Parents: At-A-Glance

Saturday, May 4
High School Placement Test (HSPT) Prep Class for 8th Grade Students
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Click here to register.

Monday, May 6
Advanced Placement (AP) Government and Politics: United States Exam, Auditorium, 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Regan Silvestri's Science Magic Show with WKYC
Auditorium, 11 a.m. Special wellness credit offered.

AP Mandarin Chinese Exam
Board Room, 11:30 a.m.

NCAA Signing Day
Auditorium, 3-4:30 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Week (All Week)

Tuesday, May 7
AP Spanish Language Exam
Auditorium, 7:30 a.m.

Spring Scholarship Luncheon
Westwood Country Club, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. RSVP Required. Registration is Closed.

After Prom Mitchell's Ice Cream Gift Card Fundraiser
Outside of Main Office, 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

AP English Literature and Composition Exam
Academy Center, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 9
AP Chemistry Exam
Board Room, 7:30 a.m.

AP Psychology Exam
Baldwin Wallace University, 11:30 a.m. Transportation provided.

After Prom Mitchell's Ice Cream Gift Card Fundraiser
Outside of Main Office, 3-4 p.m.
Julia Hontaruk-Levko '19 is the first student from Saint Joseph Academy to attend Yale University.

Reagan Bushok '20 with her award at the Ohio K-12 Chinese Essay Contest.

Name: Maya Johnson '21

Accomplishments: Maya Johnson '21 is only a Sophomore but is one of the top softball pitchers in the state of Ohio. She received the National Fastpitch Coaches Association High School Player of the Week award earlier this season and is currently ranked second in the State in strikeouts. Saint Joseph Academy is currently ranked #10 in the State in DI.

"I have been playing softball since I was eight years old. My favorite thing about the game is that I am able to be competitive and give 100%. It's almost second nature going out there on the mound and doing my job getting strikeouts. It just so happened that two of my better performances were back to back. When I struck out 17 batters for two games in a row, it felt amazing, especially having the one be such a big game for our conference," shared Maya.

Activities & Interests: Maya is an Academy Ambassador, a member of Health Sciences Honors Program and Science, Math and Latin clubs.

Seniors Proudly Announce College Acceptance Choices

On Tuesday, 165 proud members of the Class of 2019 gathered at the College Acceptances Wall and ceremonially placed a Jaguar paw sticker on the name of the college of their choice. This acknowledgment of college choices signals the start of the Seniors' journey to graduation. The Class of 2019 has been accepted to more than 100 universities, with the most popular choices being University of Cincinnati, The Ohio State University, John Carroll University, Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Miami University, The University of Akron, University of Toledo, Xavier University, Baldwin Wallace University and Ohio University. Other unique choices included Yale University, Cornell University, University of Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University, Washington University in St. Louis, Fordham University, DePaul University, Denison University, Saint Louis University, Butler University, Duquesne University and Michigan State University. Congratulations, Seniors! Click here for photos of the ceremony.

Students Take Top Honors in Ohio K-12 Chinese Essay Contest

Last weekend, four students took top honors for the 2019 Ohio K-12 Chinese Essay Contest awards among the 9th-12th grade group. The contest was held at Cleveland State University. Congratulations, ladies, on your well-deserved honor!

- Chinese Speech and Essay Contest: Reagan Bushok '20, Second Place
- Chinese Essay Contest: Reagan Bushok '20, First Place; Siwen Oung '19, Second Place; Isabella Capuano '20 and Samantha Burke '19, Third Place

Newsies Receives Seven Dazzle Award Nominations!

Newsies is pleased to announce it has received seven Dazzle Award nominations!
School:
DePaul University

Location:
Chicago, IL
(5 hours from Cleveland)
Urban

Enrollment:
15,407 undergraduates

Strongest Programs:
Business, Marketing,
Communication, Journalism
and Humanities

Fun Facts:
The Walking Dead's Michael
Rooker and Fall Out Boy's
Pete Wentz both attended
DePaul University.

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to announce that the spring musical
production of Newsies has received
seven Dazzle Award
nominations, the most nominations
the drama department has ever
received! The most talented high
school performers in Northeast Ohio
take center stage at Playhouse
Square for the Dazzle Awards,
which recognizes outstanding
musical theater productions and
student performances.

All students will work with a Broadway director, music director and
choreographer to perform in the Opening and Closing numbers on the Connor
Palace stage at the Dazzle Awards on Saturday, May 18.

Bravo and congratulations to Saint Joseph Academy and Saint Ignatius High
School students for being nominated for various categories in the
musical, Newsies. The nominations are listed below.

