Parents: At-A-Glance

Saturday, December 8
VEX Robotics Competition
Brookside High School, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday, December 10-Friday, December 14
ODE Testing, See Schedule Below

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

Friday, December 14
First Semester Service Hours and Wellness Documentation Due

Mandatory State Testing Continues Next Week

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

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

Letters were sent to parents/guardians of students who need to take these tests.

Students should come prepared for testing by having their Chromebooks fully charged and bringing earbuds. 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 Department Chair Ms. Maryann Marek.

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Students Create Holiday Spirit for Families of Seriously Ill Children

Each year, United Airlines hosts a Fantasy Flight to the "North Pole" for seriously ill children and their families from University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. This is United's largest community service project annually. This year, 12 students from the Academy were selected, thanks to Ms. Janie DeVito P'20, to help create this winter wonderland for families of hospitalized children. The Cancer Awareness Club participated in the E-Team (Elf Team). They greeted the children at the departure gate, led them in carols, distributed gifts and completed crafts with the children.

Last weekend, the flight from Cleveland Hopkins Airport flew over a lit-up Cedar Point, over Lake Erie and downtown Cleveland and landed at the "North Pole." The aircraft taxied to an area of the airport which was transformed into a Winter Wonderland where children met Santa, Mrs. Claus, elves and characters from the movie Frozen. The children were given gifts, participated in crafts and games and returned home through a magic walkway.

"Attending Fantasy Flight has not only opened my eyes to the lives of children who suffer from critical illnesses, but it has also opened my eyes to the lives of their family as a whole. I think it's very important to see what life is like for these families and to understand how something as simple as the Fantasy Flight can make their day or even week better. I hope that all who hear about Fantasy Flight can gain a better grasp at understanding why even the little acts of kindness are worth their time because it might be the only positivity this child and their family have experienced in a while," shared Molly Rogers '19.

Mandatory Senior Parent/Guardian Graduation Meeting

We have been actively working to prepare the Class of 2019 graduation activities. In order to ensure we have the correct information for your daughter, please respond to the questions here by Friday, January 4. Additionally, there will be a Mandatory Senior Parent/Guardian Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. At least one parent/guardian must attend this informational meeting regarding Senior events and expectations from the start of second semester through Commencement. Wine and cheese will be provided. Questions? Please contact Science Department Chair and teacher Mrs. Valerie Sanfilippo.

Christmas at the Academy: Friday, December 14
Women Leading in the 21st Century Class Hosts CEO Guest Speaker

This week, "Women Leading in the 21st Century" hosted guest speaker Jenniffer D. Deckard, President and Chief Executive Officer of Covia, an innovative material and mineral solutions company.

In October 2014, she and the company's leadership team led Fairmount Minerals (Covia's predecessor company) to its initial public offering, and subsequently, in 2018, through a combination with its industry peer, Unimin. The combined company, Covia, now trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker CVIA.

Jennifer currently serves on the Weatherhead School of Management's Visiting Committee for Case Western Reserve University and actively serves on the advisory boards of the Cleveland Foundation and the EDWINS Foundation. She also serves a member of the Board of Directors for RPM International Inc. Her family is actively engaged in multiple educational and civic programs and have opened their home and provided resources to help serve children within the Geauga County and Greater Cleveland Foster Care System.

Jennifer brought with her encouraging words of wisdom to impart to the students. "Giving back and being a servant leader will help you to become a stronger leader. You don't have to wait until you get to where you want to be to serve others. Serving helps propel you to success. All of the God-given talents you have need to be harvested so you can bring those gifts to your full potential," shared Jennifer.

She shared the importance of finding time for faith, taking on the "dirty work" to be successful and encouraged students to pay it forward because "someone in your life has gotten you here. What can you do for someone else?" Jenniffer encouraged students to be confident in their abilities and "when you make a mistake, own it. Apologies and being humble as a leader go a long way."

Admission is $10 per student. Click here to register.
Paws for a Cause: Now Through December 14
Serve the dear neighbor and practice empathetic justice by helping people in the Cleveland community. Please consider donating any of the items below to help those in need. Donations will be given to the West Side Catholic Center and St. Herman's. Collection boxes will be located outside of the Main Office and in the Arcade through Friday, December 14. Click here for the collection poster information.

- Men's Hats and Gloves
- Women's Hats and Gloves
- Gently-Used Hoodies

Hoodies for the Homeless
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 (especially large and extra-large sizes) through December 14. Donors will receive a coupon for 20% off their total purchase (food and school supplies excluded) to use the week of December 17-21. Drop off will be in the Paw Prints Store during normal business hours. Hoodies will be donated to the West Side Catholic Center and the Labre Ministry at Saint Joseph Academy, which serves meals to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland.

