



Parent Pride

A monthly newsletter for parents and guardians of Joliet Catholic Academy students.

2016-2017 Parent Association

The primary objective of this association, a service organization, is to build a community of spirit and involvement and to promote communication between parents/guardians of JCA students and the JCA administration. But most importantly, to assist the school in fundraising, social events, and activities.

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Dear JCA Families,

The first semester has flown by quickly, with only three weeks left until Christmas Break. This fall was highlighted by the dedication of our beautiful new Heritage Quad; complete with donor walls honoring our school's history, statues representing our two founding orders (our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Francis of Assisi), and the return of the Victory Light to campus.

Speaking of the Victory Light, it shined brightly several times this fall due to our students and alumni. In mid-October, over 350 alumni returned to campus for the annual Hilltopper and Angels Alumni Banquet. The Victory Light was lit up Cubbie blue in honor of the guest speaker, Chicago Cubs announcer Len Kasper, as the crowd was regaled with stories on the Cubs' historic World Series run. A great time was had by all. A huge thank you goes out to JCA Director of Alumni Relations Mrs. Sue Bebar, the Alumni Association (headed by President Jeff Phelan), and the entire JCA community of alumni and parent volunteers who pitched in to once again show the strength of the tradition at our great school.

Not long after the Cubs made history, two JCA seniors, Maddie Bauer and McCoy Hutchison, made a little history of their own, as the doubles partners helped JCA tennis capture its first State Championship Tennis trophy in late October. The strong performances by the "M&M" girls, who finished off a perfect 33-0 season with the Class 1A Championship, helped lead the Angels team to a state runner-up finish in Class 1A. A strong showing by freshman Mia Bertino, who finished tied for eighth in singles, solidified a historic year for the Angels.

The great thing about our Victory Light, and our strong tradition, is that it permeates throughout our school and community in all different areas. Besides celebrating our alumni and athletic performances, it also shines brightly during monumental victories for our students participating in other extra-curricular activities. The historical "firsts" this fall were recently capped off by JCA Drama productions (under the guidance of Drama Director Ms. Jenn Szyal) qualifying for the prestigious Illinois Theatre Fest with their fall production of "The Importance of Being Earnest". Illinois Theatre Fest is the largest and oldest non-competitive high school theatre festival in the world, and only a select number of high schools are chosen to perform at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from January 5th-7th.

It truly is a great time to be part of the Hilltopper and Angel family. I wish you all a happy and blessed upcoming Christmas season.

Go Angels! Go Hilltoppers! Onward JCA!

Ryan Quigley '03
JCA Director of Admissions and Communications
815.741.0500, ext. 214

NAHS

National Art Honor Society did a Spirit Day fundraiser in November, raising almost \$1,100. NAHS students will split the donation between two service projects. The first one will be completed this winter. Members are currently working on making fleece tie blankets to donate to the Daybreak Shelter before Christmas. Last year, we were able to donate 40 fleece tie blankets to the shelter. This year, we are hoping for the same. The other half of the donated money will be used in Spring to make Easter Baskets for children and care bags for the adults at Daybreak.

Pops and Lollies Photos

POPS AND LOLLIES Photos
Don't forget to check the VIP website to purchase portraits and candid photos from Pops and Lollies.

To view the photos, go to www.vipis.com and type in Joliet Catholic Academy. Next click on: Student Activities and Game Coverage. Type: JCAPhoto. Then, click on the current school year and open the folder for After School Events. View photos and order prints and/or a digital download.

Placement Exam for Incoming Freshmen

Joliet Catholic Academy's Placement Exam will take place on Saturday, January 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. A pre-exam workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 11 from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Please encourage all eighth graders you know to take this very important exam and become part of the JCA family!

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 815.741.0500 or admissions@jca-online.org.

Phase II Capital Campaign "Building Our Future"

As JCA continues the second phase of our Capital Campaign "Building our Future" we would like to invite our parents to see exactly what we are planning. JCA will host four informational sessions for parents in order to better inform and engage you concerning the campaign.

Our vision is not complete. The second Phase of this Capital Initiative includes:

- Continuing installation of upgraded Wi-Fi to support our 1:1 Technology program.
- Windows for the back of the building.
- Air conditioning in all classrooms to provide our students with an optimal learning environment.
- Updates to the prayer garden for peaceful outdoor reflection.
- New lighting along Victory Road and Tradition Way.

