Parents: At-A-Glance

Friday, February 22
No School/Office Open

Ski Club Holiday Valley Trip

Monday, February 25
Blood Drive
Auditorium, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Malley's Candy Money Due (Through Wednesday, February 27)

Tuesday, February 26
Junior Professional Shadowing (Through Thursday, February 28)

Class of 2019 Art Retreat
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Art,
11150 East Blvd., Cleveland

Wednesday, February 27
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

After Prom Applebee's Fundraiser
20705 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River
Click here to download required flyer.

Malley's Candy Money Turned In

Thursday, February 28
Class of 2023 Welcome
Academy Center, 7-8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1
No School/Office Closed/All Adult Retreat

Four Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Congratulations to Seniors Julia Hontaruk-Levko, Julia Patterson, Libby Poole and Mia Saurette who have been named the National Merit Finalists!

The four Seniors have met the requirements to advance to the finals of the National Merit Scholarship Program competition, which includes maintaining...
Name: Aoife McGowan '20

Accomplishments:
Last weekend, Aoife McGowan '20 served as the Co-Secretary General of the Cleveland International Model United Nations (CLEIMUN). She was selected last year as the head of this year's conference. She is the third Saint Joseph Academy student to act as Co-Secretary General, following Frannie Smith '17 and Claudia Stephens '18.

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.

"Over the course of the past year, I have planned CLEIMUN19. The biggest task in organizing this conference was training the Secretariat and the chairs. All of the members of the Secretariat were new to chairing CLEIMUN, so my Co-Secretary General and I ran chairing workshops, where we assisted and revised the background guides written by the chairs on their debate topics," voiced Aoife.

The National Merit Finalists will be considered for the National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2019 and the scholarship awards will be announced in the beginning of March. Click here to read more about these young women.

Congratulations, Julia, Julia, Libby and Mia!
"I selected the theme for CLEIMUN19, 'Collaboration in a Polarized World: Hope for the Future?' I based this theme on the current global political climate where extremism and lack of communication have prevented the United Nations from effectively combating current world issues," shared Aoife.

**Activities & Interests:**
Aoife is a member of the Health Sciences Honors Program, Voices for Change club, Peer Tutors, French Club, the rugby team and serves as a Student Consultant in the Academy's Writing Center. Outside of the Academy, she is an intern in the Cleveland Clinic's Science Internship Program (Public Health Track) and is a member of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Student Leadership Board.

**College Corner**

**School:**
Emerson College

**Location:**
Boston, MA
(11 hours from Cleveland)
Urban

**Enrollment:**
3,655 undergraduates

**Strongest Programs:**
Film/Video Production, Writing/Literature & Publishing, Performing Arts, Journalism, Marketing

**Fun Facts:**
Students from Emerson

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**Support Students through This Weekend’s “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.

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**Tune in to News5 Cleveland to Watch the Academic Challenge Team Compete!**

Tune in to local ABC affiliate WEWS News5 Cleveland on **Saturday, February 23, 10 a.m.** to watch the Academy's Academic Challenge Team compete!

The team consists of Seniors Julia Hontaruk-Levko (captain), Julia Patterson and Cassie Van Etten, who competed against Padua Franciscan and Revere High Schools. Congratulations and good luck, ladies!

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**Bishop Roger Gries, OSB Visits the Academy**

Today we were honored to have Bishop Roger Gries, OSB make a visit to Saint Joseph Academy. Although he has presided at mass for our community in the past, Bishop Roger had not toured the building in many years. He was amazed to see the Anatomage Table and witnessed 3D printing for the first time in our Makerspace innovation lab. Bishop Roger also enjoyed lunch with members of Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ), where he shared stories from his years at Benedictine High School. Bishop Roger is always welcome and we hope he comes again soon!

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**The Academy Chorale Experiences Vocal Jazz Festival**

On Monday, February 18, members of The Academy Chorale attended the Tri-C Vocal Jazz Fest. They experienced an adjudicated vocal jazz event, which included many college and high school performances, judges giving critiques and masterclasses, as well as a variety of workshops.
The Academy Chorale at the Tri-C Vocal Jazz Fest

created the iconic "Boston Strong" t-shirt campaign that raised nearly $900,000 within two months for victims of the Boston Marathon attacks.

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The event featured the group Afro Blue, Howard University's premier vocal jazz ensemble. Adjudicators were Mr. Duane Davis and Ms. Connaitre Miller. The day also included a Spirit of the Groove workshop, soloist master class and a free public concert by Afro Blue. The students were inspired and hope to explore adding some more vocal jazz music into their repertoire.