They are as follows:
- Best Actress: Eve Jursinski '21
- Best Actor: Felix Albino '20, Saint Ignatius High School
- Best Featured Performer: Veronica Conroy '22
- Best Scenic Design
- Best Technical Execution
- Best Choreography Execution
- Best Ensemble

Five Students Participate in Barcelona Exchange
Five students and Spanish teacher and World Languages Department
Chair Señor Ethan Saurwein participated in a Barcelona Exchange
program, which is an immersive two-week experience in which our
students stayed with the students' families that they had hosted at the
beginning of this academic year.

The objective was for them to gain a better understanding of the culture,
traditions, family life, education and leisure activities of the families with
whom they stayed, as well as to develop their Spanish language skills.
The students spent a few days completing excursions, including riding the cable cars up to Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking the Barcelona harbor and exploring that area of the city, visiting La Sagrada Familia, Tibidabo Amusement Park, la Palau de la Música, Montjuïc, Parc Güell and Casa Batlló, and taking an excursion to the town of Manresa and up the mountain to Montserrat, as well as visiting a beach town in the Costa Brava.

"I have wanted to travel the world for years and this was a great
opportunity. More than just seeing the tourist attractions, we had the chance to truly live in Barcelona where we
experienced the culture, spoke the language and met the people of that amazing city. I went to a Barça soccer game
and saw Lionel Messi play which was incredible. The energy in Camp Nou was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Visiting
Barcelona reaffirmed that I can travel and be okay outside my comfort zone. I want to pursue a career in international
relations, so to have had such an amazing experience just solidified that choice. I would 100% recommend going on an
exchange. You have to be open-minded and ready for anything, but if you have the right mindset it will be a life-changing
experience. Be passionate, curious, and love every minute because it will be over sooner than you can imagine," shared
Kerrigan Ponsart '20.

Paws for Pride Showcases Amazing School Spirit!
The walls of Saint Joseph Academy shook today from the cheering and
singing from all the Paws for Pride activities. It was a day filled with
friendly competition, Jaguar spirit and plenty of fun. The Paws for Pride
winner is the Senior class this year! The Seniors also took home first in
the class skit and won the hallway decorating contest.
Celebrate Our Teachers During Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10!

Saint Joseph Academy is celebrating the excellence of our teaching faculty next week during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10. Teaching is a true vocation, an act of hopefulness and love. From creating engaging and rigorous learning experiences, to nurturing students' relationships with Christ, to cultivating enriching extracurricular and service opportunities, the teachers at the Academy put their hearts and souls into the work of forming young women to be compassionate leaders in a global society.

Has a particular teacher had a positive impact on the life of your student? Would you like to say thank you to a teacher who may not know the impact of his or her work? Click here to share a note of gratitude, appreciation or encouragement to an individual teacher or to the faculty as a whole. Any words you might share will be deeply appreciated. Thank you for participating in our celebration of the wonderful Saint Joseph Academy faculty!

Family Challenge Extended for One More Week!

The goal of the Family Challenge is to reach 100% participation from all families in Annual Fund giving. Gifts to the Annual Fund help cover the $1,600 gap between tuition and actual cost of a Saint Joseph Academy education this year, keeping tuition affordable as possible for all families. Thank you to everyone who has already made a contribution to the Annual Fund this year.

This is a fun and friendly competition between all four classes at Saint Joseph Academy to see which class can get the highest number of families (parents/guardians and grandparents) to participate in the Annual Fund. Classes who reach 100% participation will win a dessert truck and a party on The Scholars' Porch!

The competition is so close that we have decided to extend the challenge for one more week! Listed below are the class standings:

- Class of 2022: 35%
- Class of 2020: 27%
- Class of 2021: 24%
- Class of 2019: 15%

We hope that you will consider a donation. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Click here to donate. Questions? Contact Development Director Mrs. Nikki Mohar.

Wellness Program Parent/Guardian Survey

In an effort to improve the Wellness Program, we are hoping to collect feedback from parents/guardians on their daughters’ experiences with the program. We would be grateful for your candid responses to the questions via the survey by Friday, May 10. This survey is anonymous, but please feel free to provide your name at the end. If you would like to meet in person for further discussion, please contact English teacher and English Department Co-Chair Mrs. Holly Vinkovich.

Athletics

Softball Claims North Coast League Title; Maya Johnson ’21 Nominated for MaxPreps Athlete of the Week: Vote Now!

Saint Joseph Academy, in its first season of playing in the North Coast League, captured at least a share of the North Coast League (NCL) title on Thursday, May 2 with a 7-0 win at Archbishop Hoban High School. The win gives the Jaguars a NCL record of 9-1 this season. On Thursday at Hoban, Maya Johnson ’21 pitched a shutout while Frankie
Milosovic '20 had three extra base hits (two doubles, one triple) and Andrea Horrocks '19 had two doubles to lead the offense.

