Parents: At-A-Glance

Monday, February 18
Presidents’ Day/No School/Office Closed

Wednesday, February 20
Class of 2021 Day Retreat
Congregation of St. Joseph (4076 Case Rd., Avon)

STArts Meeting
Dining Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 21
Class of 2021 Day Retreat
Congregation of St. Joseph (4076 Case Rd., Avon)

Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
Sign up for a conference time here.

Friday, February 22
No School/Office Open

Ski Club Holiday Valley Trip

International Exchange Students Enrich Cultural Learning

Last week, the Academy welcomed four international exchange students from Le Puy, France (where the Sisters of St. Joseph were founded in 1650) and five students from Saint George's College in Santiago, Chile, sponsored by the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The students from these two countries are staying with our students for roughly two weeks.

The students from Saint George's College came to Cleveland to participate in the Cleveland International Model United Nations (CLEIMUN) conference. This conference is sponsored by St. Edward High School and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. CLEIMUN is the only conference in the world that has combined elements of both the styles of Harvard Model United Nations and The Hague International Model United Nations, which gives participants a real-world Model United Nations experience. With this system, delegates prepare
Gigi's Playhouse, a Down syndrome achievement center in Lakewood. "As a member of the Youth Board, I attend regular meetings where we collaborate to come up with new ways and events to advocate and promote inclusion, acceptance and kindness for everyone throughout the community, especially among others our age," shared Julia '21. "Gigi's Playhouse is so important to me because it helps advocate and spread awareness for individuals with Down syndrome. I love how Gigi's has become a second home for so many people and families. My favorite part of volunteering at Gigi's is that I am able to form so many amazing friendships with the participants and the other volunteers," voiced Julia.

**Activities & Interests:**

Julia is an Academy Ambassador, a member of the American Sign Language Club, Friends with L'Arche, Health Sciences Honors Program and Varsity Basketball team. Outside of the Academy, she plays AAU Basketball.

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**College Corner**

**Support Students through "Celebrate the Academy" Gala**

On **Saturday, February 23**, Saint Joseph Academy will host our largest fundraiser of the year, "Celebrate the Academy." This very important event raises money for the scholarship fund and academic initiatives of Saint Joseph Academy.

Thank you all who are supporting the event. If you are unable to attend the event, please consider making a gift to the Support-a-Student appeal. Click [here](#) to make a donation.

**Students Succeed at OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest**

Each year, the Districts within the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) host Adjudicated Events to challenge musicians in a small group setting or as a soloist. Each event (whether a solo or an ensemble) is performed in front of an OMEA judge for a rating from I-V, with I (superior) being the highest rating.

The District VI contest took place on Saturday, February 9 and was held at North Ridgeville High School. The event involved 34 schools with more than 1,000 performers. Saint Joseph Academy students performed very well, with 18 students winning awards. Congratulations to the following students for their Superior or Outstanding rating.

**Superior Rating:** Emily Austin '20 (2), Sarah Barendt '20, Sara Bauer
Strongest Programs:
Sports Management, Physician Assistant, Marketing, Education, Business

Fun Facts:
Students are encouraged to participate in the annual Belly Flop competition!

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Parent Teacher Conferences: Thursday, February 21
Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 21 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

We are using an online appointment system for conferences. Parents/guardians are invited to sign up for ten minute appointments with any or all of your daughter's teachers. If you feel that you need more than ten minutes to meet with your daughter's teacher(s), please email them directly to set up a conference for another day.

Please note conferences are not mandatory. You only need to schedule appointments with teachers you feel necessary to see.

To sign up for an appointment, please click here.

You will be asked to select your daughter's teachers and enter your information including an email address.

The Finance Department will also be available at conferences to sign Cleveland Scholarship Program (CSP) checks.

If you do not have internet access or you have any questions, please contact the Main Office at 216.251.6788 or email Dean of Women Ms. Marie Ciolek.

Father-Daughter Mass and Mini-Retreat: Sunday, March 3, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Escape from everyday commitments and schedules, and enjoy half a day of prayer and reflection for fathers/father-figures and daughters during the month of March, dedicated to St. Joseph. This mini-retreat, held on Sunday, March 3, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Saint Joseph Academy, will include Mass, Father/Daughter reflections and service supporting Saint Joseph Academy's Labre Ministry. The Labre Ministry of Saint Joseph Academy distributes food and supplies to those living on the streets in Cleveland two times each month.

