Parents: At-A-Glance

Monday, December 18
Christmas Concert
Auditorium, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19
Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Wednesday, December 20
Formal Uniform

Advent Prayer Service
Academy Center, 2-3 p.m.

Thursday, December 21
First Semester A & B Block Final Exams, 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Friday, December 22
First Semester C & D Block Final Exams, 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Summer Reading Recommendations Due Next Week!

Parents, the Nazareth Library is looking to generate a list of books exemplifying the quality Emerging Wisdom for our summer 2018 reading program. As defined in the Character of a Graduate statement, a student who exhibits Emerging Wisdom is "enlightened by intellectual curiosity, discernment, and openness, she thinks critically, reflects regularly, broadens her perspectives, and embraces the challenges of new ideas."

If you know of a book that reflects this statement, please email your suggestion and rationale to Instructional Librarian Mrs. Meagan Fowler. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, December 20. Thank you in advance for your help!

Creating the Holiday Spirit for Families of Seriously Ill Children

Each year, United Airlines hosts a Fantasy Flight to the "North Pole" for seriously ill children and their families.
Thursday, December 28: No School/Office Open

7th and 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Clinic, Academy Center, 5-7:30 p.m. Cost is $50. Register here.

Friday, December 29
No School/Office Open

Student Spotlight

Name: Anna Marsick ’20

Accomplishments: Anna Marsick ’20 spent part of the summer on the water with intensive physical training. The United States Junior National Rowing Team invited Anna, along with only 13 other elite rowers from across the country, to an exclusive camp held annually in Virginia. "Thanks to the persistent and good coaching by the coaches at the Academy, I felt very prepared for the week I spent rowing in Virginia," voiced Anna.

Working with professional U.S. Olympic coaches, Anna learned different rowing skills and saw first-hand what it's like to be a professional athlete with rigorous training. "This experience reinforced how much I love this sport and how rowing can teach me discipline not only as a rower but also as a person: from University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. This is United's largest community service project annually. This year, 14 students from the Academy were selected, thanks to Ms. Janie DeVito P'20, to help create this winter wonderland for families of hospitalized children, greeting the children at the departure gate, singing carols, distributing gifts and creating crafts. Click here to read more about this heartwarming event.

Model UN Students Gain Real-Life Experiences

Last week, 25 Model United Nations (UN) Club members attended the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Winter Conference at Lorain County Community College.

Lizzie Lewandowski '18 and Claudia Stephens '18 both were awarded the Gavel Award, which is the highest award given, presented to individuals based on their overall performance at the conference. 25 students participated as delegates and Aoife McGowan '20 chaired the World Health Organization committee. Click here to read more about students' experience.

The Academy Chorale Sings at Cleveland Cavaliers Game

Last weekend, The Academy Chorale had the honor to sing the National Anthem at the Cleveland Cavaliers game against the Philadelphia 76ers - bravo, ladies! A special thank you to Performing Arts Vocal Music Department Chair Miss Kathleen Cooper for leading The Academy Chorale to sing at this event! Click here to see more photos.

Purchase Last Minute Christmas Gifts from the Paw Prints Store!

There's still time to complete your Christmas shopping at the Paw Prints...
Christmas mugs, available in the Paw Prints Store

**College Corner**

**School:** University of Cincinnati

**Location:** Cincinnati, OH (4 hours from Cleveland) Urban

**Enrollment:** 22,000 undergraduates

**Strongest Programs:**
- Engineering
- Business
- Health Sciences
- Politics
- Law and Social Justice

**Fun Facts:**
- A brick from McMicken Hall at UC lies in the foundation of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, which was engineered and built by Joseph Strauss, a UC Engineering alumnus.

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**One Day Sale**

Stop in on Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for our One Day Sale! Receive a special discount of 25% off your total purchase.*

**Hoodies for the Homeless Coupons**

Coupons received for donations to Hoodies for the Homeless collection can be redeemed December 18-22. There are many extra hours that week for your shopping convenience including the evening of the Christmas Concert on Monday, December 18, 6-8 p.m.