Softball pitcher Maya Johnson '21 has been nominated for the MaxPreps Ohio High School Athlete of the Week award and she needs your votes. These weekly awards are decided by fan vote. Voting is live now and will conclude on Monday, May 6 at 12 p.m. You may vote as often as you like! Click here to vote for Maya.

Track & Field Captures North Coast League Title for Second Consecutive Year

Track & field team has repeated as North Coast League (NCL) Champions. A year after winning the NCL title in their first year as an NCL member school, the Jaguars captured the 2019 title by scoring 127 points, 17 points clear of second place Walsh Jesuit High School (110).

Volleyball Program Receives Academic Recognition

The Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association (OHSVCA) has recognized the Saint Joseph Academy volleyball program for outstanding academic achievements during the 2018-19 school year. The volleyball program achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher to receive this honor. Several members of the team also received individual recognition from the OHSVCA: Katie Tuley '19, Izzy Micheli '20, Megan Harrison '20, Molly Harrison '21, Meghan Haggerty '20, Sadie Joyce '20, Alexis Dennis '20 and Cecy Guye '19.

Lacrosse Posts Victory on Senior Night

The lacrosse program honored its Senior class on Wednesday, May 1 as the Jaguars hosted visiting Beaumont School at Lost Nation. The team claimed its fifth NCL win against Beaumont School with a 25-1 victory. They are now 9-3 overall and 5-0 in conference play.

A balanced scoring attack helped the Jaguars surge past Beaumont School. Senior Ella Calleri '19 led all scorers with seven goals, while Faith Maruna '21 pitched in six more goals. Kaitlin Vasil '19 and Grace Mattimore '22 both recorded three goals. Libby Poole '19 also recorded two goals for the Jaguars. Scoring one goal a piece for the Jaguars were Mollie Tirpak '19, Ashlin Fegen '20 and Emily Langel '20.

Congratulations to seniors Mollie Tirpak, Kathleen Kelly, Kaitlin Vasil, Olena Tymosch, Ella Calleri, Cara Staresinic and Libby Poole!

Varsity Rugby Takes Fourth Place at Midwest Championships

Last weekend, the rugby team competed in the Midwest Girls Championship in Elkhart, Indiana. This tournament draws more than 20 teams from around the Midwest in various divisions. The first day kicked off with the Varsity girls matching up with Warsaw, Indiana. Erin Ward '19 and Sia Schraff '20 led the team with two tries each, finding gaps and making them count as the Jaguars went on to win the opening round game with a score of 49-29.

The Junior Varsity team then took on national powerhouse Divine Savior out of Wisconsin in their first matchup of the weekend. The young Jaguars dropped the first game with a score of 62-12. Finding the try zone for the team were Aoife McGowan '20 and Maggie Sweeney '22.

In the second match of the day, the Varsity Jaguars took on national powerhouse Catholic Memorial from Wisconsin in the School Division Semifinal. Catholic Memorial came out fast with a lot of defensive pressure that did not allow the Jaguars to let their skills get going. The final score ended at 69-0.

The highlight of the day came in the fourth match of the day with the Junior Varsity Jaguars taking on a combined Amherst/Parma team. The hard work, determination and closeness of this team finally broke through to get them into the win column. In her first full match, Caroline Waters '20 picked the ball up on the side of the ruck and crossed it over for her first career try. This was followed up by scores from Alma Rodriguez '21, Kate Blouch '21 and Maggie Sweeney '22. The team held on to win 20-19.
Day two kicked off with the Junior Varsity Jaguars vs. Carroll, Indiana. The Jaguars played well on defense but just weren't able to force the timely mistake to change the momentum. Despite an outstanding effort and tough forward play, the Jaguars could not find the try zone and lost with a final score of 30-0.

The final match of the weekend had the Varsity team face off against Grandville, Michigan in the third/fourth place game in the school division. The Jaguars came out fast with Erin Ward '19 breaking through hitting a flat pass from Kara Whalen '19 for a score inside of 10 minutes. Kate Pofok '21 slotted a penalty kick for three points giving the Jaguars an 8-0 lead. With one minute to go in the half and down by a score of 19-8, Sia Schraff '20 found a gap, broke free and scored to close the gap to 19-15 after a conversion by Kate Pofok '21. Seniors Alexxus Zielinski and Erin Ward both found the try line. In the end, the Jaguars came up just short with a final score of 38-25.

Next up for the rugby team is Senior Night tonight, Friday, May 3 at St. Edward High School with Junior Varsity kicking off at 6 p.m. vs. Highland/Perry High School and the Varsity at 7:30 p.m. vs. Mentor High School.

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

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