Parents: At-A-Glance

Friday, March 1
No School/Office Closed/All Adult Retreat

Sunday, March 3
Father-Daughter Mini-Retreat (Registration Required)
Saint Joseph Academy, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Monday, March 4-Wednesday, March 6
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Monday, March 4
Malley’s Candy Due (through Tuesday, March 5)

Wednesday, March 6
Formal Uniform

Ash Wednesday Mass
Academy Center, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7
STArts Murder Mystery Dinner
Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 9
Father-Daughter Dance (Registration Required)
Brennan’s Party Center, 6 p.m.

Seniors Focus on Creativity through Art Retreat

On Tuesday, February 26, 26 Seniors attended the Art Retreat. The retreat was focused on creativity as an expression of faith. “As we engage in acts of creation, we draw closer to God our Creator,” voiced CORE Ministry Department Chair and teacher Ms. Alison Barberic ’01.

Students spent part of the day at the Cleveland Museum of Art and then visited the studio of Eileen Dorsey ’01, who shared her insights on creativity, pursuing one’s passion.
Sofie Buckley '19

Accomplishments:
Last weekend, Sofie Buckley '19 competed individually at the OHSAA Division I District gymnastics meet. The meet was held at West Geauga High School with the top 16 individuals in each event and in the all around, qualifying to the State meet.

"I've been competing since I was six years old but I've been involved with the sport since I was three. I've definitely gotten stronger on the beam since my first meet this season. My favorite thing about the meet was spending time with my club gymnastics teammates from and cheering all the girls on from other schools. My favorite part of competing is the adrenaline rush I get when I'm about to step into the event or right after I finish my routine. It truly makes me feel like I'm on top of the world, and hearing people cheer for me never gets old," shared Sofie '19.

Sofie represented the Jaguars in two events, the vault and the floor exercise. She placed 28th on the vault with a score of 8.875 and 33rd on the floor with a score of 8.6.

In her past two years competing for Saint Joseph Academy, Sofie advanced to the District tournament both years and was instrumental in launching the Jaguars' gymnastics program.

Activities & Interests:
Sofie is an Academy Ambassador and coaches gymnastics for children three and older at her club gym, where she works out and trains four days a week.

Claire Kapitan '20

Student Receives Third Consecutive Honorable Mention at Regional Shakespeare Competition

Claire Kapitan '20 won the Academy's Shakespeare Competition and advanced to compete in the Regional Shakespeare Competition sponsored by the English-Speaking Union of the United States at Westlake High School.

She competed against students from 20 schools throughout Northeast Ohio. Out of those 50 students, Claire was chosen as a Top Six finalist and received an Honorable Mention.

"As a member of the Shakespeare Club, I had been preparing monologues since the fall, knowing that we would compete in February. After I won the Academy's competition, I began working one-on-one with Drama Director Mrs. Anne Ising. My favorite part of the competition was getting up in front of the judges after months of hard work to share what I had accomplished. It was a very rewarding experience that allowed growth in my enjoyment of Shakespeare," shared Claire Kapitan '20. Bravo, Claire!

Father-Daughter Dance RSVPs Due Friday, March 1
All Saint Joseph Academy students are invited to attend this annual event with their father/father-figure.

The cost for each pair is $72, which includes: Full dinner (salad, roast round of beef, boneless lemon pepper chicken, penne pasta, vegetable, dessert and beverage), DJ, memory photo and online photo link. It is an additional $26 for each additional Saint Joseph Academy daughter.

Where: Brennan's Party Center (13000 Triskett Road)
When: Saturday, March 9 at 6 p.m.
Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

To register online, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to download the form that can be returned to the Main Office (with checks payable to Saint Joseph Academy). RSVP deadline is [Friday, March 1](#).

**Athletics Spring Team Spiritwear Online Store**

In partnership with the Paw Prints Store, Saint Joseph Academy is happy to offer an online store through DistrictWon (formerly OH Team Shop). The online-only store will provide spiritwear specifically for our spring sports teams: rugby, softball, track and field, crew and lacrosse. This special opportunity will be available for a limited-time only.

