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Walk of the Roses
Rocky River Drive, 6:30-7 p.m.

Graduation (by ticket only)
Our Lady of Angels Church, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 30
Final Exams (C and D Blocks)
Physical Education Field Trip
8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Friday, May 31
Final Exams (A, AP1, AP2, AP3 and B Blocks)
Physical Education Field Trip
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

American Airlines’ First Female Captain Visits Saint Joseph Academy

On Monday, Captain Beverley Bass, the first female captain of American Airlines, visited Saint Joseph Academy to discuss her career, her challenges and more. Saint Joseph Academy was honored to be the only school in the Greater Cleveland area to host Captain Bass during her visit to our city.

This visit was in partnership with Playhouse Square, as Captain Bass’ story is highlighted in the upcoming hit musical, Come From Away. On September 11, 2001, Captain Bass was flying an American Airlines jumbo jet from Paris to Dallas when she learned the World Trade Center had been hit and with that came orders to land
I have always been passionate about helping the women of Cambodia because of the ideological inequality of women embedded in Cambodian culture. Many people look upon women as perpetually dependent on males. Traditionally, women have no access to higher, or any, education because at the age of 18 or younger, they are forced to marry, stay at home and serve as a caretaker. Cambodian women must remain virtuous to uphold the reputation of their families and are required to avoid confrontation in all situations. I am very fortunate that my parents think of me differently from other young women. I have received an excellent education and I hope to inspire young women in Cambodia to get access to a quality education and be able to support themselves. Women can be superheroes who can save their own lives and the lives of others. I strongly believe that I can be part of the generation that will make a real difference in the lives of others. I also want to take an active role in addressing diversity issues and expanding awareness through multicultural and social justice perspectives, in hopes that one day we can have a society equitable for all. Upon my return to Cambodia, I plan to visit people in rural areas and advocate to them the importance of education. I hope to create a small learning center where I can teach young people basic Cambodian and English," shared Siwen.

Accomplishments:

Once she graduates from Saint Joseph Academy, Siwen Oung ’19 will be heading to her home country of Cambodia to continue her education, majoring in International Relations and minorin in Chinese and Political Science. “I decided to continue my education in Cambodia because I want to share my experiences of studying abroad with students in my home country. I also want to take an active role in addressing diversity issues and expanding awareness through multicultural and social justice perspectives, in hopes that one day we can have a society equitable for all. Upon my return to Cambodia, I plan to visit people in rural areas and advocate to them the importance of education. I hope to create a small learning center where I can teach young people basic Cambodian and English,” shared Siwen.

She shared that her first job piloting was for flying a small plane for a mortician in West Texas, flying one body at a time in a small single engine plane for $5 an hour. “I would go to college during the day and flew at night. I loved flying; it was a gateway for a career in aviation. In 1976, I was in the position to legitimately send my application to American Airlines. I remember being afraid to check my gender as female on the resume, because there were so few female pilots. I started as a flight engineer (checking hydraulics, fuel, etc.) and had to go through a six-week course on flight engineering. It was difficult to start this role because I had no engineering background. I did this job for five years and then moved up to co-pilot. In 1986, I became American Airlines’ first female Captain. I flew the planes B727, MD 80, DC 10, B757, B767 and retired with 10 years on the B777. I had an incredible unblemished 32-year career with the world’s largest airline.” Click here to read more on Captain Bass’ incredible career and journey.

To celebrate Captain Bass’ visit, Playhouse Square is offering alumnae, students, families and friends the opportunity to purchase reserved tickets to select performances of Come From Away (July 9-28, 2019) at a discounted rate.

- Balcony: $15 (Regular Price: $45)
- Mezzanine: $55 (Regular Price: $80)
- Orchestra: $38 (Regular Price: $55)

Click here to purchase your tickets on Groupmatics. Deadline to purchase discounted tickets is Friday, May 31.

What Would You Do for $50,000?

A very generous anonymous alumna has just offered to match every gift, dollar-for-dollar up to $50,000 given to the Annual Fund, received now until the end of our fiscal year on Sunday, June 30.

This donor wants to motivate the entire Saint Joseph Academy community to end the year strong and continue to provide a quality education to our young women. Together, we are impacting the young minds and hearts of the future.
Members of the Class of 2019 at the Farewell Mass and Alumnae Induction

On Thursday, the Class of 2019 was welcomed into the alumnae community of more than 17,000 women at the Farewell Mass and Alumnae Induction.

Reverend Thomas G. Fanta of St. Dominic Church in Shaker Heights (uncle of Coletta Fanta ‘19) was the presider for the Farewell Mass. He encouraged students to stop taking selfies and to be true to themselves by sharing the hope of God’s message of love to the world. "Only you can determine what your message will be."

Abby Millar ’09, a "25 Under 35" honoree last year, gave alumna remarks, encouraging students to be the change in the world when something needs changed. She shared that the association of an umbrella was important to her class, as they had a classmate, the late Dana Care '09, who was diagnosed with cancer during her high school career. "The umbrella represents the alumnae of Saint Joseph Academy who will be with you to weather the storms. Open your umbrella of support to other Saint Joseph Academy students and alumnae."

The Class of 2019 donated an outdoor bench in honor of their class and made a class donation to the Annual Fund to support every student.

Congratulations, Class of 2019! You are one step closer to graduation! Click here for more photos from the Farewell Mass and Alumnae Induction.

Isabel Small ’21 Named Third in PenOhio State Competition

Congratulations to our PenOhio students who traveled to Lake Erie College last Friday, May 17 to represent Saint Joseph Academy at the PenOhio State Tournament. Isabel Small '21 placed third in the State in the Junior Varsity Division and Claire Kapitan '20 placed sixth in the Varsity Division.