These goals were set from the ideas of our focus groups consisting of parents, alumni, students and friends of JCA. We are set on raising \$1.532 million dollars to complete this initiative, thus giving our students a better JCA.

To date, we have raised over \$800k towards are goal, and we are happy to announce we have ordered the new back windows to be installed this spring.

If you would like additional information regarding "Building Our Future", please familiarize yourself with our webpage via the link below.

<http://www.jca-online.org/phase-ii-capital-campaign/>

If you are interested in getting involved with Phase II, please contact JCA Director of Development John Horn at:

jhorn@jca-online.org or
815.741.0500, ext. 27 6

Semester Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 20

Period A (1) Classes
7:50 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
Period B (2) Classes
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Period C (3) Classes
10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
Announcements
11:10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21

Period D/E (4/5) Classes
7:50 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
Period F (6) Classes
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Announcements
10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.
Make-Up Exams
10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Thursday, December 22

Period G (7) Classes
7:50 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
Announcements
8:50 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.
Period H (8) Classes
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Make-Up Exams
10:05 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Friday, December 23

Make-Up Exams
7:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

JCA Christmas Concert

When: Wednesday, December 7, 2016
7 p.m.

Where: JCA Student Activity Center
The entire JCA music department will perform: handbells, choir, band, and more. Tickets are free for all attending.

Spring Musical Casting Call

See page 9 for ensemble role auditions for junior high students, as well as Spring Musical production dates.

Nurses Corner

Cold and flu season is upon us. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO HAVE YOUR STUDENT VACCINATED FOR THE FLU.

Traveling and International Students:
Students that travel more than 2 weeks to or are from high risk regions, as indicated by the CDC, are required to have an Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) before returning to school and every year before the start of the new school year. Either the QuantiFERON®- Gold In-Tube test (QFT-GIT) or the T-SPOT® that have been completed in the United States will be accepted. The current areas of high risk are: Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Russia.

ALL STUDENTS

All medications, including prescription, over the counter, or homeopathic, are to be kept in the Health Office with a Medication Authorization form. Medications are to be dispensed through the Health Office, EXCEPT those emergent medications, such as rescue inhalers, insulins, hypoglycemic agents and epinephrine injections. Emergent medication that the student will carry will also require Medication Authorization forms to be on file. The Medication Authorization form can be found online.

Please contact the Health Office at 815-741-0500 ext 275 with any questions.

Student Council News

The freshman class is off to a great start at JCA. Currently there are 34 members in Freshman Student Council. They also had elections for student council officers this fall. The eight students who ran for office wrote speeches and presented them to the freshman class during a special assembly. The following students were elected into office by their classmates.

President - Claire Dow (Cathedral of St. Raymond's)

Vice President - Jake Bumstead (St. Mary Immaculate)

Secretary - Max Toborg (St. Paul the Apostle)

Treasurer - Holly Brascia (St. Mary Immaculate)

The freshman class also had Freshman Night on Friday, November 4th. Nearly 100 students attended and they enjoyed Improv Night in the small gym, had pizza and played games and dance.

Parent Pride Submissions

Want to post to the JCA Parent Pride? Submissions are due the 20th of each month for the subsequent edition. Please e-mail JCA Director of Admissions and Communications Ryan Quigley at rquigley@jca-online.org with submissions.

ACT Prep Course

Prepare for the April 2017 ACT. See page 5 of the newsletter for more details.



JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S 32ND ANNUAL JUBILATE

COWBOYS

and

CO Angels



SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

ACT PREPARATION COURSE
For
April 2017 ACT Test

Joliet Catholic Academy is offering an eight week course for students wishing to formally prepare for the April 2017 ACT Test.