**Special Holiday Hours**

Please note that the Paw Prints Store will be closed from December 23-January 2. On January 4-5, the store will have limited hours of 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 9.

* some exclusions may apply

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**College Credit Plus Informational Meeting**

Through a program called College Credit Plus (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).

Students interested in learning more about CCP should visit their website by clicking here. After review of the program and its policies, please attend Saint Joseph Academy’s College Credit Plus Information Night on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Questions? Please contact College Counselor Ms. Maria Mueller.

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**Students Gain More than Just Broadway Dance Experience**

Ally Sheehan '18, Audrey Kunath '18 and Aaleah Krone '19 were selected to attend a workshop at Playhouse Square with cast members from the national tour of "On Your Feet!" They participated with other students from schools also involved in this year's Dazzle Awards. At this workshop, students learned a dance combination from the show, "On Your Feet!"

"Before we started

L-R: Masterclass instructor Jeremy Adam Rey, Audrey

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Kunath ‘18, Masterclass instructor Maria Rodriguez, Ally Sheehan ‘18 and Aaleah Krone ‘19

After we danced, we learned about the context of the scene and the different emotions we should evoke. It was great advice and building a character helped take some of the pressure off of dancing in front of professionals. At the end of the workshop, we were able to ask any questions about the show or touring. Both cast members emphasized the ability to handle rejection. This is common advice in theater, but it applies to any field. If rejection scares you or discourages you from trying, success will be very difficult. Rejection is certainly not easy, but I will keep in mind that it is not fatal either,” stated Audrey Kunath ‘18.

Sports Highlights

Basketball Tops Massillon Tigers 54-36
Saint Joseph Academy improved to 2-2 on the season with a 54-36 over Massillon Washington High School on Saturday, December 9 at the Academy. The Jaguars were led by Molly Neitzel ‘19 who had 18 points and Molly Dever ‘18 who had 13. The Jaguars will be in action tonight, Friday, December 15 as they travel to Akron to play Archbishop Hoban High School and Saturday, December 16 at Strongsville High School.

Jaguar Gymnastics Makes Debut

Sofie Buckley ‘19 and Emma Weiss ‘19 made their high school gymnastics debut competing as individuals for Saint Joseph Academy at Magnificat High School. The meet also consisted of gymnasts from Avon Lake, Fairview, Lakewood, Magnificat and Rocky River High Schools. Sofie Buckley ‘19 finished third in the all-around and her high scores of the day came on bars and floor with an 8.5 and 8.45. Emma Weiss’ top placement of the day was a sixth place finish on bars. Great job, ladies on your accomplishments and congratulations on representing the Jaguars at your first meet! The gymnastics team will have their second meet on Thursday, December 21 in Medina.

Maddy Kelly ‘20 Finishes Strong at Viking Invitational

Maddy Kelly ‘20 led the Jaguars at the Viking Invitational held on Saturday, December 9 at Cleveland State University. Maddy Kelly won the 100 backstroke event in a time of 57.33 while she also finished second in the final of the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.21. The swimming and diving team's next meet is the High School Winter Championship at the Spire Institute (Geneva, OH) on Saturday, December 16.

Bowling Tops Olmsted Falls

The bowling team defeated Olmsted Falls in a close match on Saturday, December 9 by a score of 1951-1920. The Jaguars were led by Angela Weiland ‘18 who rolled games of 155, 214 and 142 in the win. Kathryn Rajnicek ‘18 also rolled a 155 in her second game to help the Jaguars to victory. The first-year team now sits in fourth place in the conference standings. The Jaguars’ next match will be on Saturday, December 16 when they take on Garfield Heights.

To view photos, check out scores or to see the schedules for upcoming games and important meetings, click here.

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