"I really enjoyed the vocal jazz fest and watching all of the adjudications of the other groups. Usually, as a choir, we're on the other end, singing for the judges but I found it very interesting and helpful to be able to sit and watch the other choirs perform and receive comments. Many of the comments that other choirs received were ones that Vocal Music teacher Miss Kathleen Cooper will give to us at our own rehearsals, which showed us how important those dynamics and directions really are. I enjoyed how involved the people were, from the judges to the individual members of each choir. You could tell that everyone truly enjoyed what they were doing at the Jazz Fest. It made me want to return both as a competing choir and a spectator," shared Jane Wight ‘19.

Father-Daughter Mass and Mini-Retreat RSVPs Due Tomorrow, Friday, February 22!

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 tomorrow, Friday, February 22 to Mrs. Maureen Schlueter P’20 at lukenmo@sbcglobal.net. This is a free event and a spiritual wellness credit will be offered.

Athletics Spring Team Apparel Online Store

In partnership with the Paw Prints Store, Saint Joseph Academy is happy to offer an online store through DistrictWon (formerly OH Team Shop). The online-only store will provide spiritwear specifically for our spring sports teams: rugby, softball, track and field, crew and lacrosse. This special opportunity will be available for a limited-time only.

You can order through this limited-time only online shop beginning Thursday, February 21, 12:01 a.m.-Wednesday, March 6, 11:59 p.m. EST. Purchases can be made in three easy steps, listed below.

1. Go to the online store, sjaspringstore2019.itemorder.com/sale.
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart.
3. Securely checkout with your credit card.

All orders will be placed and paid for directly online. Orders will ship directly to your home the week of March 24, just in time for the start of the season.

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 and 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

Swimming Has Best District Showing; Maddy Kelly ’20 Heads to State Meet For Third Consecutive Year

The swim team had its best District performance in the Academy’s history on Saturday, February 16 at Bowling Green State University. The Jaguars finished in 12th place overall at the Ohio High School Athletic Association District meet, highlighted by Maddy Kelly ’20. The Junior will be heading to the State meet for the third consecutive year, as she finished second in both the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle to automatically advance to Canton. She broke her own record in the 100 backstroke.

Emma Claire Lambert-Shemo ’22 also scored points individually for the Jaguars as she broke her own school record in the breast stroke and finished in 16th place.

Two relays were on the podium in eighth place. The 400 free relay and 200 medley relay team of Gwen Pierce ’21, Maddy Kelly ’20, Maddie Jarosz ’21 and Emma Claire Lambert-Shemo ’22 had outstanding performances. Preliminaries of the State meet will be held on Friday, February 22 in Canton followed by the finals on Saturday, February 23.

Gymnast Sofie Buckley ’19 Advances to the District Tournament

The gymnastics team competed at the Sectional tournament held at West Geauga High School. 27 schools were represented with the Jaguars finishing 11th as a team. Sofie Buckley ’19 finished third on vault out of 98 competitors and in a tie for 11th out of 104 competitors on floor, qualifying her to the District meet in both of these events on Saturday, February 23. As a team, the Jaguars vastly improved their vaults, placing fifth as a team in this event. The top 16 individuals in each event will qualify to the State meet in Columbus.

Emily Kovacic ’19 Advances to OHSAA District Bowling Tournament

The bowling team competed in the OHSAA Division I Sectional Bowling tournament last weekend at Wickliffe Lanes. Although the Jaguars just missed qualifying for the OHSAA District Tournament as a team after coming in fourth place, Emily Kovacic ’19 will move on and compete individually. She led the way for the Jaguars at the sectional tournament where she rolled games of 186, 115 and 137, for a total of 428. Emily tied for eighth place out of 61.

The OHSAA Division I District Tournament Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 23 at Roseland Lanes beginning at 12 p.m. You can catch her bowling on lane 45!

Indoor Track & Field Performs Well at All-Star Meet

The indoor track & field team had a strong showing on Friday, February 15 at the Northeast Ohio Indoor Track Conference (NEOITC) All-Star Meet.

Emma Pesicka ’19 finished second in the weight throw and set a new indoor Academy record with her throw of 40-10. Third place finishes on the day came from Annie Allen ’20 (1600 meter run), Madison Wilson ’19 (weight throw) and Mia Crayton-Prioleau ’19 (long jump). Madison Wilson ’19 also finished fifth in the shot put.

The 4×800 relay team of Grace Kelley ’19, Colette Conway ’21 (pictured), Bridget Boland
Colette Conway ’21 and Julia Ambrosio ’21 finished fourth overall and each athlete set a new indoor personal record in the process.

Carlee Blankenship ’22 finished seventh in the 1600 meter run while Marie Musser ’20 set a personal record in the 3200 to finish tenth, along with a tenth place finish from Elly Hanna ’20 in the high jump.

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.