Location/Time: JCA
Saturdays 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sessions: Eight Saturday Classes

Fees: \$200 – handouts, professional instruction and manual

Enrollment: 25 students/class

Registration: First come, first served! Please include form below and check payable to JCA. *No refunds after December 16.*

Return to: JCA, Mrs. Tina Osburn (Rm. 118)

Days/Dates: January 21 – Math/Sci February 25 – Math/Sci
 January 28 – English March 11 – English
 February 4 – Math/Sci March 18 – Math/Sci
 February 11 – English March 25 – English

April 8, 2017 – ACT Test @ JCA
ACT Registration Deadline: 3/3/17
ACT Late Registration Deadline: 3/17/17

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Registration for ACT Prep Course – 2017
Registration deadline: December 16, 2016

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Homeroom _____

Current English Teacher: _____ Current Math Teacher: _____

(Return registration with fee in an envelope to Mrs. Osburn)

Joliet Catholic Academy Lunch Menu December 5th-9th



Drinks

- Milk Chug \$2.00
- Juice \$2.00
- Bottled Water \$1.00
- Canned Soda \$1.00
- Bottled Soda \$2.00
- Propel Flavored Waters \$2.00
- Gatorade, Calypso or Arizona Teas/ Aloe Drinks \$2.50

Daily Grab-N-Go

\$2.50 - \$3.00

- Mon- (5) Mozzarella Sticks
- Tues-(6) Onion Rings
- Wed-(2) Fried Tenders
- Thurs-(5) Chicken Nugget
- Fri-(2) Cheese Bosco Sticks

Menu Subject To Change

 <p>HEARTH</p> <p>\$3.75</p> <p>Daily Specials</p>	<p><u>Monday:</u> Fiesta Beef Lasagna W/ Garlic Bread or Buffalo Chicken Panini</p> <p><u>Tuesday:</u> Chicken Mostaccoli W/ Seasonal Vegetables or A&H Double Cheese Burger</p> <p><u>Wednesday:</u> WING BAR or BLT Club Sandwich</p> <p><u>Thursday :</u> Pork Enchiladas W/ Rice or Bruschetta Chicken Sandwich</p> <p><u>Friday:</u> Soft Shell Chicken Tacos or Fried Fish Sandwich</p>
 <p>GRILL</p>	<p><u>Burger Bar</u></p> <p>Freshly Grilled 1/4lb. Burger or Grilled/ Fried Chicken Breast Sautéed Onions, Fried Egg, Bacon, Jalapeno American, Swiss, Pepper Jack, Provolone on Soft Brioche Bun \$3.75</p> <p>Chef Thomas's Daily <u>IN HOUSE SPECIAL</u> \$3.75 Daily Special</p>
	<p><u>Welcome to Our ALWAYS FRESH Deli</u></p> <p>Choose From:</p> <p>Made to Order Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$3.75</p> <p>Daily Soup Prepared By Chef Thomas \$1.50</p> <p>Hand Crafted by Daina</p> <p>Special Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$3.75 Daily Special</p>
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Food Service
Director

Shannon Lauridsen

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jca@questfms.com

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	<p><u>Choose From a Variety of Snacks, Candy Home Made Desserts Daily</u> \$1.00 - \$3.00 Freshly Baked Large Chocolate Chip Cookie & Stacked Cookies, Large Fruit Cup, Assorted Parfaits, Pretzels W/ Peanut Butter, Cheese & Crackers, Made In House Rice Crispy Treats, Brownies, Cakes, Cinnamon Roll and MORE</p>
	<p>Stop by our <u>NEW STATION</u> located in the Cafeteria!</p> <p>Choose From a daily <i>Hot Sandwich</i> or <i>Gourmet Salad</i> Variety of Grab-N-Go items & made from scratch desserts</p> <p><i>Come see what's new</i></p>
<p><i>Café Cart</i> 2:30pm-3:30pm <i>Daily</i></p>	<p><u>Café Cart is located in the Student Activity Center daily</u></p> <p>Choose from a selection of snacks, chips, drinks, Grab-N-Go items, candy & MORE! \$1.00 - \$3.00</p>



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JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

CASTING CALL



GRADES 4TH - 8TH

This is for ensemble roles only

December 17 at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Joliet Catholic Academy
1200 N. Larkin Ave Joliet, Illinois 60435
Room 136

The production does have a \$50 and rehearses between January 9 and March 11. Performances will be March 14 at 10 a.m, March 16, 17, and 18 at 7 p.m, and March 17 and 18 at 2 p.m. Please contact Ms. Szynal at jszynal@jca-online.org if you have questions or would like to sign up.