On Monday, we celebrated our first school mass of the year. We then warmly welcomed the 172 students of the Class of 2023 and seven transfer students who joined the Saint Joseph Academy community.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors lined the walkway leading to the front steps of the Academy, clapping and cheering as the Freshmen and transfer students received a single yellow rose from Principal Mr. Jeff Sutliff and President Mrs. Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71. The Freshmen then gathered together on the front steps of the Academy for a group picture with class moderators Mrs. Colleen Ross and Ms. Maggie Flannery.

Some fun facts about the Class of 2023:

- Students live in 32 zip codes
- They live as far west as Grafton, as far east as Independence and as far south as Medina
- They came to the Academy from 50 different schools
- Elizabeth is the most common first name

Click here to see more photos from the day.
Important Parking Reminders
Please be advised that as you approach St. Joseph Circle at the end of the school driveway, you will see fencing around Fitzmaurice Hall. The fencing will remain in place for the duration of the construction project. Safety of our students, families and construction workers is the highest priority. Therefore, we ask for your cooperation and patience as we all need to navigate the single Academy driveway.

We will schedule deliveries around the school schedule in order to keep any construction disruptions to a minimum. However, construction is in progress during the school day.

St. Joseph Circle will still be available for drop off and pick up of students only. Parking in the St. Joseph Circle and driveway will NOT be permitted at any time. Therefore, please do not arrive prior to school dismissal time. Should you need to come into the Academy, please park in a visitor's spot located in the main parking lot. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact Dean of Women Ms. Marie Ciolek at 216.251.6788.

Reminder on Vaccination Requirements
The care and well being of our students is one of the school's primary responsibilities. Click here for vital reminders/information related to vaccinations.

With the concern of the overall health and safety of the Saint Joseph Academy community in mind, we review the Academy's immunization policy and its implementation annually. Various bills concerning immunization policies are currently under consideration in the Ohio legislature. These may require us to make changes to our policies. We will stay attuned and keep you informed of changes in regulations if and as they occur. What is most important is that each student is up-to-date on her immunizations.

Click here for more information on immunization requirements and recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health.

Please contact School Nurse Ms. Christine Amato if you have any questions or concerns.

Uniform Guidelines and Dress Code
The daily uniform consists of a uniform-approved polo shirt, skirt or slacks, socks or tights, student ID and shoes. School-approved sweater or sweatshirt may also be worn. Skirts must be buttoned and zipped at the waist. Polo shirts must not hang down below sweaters or sweatshirts.

Formal uniform is required on days a Mass or Prayer Service or various other events are scheduled. The formal uniform consists of a uniform polo shirt; skirt; sweater; solid navy blue or black tights and shoes. A white uniform polo shirt must be worn under all styles of sweaters. Polo shirts must not hang down below sweaters. Formal uniform must be worn for the entire day.

Click here for reminders about the required uniform. Please note that any student who is not in dress code will be issued a one-point infraction.
the American Sickle Cell Anemia Association but was also given a chance to shadow other professions, including nurses, nurse practitioners, psychologists, psychiatrists and surgeons. I was even able to observe brain surgery," voiced Valentina.

"My favorite person to shadow was the psychologist because I loved the work that she did. I had previously given some thought to working in the psychology field, but observing one work really solidified my career prospects. I want to pursue a psychology certification when I'm older because I really want to be able to help people with issues they may have and counseling is a way I serve others."

**Activities & Interests:**
At Saint Joseph Academy, Valentina is a Freshman Mentor, a member of the Academy Ambassadors and Book Club. She also serves as a tutor for students at Our Lady of Angels School.

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**Rose Keating '21 Meets Taylor Swift**

In July, Rose Keating '21 had the opportunity of a lifetime to meet her favorite artist, Taylor Swift. Rose is a blogger who frequently posts about Taylor Swift. Ms. Swift has a tradition called Secret Sessions, where she invites fans into her home and plays the album for them before it is released.

"I was invited to her house in Nashville. It was the best day of my entire life. She knew every person by name and even knew details about what each person posted about on social media. Taylor is the most genuine and kind-hearted person I have ever met. The album is her best yet! It was surreal how normal the experience is, as Taylor acts like you're best friends. When I walked into her living room she said, 'Rose! I'm so excited to see you!' It was amazing to see how much Taylor trusts her fans. I love her beyond words and to hear her tell me she loves me as well was just the craziest thing in the world. It was an experience I will never forget."

