host Saint Joseph Academy's largest fundraiser of the year, Celebrate the Academy. Planning is already underway but we still need some talented volunteers that want to get involved with a lively group that likes to work hard and plan a fabulous evening. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Follow-up on sponsorships and program advertisements
- Follow-up on silent and live auction items
- Picking up donations
- Helping create the packages closer to the event
- Set-up of the silent auction and decorations for the evening
- We are also looking for that fun group that is able to take the lead on the wine pull and execute it that evening

Join us on Thursday, September 20, 6-8 p.m. on The Scholars' Porch (weather permitting) for an evening of cocktails and light appetizers to learn how you can get involved, meet new people and have fun for this important event for Saint Joseph Academy. We promise not to have too many meetings!

Please RSVP by Monday, September 17 to Development Director Mrs. Nikki Mohar.

Do You Know an 8th 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 for a shadow student to spend a full school day at the Academy, attending classes alongside a current Academy student, touring the beautiful campus and meeting the amazing teachers and students.

There are select dates for shadowing, beginning next week on Monday, September 17 through Thursday, November 29. Click here for shadowing day registration.

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](#).

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**Athletics**

**Jaguars Remain Undefeated in North Coast League Action**

Saint Joseph Academy improved to 8-2 overall and 5-0 in North Coast League (NCL) play with a 3-0 win (25-5, 25-10, 25-9) over Cleveland Central Catholic. The Jaguars will next be in action on **Tuesday, September 17** as they host the Walsh Jesuit Warriors in an NCL tripleheader. Congratulations, Jaguars!

**Tennis Beats Avon Eagles 4-1 for Third Straight Win**

The tennis team picked up their third straight victory with a 4-1 win at Avon High School. Melissa Martin ’20 got the Jaguars off to a great start with a 6-1, 6-2 win at first singles. The first doubles team of Cassie Van Etten ’19 and Abby Weaver ’19 picked up their team-leading 15th win of the season with a 6-1, 6-3 victory. Kerrigan Ponsart ’20 (pictured) picked up SJA's third point to clinch the team match with a 6-2, 6-4 win at third singles. Catherine Mayer ’21 and Maggie Griffin ’19 added a 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) victory at second doubles. The Academy is now 7-4 on the season. Great job, Jaguars!

**Varsity Golf Finishes Second in Tri-Match at Pine Ridge Golf Club**

Libby Poole ’19 (who shot a 46), Maddy Macalla ’19 (shot a 48) and Katie Kane ’21 (who shot a 48) led the Varsity golf team on the front nine at Fox Den Golf Course in Stow, where they competed against the Lake Catholic Cougars and Walsh Jesuit Warriors. Nice job, Jaguars!

**Varsity Sailing Opens Season at Hoover Sailing Club**

Last weekend, the Varsity Sailing team opened its season at Hoover Sailing Club in Westerville, Ohio. Representing the Jaguars were Juniors Grace Quasebarth and Michaela O’Donnell. The team came in 17th place overall and placed first in one of seven Division A races of the day, beating out 21 other teams! Way to go, Jaguars!

**Annie Allen ’20 Finishes Third; Cross Country Finishes 12th at Tiffin Carnival**

Annie Allen ’20 finished third overall in the Division 1 Varsity A race at last Saturday’s Annual Tiffin Carnival meet. She finished in a time of 18:43.7. Annie's top three finished helped the Jaguars finish 12th overall. Next up for the team was Amanda Keim ’20 in 66th place with a time of 20:57.4 followed by Bridget Chambers ’21, Grace Kelley ’19, Danica Hruby ’21, Marie Musser ’20 and Anna Duesenberg ’22.

The Jaguars finished fourth of 30 teams in the Division I open race led by Elizabeth Starck ’21 and Carlee Blankenship ’22. The Varsity B team was 13th out of 26 teams led by Emma Hézodos ’22 and Collete Conway ’21. Keep up the good work, Jaguars!

**Varsity Soccer Falls to Lake Catholic High School 4-1**

The Jaguars played a tough match against the Lake Catholic Cougars. Two second half goals broke the 2-2 tie. The team takes on Laurel School on **Saturday, September 15**. Let’s go, Jaguars!
Fall Crew Competes at Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta
The Jaguars' fall crew team will open its season on Saturday as the Jaguars compete in the Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta. The fall crew team, made up of 57 participants this season, will have 22 entries in Saturday's regatta. In addition, the program will also have alumnae from the Class of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 racing for a third straight year.

Below is the a list of the Jaguar entries. Click here for the full race schedule as times may be adjusted.

- 8 a.m.: Open Pair (Varsity)
- 8:10 a.m.: Rec 8+ (Alumnae from the Class of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017)
- 8:15 a.m.: Junior 4+ (Varsity)
- 8:25 a.m.: Second Junior 4+ (Varsity)
- 8:35 a.m.: Open Double (Varsity)
- 9:40 a.m.: Junior Novice 8+ (Freshmen/Novices)
- 12:05 p.m.: Junior Novice 4+ (Freshmen/Novices)
- 12:20 p.m.: Junior Double (Varsity)
- 2:15 p.m.: Junior 8+ (Varsity)
- 2:25 p.m.: Second Junior 8+ (Varsity)

The weekend will begin with the annual Blessing of the Boats tonight, Friday, September 14, 6 p.m. at The Foundry. Good luck, Jaguars!

Swimming & Diving Informational Meeting and Picnic
Interested in Swimming or Diving for the Jaguars this winter? Attend the fall picnic on Sunday, September 23, 4 p.m. to learn more about the team. The picnic will be held at 3196 S. Windsor Ct., Westlake. Contact Kathleen Kelly P'20 for more information.

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

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