You can order through this limited-time only online shop beginning [Thursday, February 21, 12:01 a.m.-Wednesday, March 6, 11:59 p.m. EST](#). Purchases can be made in three easy steps, listed below.

1. Go to the online store, [sjaspringstore2019.itemorder.com/sale](#).
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart.
3. Securely checkout with your credit card.

All orders will be placed and paid for directly online. Orders will ship directly to your home the week of March 24, just in time for the start of the season.

**Thank You for Supporting "Celebrate the Academy!"

Thank you for helping us "Toast to Tinseltown" last Saturday! We were honored to celebrate Distinguished Alumna Award recipient Diane Roberto '60, who made a lifetime commitment to teaching and serving the dear neighbor, and Medaille Shield honorees Jerry and Leane Gootee P'16, who embody the Saint Joseph Academy spirit and mission in their everyday lives.

This amazing evening raised a record-breaking $278,854 net for support of tuition assistance and academic initiatives at Saint Joseph Academy! We are grateful for all of our sponsors, guests and donors who made this incredible event possible. Click [here](#) to see more photos from the evening.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and especially to our event co-chairs, Annie Pesta Ginley ’85, P’20, Beth Nussle P’19 & ’22 and Amanda Ross P’21, who worked tirelessly to take "Celebrate the Academy" to new heights.

If you couldn't attend or if you didn't have a chance to make a donation that evening, there is still time to support Saint Joseph Academy by clicking [here](#).

Thank you again for your great energy, kindness and support. It was truly a night to remember!

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**Cleveland State University**

**Location:**
Cleveland, OH

**Enrollment:**
12,000 undergraduates

**Strongest Programs:**
Business, Education, Law; Honors Program available for academically talented and highly motivated students. It is the only college in Ohio with a College of Urban Affairs.

**Fun Facts:**
Notable Cleveland State University alum includes the late Tim Russert, the longest-serving moderator of NBC's Meet the Press news program.

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Maddy Kelly ’20 Finishes Seventh at State Meet
Saint Joseph Academy’s Maddy Kelly ’20 was on the podium on Saturday, February 23 at the State swim meet in Canton! The Junior, competing at her third consecutive State meet, finished seventh in the state in Division I in the 100 yard backstroke, with a time of 56:60. Maddy also competed in the prelims of the 50 freestyle.

Basketball Heads to District Final; Tops Berea-Midpark High School
Saint Joseph Academy advanced to the District championship game with a 46-37 win over Berea-Midpark on Monday, February 25. The Jaguars, the defending District champions, will take on top-seeded Medina High School tonight, Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m. at Valley Forge High School.

On Monday, the Jaguars were led by a balanced attack to knock off the Titans, the team they beat in last year’s District final. Ava Haddad ’22 led the team with 10 points and 11 rebounds while Molly Neitzel ’29, Ella Neitzel ’22 and Gabbie Schafer ’21 each had seven points. The Jaguars held the Titans to just two fourth-quarter points which came in the game’s final seconds.

Ten Track & Field Athletes Qualify for State Meet
Ten members of the indoor track & field team have earned a spot in the Saturday, March 2 Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (OATCCC) Indoor Division I State Championship meet. To qualify for the meet, an athlete must post a top 40 mark in their event from all competitors this indoor season across the state.

The Jaguars will have all three relays competing on Saturday, March 2 along with individuals in six different events.

- 4x200 relay team: Mia Crayton-Prioleau ’19, Faith Maruna ’21, Maura Jordan ’20 and Haley Morgan ’19
- 4x400 relay team: Anna Duesenberg ’22, Maura Jordan ’20, Haley Morgan ’19 and Amanda Keim ’20
- 4x800 relay team: Annie Allen ’20, Amanda Keim ’20, Anna Duesenberg ’22 and Grace Kelley ’19 (alternates Carlee Blankenship ’22 and Colette Conway ’21)
- Emma Pesicka ’19: Shot put and weight throw
- Madison Wilson ’19: Shot put and weight throw
- Haley Morgan ’19: 200 meter dash and 400 meter dash
- Annie Allen ’20: 1600 meter run
- Mia Crayton-Prioleau ’19: Long Jump

Click here for the full participant list with qualifying marks. Click here for the meet schedule for Saturday’s meet.

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.

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