Parents: At-a-Glance

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Upcoming Events

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School/Office Open

Tuesday, January 7
Second Semester Begins

Friday, January 10
Joe's Clothes Day

Basketball CYO Night, Begins at 5:30 p.m.

STArts Meeting, Dining Hall, 6-8 p.m.

Friday, January 17
Sursum Libros Quarter Two Celebration, Media Center, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

News

Christmas Blessing

May Pope Francis' words ring out during this Christmas season: "Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."

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Update from the Presidential Search Committee

Dear Saint Joseph Academy Community,

We are writing to update you on the search for the next President of Saint Joseph Academy. As you know, last summer the Saint Joseph Academy Board of Directors formed a search committee comprised of board members, parents, alumnae, members of the faculty, staff and Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph. In addition, we engaged a nationally recognized search firm to support the search.

Over the past weeks, committee members reviewed completed portfolios of candidates and selected seven excellent applicants to be semifinalists. We then conducted web conference interviews with all seven, followed by a thorough review of each semifinalist. From this pool of candidates we have selected two women as finalists. We will be inviting each of them to participate in day-long interviews at the Academy the week of January 13.

We will keep you informed as we progress in the final stages of the search. We are excited and energized for the future as we select the next President of our Academy!

Dr. Bob Helmer P'17 & '19 (Search Committee Chair) and
Important Information for Senior Parents/Guardians

We have been actively working to prepare for the Class of 2020 graduation activities. In order to ensure we have the correct information for your daughter, we ask that you respond to the questions linked here by tomorrow, Friday, December 20.

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Season Celebrated with Christmas Concert

On Monday evening, the annual Christmas concert was held for a standing-room only audience of parents, family members and friends of Saint Joseph Academy. It was a delight to hear the talented young women perform some Christmas classics!

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Therapy Dogs and Bunnies Help Relieve Final Exams Stress

To prepare for finals, students were treated to a visit from two patient and loving dogs, courtesy of Therapy Dogs International, as well as bunnies from the organization F5RS Bunnies in Baskets.

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Paw Prints Store Special Holiday Events

Josie’s Favorite Sale
Stop in Saturday, December 21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or on Monday, December 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and receive a special discount of 25% off your total purchase (some exclusions apply).
Extended Store Hours
We have many extra hours for your shopping convenience. Click [here](#) for special hours.

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Physical Education Uniform Reminders

Does your daughter have Physical Education in her second semester schedule?

Stop in to the Paw Prints Store to purchase the required uniform and lock before the first day of class which is **Tuesday, January 7, 2020**.

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College Credit Plus Informational Meeting

Through a program called College CreditPlus (CCP), the state of Ohio provides high school students an opportunity to earn college credit during their high school years.

CCP classes may be taken at any Ohio public college/university or from any participating private college. Students must apply to both the CCP program and the college where they intend to take classes. (Neither funding by the state nor acceptance by the college is guaranteed).

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Spotlight: Mrs. Alison Morgan

**Accomplishments**: Global Program Director and Spanish teacher Mrs. Alison Morgan is at the forefront for the Saint Joseph Academy Global Program as it grows and flourishes. Her most recent project was coordinating three Guatemalan exchange students’ experience school in the United States for the first semester through the Faces & Our Cultures Program. This program provides Guatemalan students an opportunity to have a unique
and enriching cultural experience that allows them to realize their full potential, build long lasting friendships and write a memorable chapter in their lives. FACES promotes the development of multicultural and global competencies that will prepare young people for an increasingly interconnected world. Saint Joseph Academy students opened their homes in order to connect and form relationships with these Guatemalan young women students, encountered new global perspectives and provided a support system for their guests as they acclimated to the new culture.

"Preparations began in the summer where I visited each Saint Joseph Academy host family to begin dialogue about the experience. Saint Joseph Academy’s Leadership Team, Faculty and Staff have been supportive, too! In fact, with the encouragement from Visual Arts teacher Mrs. Beth Pleban, Andrea Isabella Sánchez, a junior from Guatemala, submitted work to the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition for Graphic Design and received the Silver Key," exclaimed Mrs. Morgan.

"The Global Program is dedicated to ensuring that students have meaningful and authentic experiences in the U.S. and/or abroad. Inherent in such a program is a desire to stress the importance of establishing personal connections to others within our communities here and around the world to help make our students more aware of different cultures and global issues. Saint Joseph Academy students have already visited/participated in cultural tours, homestays, service immersion trips, exchanges and Model United Nations competitions in 14 countries."

**Activities & Interests:** Outside of Saint Joseph Academy, Mrs. Morgan enjoys spending time with her family, snow skiing, traveling and cooking.

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**Athletics**

**Varsity Bowling Tops Fairview Park High School; Tied for First Place in GCIBL**

The bowling team continued its win streak this past Saturday as they topped Fairview Park High School 1936-1607 at RollHouse Wickliffe. The win marks the fifth in a row for the Jaguars, moving them to 5-0 on the season. Leading the way for the Jaguars, rolling games of 121 and 203 for a 324 series, was Nora McCarthy ‘21.

**Future Jaguars Winter Volleyball Clinic: December 26 and 27**

The Jaguars’ volleyball program will host a winter volleyball clinic for current 7th and 8th grade girls. Below is information for the clinic. Registrations are limited so do not wait to sign up! Click [here](#) to register.

**Thursday, December 26 and Friday, December 27**
Basketball Drops Road Contest at Archbishop Hoban

On Saturday, December 14, Saint Joseph Academy traveled to North Coast League opponent Archbishop Hoban and fell to the Knights 63-51. Leading the way for the Jaguars was Ella Neitzel '22 with 15 points while Grace Flannery '20 had 13 on 5-6 shooting.

For more information on athletics highlights, scores, and schedules check the Saint Joseph Academy Athletics homepage.