Click [here](#) to read Rose's article published in *Cleveland Magazine*. Taylor Swift's latest album, *Lover*, is released today, Friday, August 23.

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**Htoo Htoo Thaw '20 Meets Angelina Jolie through Refugee Response**

Over the summer, Htoo Htoo Thaw '20 and the Refugee Response program were thrilled to host Angelina Jolie at the Ohio City Farm. Ms. Jolie was able to meet with the farmers and teenagers involved in their scholarship and mentoring programs to learn a bit more about the program and resources available in Cleveland. Angelina Jolie has been friends with Refugee Response board member Loung Ung for many years.

"I got involved with the Refugee Response through my father, who works as the Program Coordinator. I am also part of the scholarship program and mentor program. The Refugee Response program is important to me because they are the reason I am attending Saint Joseph Academy. With their support, I am able to receive an amazing education," voiced Htoo Htoo.

"I grew up hearing about Ms. Jolie's work in different countries and how she visited different refugee camps. She inspired me to serve others. Her work and contribution to supporting refugees has inspired me to serve others in the future."

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**Guardian Angel Box Located in the Chapel**
Feeling anxious or upset? Worried about a friend or acquaintance? The Guardian Angel box is available in the Chapel, placed above the petitions for prayers/special intentions, to help. Students are encouraged to place notes in the box when there is a concern about themselves or someone else. The purpose of the box is to provide open communication for students are dealing with issues that could have serious consequences.

This program was started nine years ago when Saint Ignatius High School Senior Joe "Ski" Anielski died by suicide. His parents believed he suffered from undetected and untreated depression. They believe that if only one person may have written a note, the outcome would have been different for their son. Since that time, the Anielskis have provided Guardian Angel boxes to schools from kindergarten through college throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee.

Students, please notify a responsible adult, teacher, coach, counselor or administrator if you have concerns about someone or yourself. The Guardian Angel box will be checked daily and appropriate action will be taken with the information provided. Questions? Please contact School Counselor Ms. Maryann Marek.

National Catholic Education Association Parent News Flyers
The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) has developed monthly flyers to further connect with our families, as well as give national perspective on Catholic schools. Through these flyers, they hope to educate families on the benefits of a Catholic school education; prepare families to build enrollment by witnessing to other families and to inform and educate families about parental choice. Click here to read this month’s flyer.

Athletics

Tennis Opens NEOTA League Play with Sweep of Western Reserve Academy
The Jaguar tennis team opened NEOTA league play with a 5-0 victory over Western Reserve Academy at Impett Park. Delia Guzic ’23 opened the match with a 6-0, 6-0 victory at third singles. Click here to see results from the entire match.

Varsity Golf Team Tops Mentor
The Varsity golf team picked up its first win of the season on Thursday as the Jaguars topped Mentor by one stroke (201 to 202) at Blackbrook Golf Course. Maddy Yuhasz ’20 led the way with a 48. Click here to read about the Junior Varsity team's winning performance over Archbishop Hoban.

Volleyball Sweeps Strongsville High School; Five Athletes Announce College Commitments
Saint Joseph Academy picked up its first win of the season on Thursday as the Jaguars swept Strongsville High School 3-0 (25-16, 25-13, 25-20). Heaven Bartell ’21 led the Academy with 14 kills while Jenn Follmer ’20 had nine. Kirsten Barrett ’22 had 32 assists while Izzy Micheli ’20 led the team with 14 digs. Click here to read about the five athletes (Seniors Jenn Follmer, Lauren Gardner, Megan Harrison, Izzy Micheli and Molly Harrison ’21) announcing their college commitments.

Varsity Soccer Picks Up First Win
The Varsity Soccer team picked up its first win of the season on Wednesday, August 21 in their game against Fairview High School. Click here to read about scoring and upcoming games.

Fall Sports Yard Signs
The Athletics Department is proud to offer all fall athletes and families an opportunity to purchase yard signs. These yard signs are $15 each with the choice of your daughter's sport name or sport name and jersey number. You will be notified by email once the signs have been delivered to the school with further instructions for pick-up. If you are interested in ordering a sign, please click here.

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.