If you are interested, please RSVP by Friday, February 22 to Mrs. Maureen Schlueter P'20 at luenmo@sbcglobal.net. This is a free event and a spiritual wellness credit will be offered.

Saturday, March 9: Father-Daughter Dance
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
- 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

**16 Indoor Track & Field Athletes Qualify for NEOITC All-Star Meet**

The indoor track and field team will be well represented **today, Friday, February 15** at the Northeast Ohio Indoor Track Conference (NEOITC) All-Star Meet. To qualify for the meet, athletes had to be in the top 24 in each event throughout the regular season. The meet will begin with field events at 6 p.m. and running events at 6:30 p.m. at the Spire Institute in Geneva.

- 4×200 relay: Mia Crayton-Prioleau '19, Faith Maruna '21, Maura Jordan '20 and Haley Morgan '19
- 4×400 relay: Mia Crayton-Prioleau '19, Amanda Keim '20, Maura Jordan '20 and Haley Morgan '19
- 4×800 relay: Anna Duesenberg '22, Grace Kelley '19, Amanda Keim '20 and Annie Allen '20
- Weight Throw: Seniors Madison Wilson and Emma Pesicka (top throw in the NEOITC this season)
- Shot Put: Seniors Madison Wilson and Emma Pesicka
- Long Jump: Mia Crayton-Prioleau '19
- High Jump: Elly Hannah '20 and Clare Jordan '22
- 60 Meter Hurdles: Grace Trepczyk '20
- 200 Meters: Haley Morgan '19 and Maura Jordan '20
- 400 Meters: Haley Morgan '19, Maura Jordan '20 and Mia Crayton-Prioleau '19
- 800 Meter Run: Amanda Keim '20 and Anna Duesenberg '22
- 1600 Meter Run: Annie Allen '20, Amanda Keim '20, Carlee Blankenship '22, Danica Hruby '21 and Anna Duesenberg '22
- 3200 Meter Run: Marie Musser '20

### Swimming & Diving Sends Ten Individuals to District Swimming & Diving

The swimming & diving program will be represented at the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) District meet at Bowling Green State University. The Jaguars will have ten team members compete with nine swimmers and one diver advancing out of Sectionals.

The ten athletes who have qualified for Districts are:

- 500 freestyle: Julia Patterson '19
- 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke: Maddy Kelly '20
- 100 butterfly: Gwen Pierce '21
- 100 breaststroke: Emma Claire Lambert-Shemo '22
- Relay: Kassidy Gartin '19, Paola Colon '19, Maddie Jarosz '21, Abby Fleming '19 and Jillian Wilde '22
- Diving: Jenna Wasilko '20

Maddy Kelly '20, who has advanced to the State meet each of the last two seasons, was the Sectional champion in the 50 freestyle while finishing third in the 100 backstroke at Sectionals.

### Basketball Ends Regular Season with Victory Over Gilmour Academy

The basketball team ended its regular season in impressive fashion on Thursday, February 14 as the Jaguars topped visiting Gilmour Academy 46-41. The Jaguars finish the regular season at 13-9 overall and 8-4 in North Coast League (NCL) play.

The Academy recognized Molly Neitzel '19, playing for the last time in the Academy Center, prior to the game. She ended her home career with a team-high tying 17 points. Ava Haddad '22 also added 17 points, including four big free throws down the stretch to seal the win for the Jaguars.

The Jaguars have a bye in the Sectional Semifinal and will begin Ohio High School Athletic Association postseason play on **Thursday, February 21**.

### Gymnastics Competes in Catholic Cup

The gymnastics team competed in the inaugural Catholic Cup hosted by
Saint Joseph Academy gymnasts (front and center) with other teams they competed against at the Catholic Cup Magnificat High School on Saturday, February 9. The team placed fourth overall but had many individual highlights throughout the meet.

Emma Weiss ’19 placed second on beam with a 9.1, posting her highest beam score of her high school gymnastics career! Sofie Buckley ’19 scored an 8.65 on vault which was a tie for fourth and Abby Synk ’22 performed a new vault, scoring an 8.6, tying for fifth place. Emma Weiss ’19 placed sixth on bars and Sofie Buckley ’19 sixth on beam. Elizabeth Quinn ’22 also performed a new tumbling pass on floor and Abbie Harden ’22 continues to improve in the all-around. The team will compete at the Sectional tournament tomorrow, Saturday, February 16 at West Geauga High School.

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.