### Parents: At-a-Glance

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| **Tuesday, January 14** | Mandatory Class of 2020 Meeting  
Academy Center, 10:42-11:12 a.m. |
| **Wednesday, January 15** | Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.  
Basketball CYO Night  
Begins at 5:30 p.m., Academy Center |
| **STArts Meeting** | Dining Hall, 6-8 p.m. |
| **Thursday, January 16** | ECOS Bake Sale  
Arcade, 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Mandatory Senior Parent/Guardian Meeting  
Auditorium, 7 p.m. |
| **Friday, January 17** | Sursum Libros Quarter Two Celebration  
Media Center, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. |

### Upcoming Events

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| **Wednesday, January 22** | College Credit Plus Meeting  
Dining Hall, 7 p.m. |
| **Friday, January 24** | Joe’s Clothes Day  
Winter Sports Pep Rally  
Academy Center, 2:30 p.m. |
Two-Hour Delay Protocol

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Faculty and Staff,

As we enter the winter months, Saint Joseph Academy needs to communicate with you on the important issue of the two-hour delay protocol. The primary purpose of a two-hour delay is to avoid rush hour traffic and allow roads to be cleared. It may also be used to wait until there is more precision in the weather forecast before making a decision whether or not to close the school. Therefore, depending on how the weather conditions develop and/or forecasts deem as such, a two-hour delay may later be changed to a school cancellation decision.

Below is the procedure for Saint Joseph Academy's two-hour delay protocol.

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18 Awards Given to Students Honored by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

15 Art students were recognized by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which celebrate student work demonstrating technical skill, personal voice or vision and originality. Below is the list of students recognized for their work, who received 18 awards in total. The 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Exhibit - Cuyahoga County Region is on display now through Saturday, February 1 at Cleveland Institute of Art's Reinberger Gallery. Congratulations, ladies, on a job well done!

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Important Information for Senior Parents/Guardians

We will host a mandatory Senior parent meeting on Thursday, January 16, 7 p.m. At least one parent/guardian should attend this informational meeting regarding Senior events and expectations from the start of second semester through Commencement. Wine and cheese will be provided.

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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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Parent/Guardian Volunteers Needed!

Parent/guardian volunteers are needed for school events this spring. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, Catholic Schools Week, "Celebrate the Academy" gala, Father-Daughter dance, graduation and the year-end picnic. For more information or to volunteer, please click the link below.

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Join Us for An All-Star Evening Honoring President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71

This year's "Celebrate the Academy" gala on Saturday, February 22, recognizes the achievements of our very own President Mrs. Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71. As the first President of...
Saint Joseph Academy, Mrs. Corrigan-Davis has transformed Saint Joseph Academy into a more inclusive and impactful educational institution. Her endeavors are embedded in acclaimed initiatives, dynamic curriculum and a deepening of the charism of the Congregation of St. Joseph. We are truly grateful for her ability to “hit one out of the park” during her 14 years serving as President!

Click here to purchase tickets and sponsorship for the event.

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**Importance of School Choice**

School choice continues to be in the news, and we continue to be in the conversation as advocates. Thanks to all those who helped with letter writing campaign to our lawmakers. Saint Joseph Academy is keeping an ear to the ground while the legislature examines the EdChoice scholarship program, which some lawmakers have expressed a willingness to explore recently. The excellence of the Academy is strong evidence in favor of empowering those without means to have a choice in their daughter's education.

We continue to see push back by some regarding the scholarship programs, including a recent opposition talking point suggests that local tax levy dollars are being directed to private schools. A brief but understandable explanation is available in this article.

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**Spotlight: McKenna Hoefsmit ’21**

**Accomplishments:** McKenna Hoefsmit ’21 recently danced in the Beck Center for the Arts' winter dance production of *Joy, Peace, Love and Dance*, performing with students with special needs. "I have been dancing for 11 years. Joy, Peace, Love and Dance show was a mixture of various dance styles from group ballet dances to contemporary solos to tap. Each dance fell under the theme of either joy, love or peace. One of the best parts of performing in shows at the Beck Center for the Arts is lending our talents to those who may not be able to come to one of our typical shows. The performance for children with special needs caters to this audience by having gentle stage lighting, softer music and an overall quieter vibe. It provides me the chance to use my God-given gifts to bring joy to others. I am grateful to the Beck Center for giving this volunteer opportunity," shared McKenna.

**Activities & Interests:** McKenna is a member of the Health Sciences Honors Program, Model United Nations, the dance team and performed in the spring 2019 musical
production of Newsies. Outside of the Academy, she participates in summer musicals at Near West Theatre.

**Athletics**

**Varsity Bowling Jaguars Tops Cleveland Central Catholic; Moves to 8-0**

The bowling team picked up its eighth straight league win in a 1916-781 win over Cleveland Central Catholic on Saturday, January 4.

Leading the way for the Jaguars was Nora McCarthy ’21 bowling games of 172 and 160 for a 334 total. Also chipping in was Marie Zingalis ’20 who rolled a 278 series.

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**Basketball CYO Night: Wednesday, January 15**

The Saint Joseph Academy basketball program will host its annual CYO night on Wednesday, January 15. The Junior Varsity and Varsity teams will take on Bellevue High School at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

Admission for girls who wear their CYO jerseys is free. Parents/guardians and coaches who come with their team each pay $3.

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**Swimming Drops Meet at Gilmour Academy**

The swimming team dropped their dual meet at Gilmour Academy on Tuesday, January 7 by a score of 130-61.

Maddy Kelly ’20 won the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

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**Basketball Jaguars Fall to Cornerstone Christian Academy**
Saint Joseph Academy fell to state-ranked Cornerstone Christian Academy on Wednesday, January 8 by a final score of 74-40.

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

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