Summer Reading Recommendations Due Next Week!
Parents/guardians, the Nazareth Library is looking to generate a list of books exemplifying the quality "Service to the Dear Neighbor" for our summer 2019 reading program. As defined in the Character of a Saint Joseph Academy Graduate statement, a student who exhibits Service to the Dear Neighbor is "recognizing relationship as the primary service, she makes herself vulnerable in meeting the unmet needs of others."

If you know of a book that reflects this statement, please email your suggestion and rationale here. The deadline for submission is Friday, December 14. Thank you in advance for your help!

Save the Date for "Celebrate the Academy"
Please join Saint Joseph Academy for a fun evening to benefit student scholarships and academic initiatives. Our annual "Celebrate the Academy" gala will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6 p.m. at Saint Joseph Academy.

We are pleased to honor:
Diane Roberto '60 - 2019 Distinguished Alumna Award Honoree

Jerry and Leane Gootee P'16 - 2019 Medaille Shield Award Honorees

Click here for sponsorship and ticket information

How You Can Help Support "Celebrate the Academy"
- Donate your favorite bottle(s) of wine (valued at $25 or more) for the Wine Pull
- Donate gift cards to restaurants, Amazon gift cards or tickets to local Cleveland attractions/events
- Donate your vacation home for a Live Auction package
- Donate a unique experience for the Silent Auction
- Volunteer your time to help pick up donations or set-up for the event

For more information or to register for the event, please visit www.sja1890.org or contact Mrs. Carolyn Conway Novak '06 at 216.251.6788 x224.

Congregation of St. Joseph's Ministry of the Arts Sale
The Congregation of St. Joseph's Ministry of the Arts is offering a 10% discount on all of their cards between now and Christmas. This discount is only available on the website ministryofthearts.org. Use promotional code 10%cards when purchasing these beautiful cards. Purchases benefit the ministries of the Congregation of St. Joseph.
Athletics

Swimming Opens Season at St. Charles Showdown

The swim team opened up its 2018-19 campaign on Saturday, December 1 as the Jaguars competed at the St. Charles Showdown in Columbus. The Academy finished in seventh place out of 10 teams with 95 points. Seven swimmers advanced to the finals in events including Paola Colon ’19, Julia Patterson ’19, Maddy Kelly ’20, Lexi Smith ’20, Gwen Pierce ’21, Maddie Jarosz ’21 and Emma Claire Lambert-Shemo ’22.

Maddy Kelly ’20 finished second in the 50 meter backstroke in a time of 28.00. Paola Colon ’19 was 10th in the 100 meter breaststroke and 13th in the 50 meter breaststroke.

The top relay on the day was the A Medley relay team of Maddy Kelly ’20, Emma Claire Lambert-Shemo ’22, Gwen Pierce ’21 and Julia Patterson ’19 who finished ninth with a time of 2:01.64.

Bowling Tops Lakewood; Sets Another School Record

On Saturday, December 1, the bowling team continued to set records. The Jaguars defeated Lakewood High School with a score of 2197-1359. This new score of 2197 tops the previous week's record-breaking score of 2027, which set a new school scratch (three games) record. The Jaguars had a strong showing from Abby Kovacic ’22, who rolled games of 168, 169, 163. The team had the third highest scratch game of the week with a score of 765. The Jaguars jumped up one spot in the Division I Greater Cleveland Interscholastic Bowling League (GCIBL) standings, now putting them in third place, behind Westlake and Olmsted Falls High Schools.

Basketball Drops Home Opener to Archbishop Hoban High School

The basketball team fell in its home opener on Monday, December 3, 57-41 to Akron Archbishop Hoban High School. The game marked the first North Coast League (NCL) game for the Jaguars' basketball program. Molly Neitzel ’19 led the way for the Academy with 11 points while Gabbie Schafer ’21 had eight. The Jaguars and the Knights will meet again in conference play on Friday, February 1 in Akron.

North Coast League Presale Basketball Tickets Now Available

NCL presale tickets are now available in the athletic office. These tickets, purchased at the Academy, are good for one admission at all NCL away games for basketball this winter. Saint Joseph Academy keeps all presale ticket money so please be sure to buy your tickets in advance! Presale tickets are not game-specific so they can be used at any NCL away game for basketball. All presale tickets are $7.

Presale tickets will also be sold at Saint Joseph Academy home basketball games. Please see Mr. Manuszak, Miss Maggie Berry ’10 or Mrs. Joseph to purchase tickets. Click here for a list of away games.

Congratulations to all of our teams and good luck at their upcoming athletic events!

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