"I've always been interested in writing, and I used it as an escape when I was younger. PenOhio was an opportunity to do something I love and make friends so I jumped at the opportunity. We had three rounds for the State competition and separate prompts for each round. When they give us the prompts, I never go with my first idea because I want to come up with something that's truly original. I try to write about something that I think is interesting or that will challenge the judges' perspective. During the awards..."
competed at the State level ceremony, when they announced the student was from Saint Joseph Academy, I immediately turned to my teammates to congratulate whichever one of them had won. Instead, they called my name. I was shocked and I couldn't stop smiling. It felt so good being able to make my team and my coaches proud,” stated Isabel Small ‘21.

Tree Night, Baccalaureate Mass Start Farewells for the Class of 2019

As family and friends watched, the 165 members of the Class of 2019 celebrated Tree Night and the Baccalaureate Mass on Wednesday. The evening began with graduates processing down the front steps of the Academy to the sounds of *Quintet for Clarinet* and *Strings in A* by Mozart. Standing before a crowd of family and friends, President Mrs. Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 welcomed guests and Sister Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ, provided the opening blessing. Sophia Gentile ’19 recited a poem she had written and the Senior Leadership Team of Coletta Fanta, Margaret Grant, Elizabeth Rechin, Jane Roche and Mollie Tirpak led the ceremonial planting of the tree.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated by Reverend Joseph P. O'Donnell of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wickliffe, and Reverend Martin F. Polito, Pastor of Holy Redeemer, Cleveland. Reverend O'Donnell is the great-uncle of Kathleen O'Donnell ’19 and Reverend Polito is the cousin of Alyssa Polito ’19.

The scripture was read by Kailah Gordon ’19. Timothy and Sally Armstrong, Terrence and Patricia Corrigan, and Stephen and Mary Beth Tirpak carried up the gifts. Each group of parents have had three daughters graduate from the Academy. Cecilia Tompkins ’19 led the Blessing of Parents, and Thomas and Kate Corrigan Tompkins ’87, P’19 led the parents in blessing their daughters. Click here for more photos from the ceremony.

Prom 2019 Was a Night to Remember

Prom 2019 was filled with memories to last a lifetime. Seniors danced the night away by the waterfront at Windows on the River on Saturday, May 18. The dazzling venue offered an unforgettable backdrop for students and their dates. Before making their way to the West Bank of the Flats, many paused for a photo opportunity at the Academy. Here is an album of the night's highlights from photos taken at Saint Joseph Academy and Windows on the River.

Athletics

Track & Field Finishes as District Runner-Up; Sends Eight to Regionals, NCL Track & Field Award Winners: Annie Allen ’20 Wins Most Valuable Runner and Head Coach Steve Stahl Named Coach of the Year

The track & field team had an outstanding performance at the Ohio High School Athletic Association District Meet at Mayfield High School. The Jaguars finished the meet with 79 points, finishing in second place as a team. Saint Joseph Academy also advanced eight athletes to the Regional meet, held tonight, Friday, May 24 at Austintown Fitch High School. The eight athletes advancing to Regionals are listed below.

- Haley Morgan ’19: 200-meter dash
- Annie Allen ’20: 3200-meter run, 1600-meter run and 4×800 relay
- Emma Pesicka ’19: Shot put and discus (will compete at the State meet in the shot put)
- Madison Wilson ’19: Shot put and discus
- Mia Crayton-Prioleau ’19: Long jump and 300 hurdles
- Grace Kelley ’19: 4×800 relay

NCL Track & Field Champions
At the District meet, the Jaguars had District champions in the 3200-meter run (Annie Allen ’20), Shot Put and Discus (Emma Pesicka ’19). Emma set a school record in the discus with a throw of 133-03; in the shot put, she threw 39-09 on her fourth throw to secure a spot at the outdoor State track & field meet for the first time in her career. Annie Allen ’20 also finished as the District runner-up in the 1600 meter run, while Mia Crayton-Prioleau ’19 was the District runner-up in the long jump.

Other point scorers for the Jaguars included: Haley Morgan ’19, Madison Wilson ’19, Amanda Keim ’20, Anna Duesenberg ’22, Marie Musser ’20 and Maddie Maline ’21.

Ten members of the track & field program have received All-North Coast League (NCL) honors for the 2019 season. Congratulations to these members of track & field.

- Most Valuable Runner: Annie Allen ’20
- Coach of the Year: Head Coach Mr. Steve Stahl
- Blue Division Team Champions (Second consecutive season)
- First Team: Annie Allen ’20, Emma Pesicka ’19, Haley Morgan ’19, Anna Duesenberg ’22, Amanda Keim ’20 and Maura Jordan ’20
- Second Team: Maddie Maline ’21, Mia Crayton-Prioleau ’19 and Grace Kelley ’19

Softball Earns Numerous Postseason Awards; Maya Johnson ’21 Named to All-Ohio Second Team and Coach Dale Dawson Named Coach of the Year

Members of the softball team have earned numerous postseason awards over the last several days. Congratulations to these Jaguars on a record-breaking season.

All-Ohio Second Team: Maya Johnson 21

All-District

- First Team: Maya Johnson ’21
- Second Team: Andrea Horrocks ’19
- Honorable Mention: Molly Harrison ’21 and Frankie Milosovic ’20

All County

- First Team: Maya Johnson ’21 and Andrea Horrocks ’19
- Third Team: Molly Harrison ’21
- Honorable Mention: Sarah Harper ’21 and Frankie Milosovic ’20
- Coach of the Year: Head Coach Mr. Dale Dawson and Softball Coaching Staff
- All-Academic Team: Kylie Schmitz ’19 and Megan Harrison 20

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](#).