



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 Parent /Guardian,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to another school year! We welcome the Class of 2020 and we celebrate our past seniors, the Class of 2016. It seems like our summers fly by faster and faster each year, but I hope that you have had time to enjoy life with your families and get that much needed rest before we begin.

This year we further our technological advancements by rolling out our 1:1 laptop initiative with our freshmen and sophomores. Our standard technology goal is for our students to graduate with knowledge to be able to manage all computer platforms and they will get a strong start as we launch our Google Apps for Education initiative. Our teachers have been training for the past two years and their professional development will continue as we work together for the technological progress of our students. We have hired a new Technology Director, Mr. Brian Jones, along with a new Infrastructure Specialist, Mr. Jim O'Brien. We have also created two part-time Technology Integration Specialist positions, Mrs. Deb Witmer and Mrs. Barb Powers, to help teachers and students throughout the year along with a Help Desk Manager, Mrs. Mary Ellen Reato, who will directly work with the laptop initiative and deal with any low maintenance student technology issues. This was all done in the spirit of making sure that all of our students have the most opportunities to succeed in the field of technology.

As the 2016-2017 school year begins, we continue with year four of our 2013-2018 Strategic Plan...Honoring our Past...Building our Future, along with curriculum upgrades, building renovations, and our continued focus on a Catholic-centered education for all of our students featuring the traditions of our founders, the Joliet Franciscans and Carmelites. We are in constant evaluation of the entire program at JCA and hope that you have a wonderful experience at our school. As always, we want to hear from you. You are always invited to any of our events and are encouraged to get involved as much as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Our prayers are with you and your family for a successful 2016-2017 school year. As part of the JCA family, we cherish our time together and hope that we can celebrate all that is JCA for another year.

Blessings always,

Dr. Jeffrey Budz
President / Principal

Nurses Corner

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.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

In accordance with the State of Illinois, all 12th graders are required to have Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine. 2 dose of Meningococcal vaccine are required, with the first dose on or after the 10th birthday and the second dose at least 8 weeks after the 1st dose. Only one dose is required if the 1st dose was received at 16 years of age or older. Vaccine documentation that has a dated signature from the vaccine provider may be faxed directly to the Health office at 815-741-3015 or mailed to the school with attention to Health Office.

ATTENTION ALL FRESHMAN

Incoming freshman are required to have a complete State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination. Please note there is a parent section on page two that is required to be completed, signed and dated by the parent/guardian. Freshman do not need a sports physical as they are required to have the complete State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination.

International travel information for all students: Students that travel more than 2 weeks to or are from high risk regions, as indicated by the CDC, an annual Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) is required to be completed within 30 days prior to the start of each school year. Either the QuantiFERON®- Gold InTube test (QFT-GIT) or the T-SPOT® will be accepted. The current areas of high risk are: Latin

America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Russia.

Please contact the Health Office for any questions or concerns regarding your student's health needs at: 815.741.0500, ext. 275

JCA Summer Hours

The main office and administrative offices will remain open during the summer months.

May 31st through August 16th

Monday-Thursday
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fall Sports Tryout Information

Detailed information on fall sport tryouts can be found on pages 6 and 7 of the newsletter.

Student Parking Tags

Student parking hangtags will be sold and student drivers will register on Tuesday, August 9. Seniors will register from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. and underclassmen from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the lobby of the Student Activity Center. There will be a third sale from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office. The parking hangtag fee is \$200. (cash or check only). All student drivers must show a current, valid driver's license or a photocopy of the license.

Parents who are registering for students must have the student's current, valid driver's license or a photocopy of the license. You must know the year and make of your car and the license plate number. Students may register for only one other student, but only if they have a photocopy of that student's driver's license. A senior may not register for an underclassman.

Fall Spirit Raffle Information

Detailed information on the fall JCA Spirit Raffle can be found on page 4 of the newsletter.

Vice Principal's Office

Schedules and Booklists

Book lists and supplemental items information will be e-mailed to sophomores, juniors, and seniors along with their schedule in July. Incoming freshmen will receive information on books and supplemental items through the mail along with their course placement in July. A detailed booklist including ISBN numbers and supplemental items information is now available on the JCA website, www.jca-online.org, under the "Parents" tab.

Student Profiles

New for the 2016-2017 school year; student profiles will be available to be filled out online. It is important to note that students will not be able to attend the first day of school if the form is not filled out by **August 12, 2016**. The old version of the student profile was strictly a paper copy. The Parent-Student Handbook, which must be read and acknowledge when filling out the student profile, will now also be available exclusively online.

Carpool Interest Form

The Carpool Interest Form can be found on page 5 of the Parent Pride.

GP Homestay

Interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? Detailed information and a letter from Mr. Pender can be found on pages 8 and 9 of the newsletter.

JCA Drama Preparation Camps

If your student will be participating in JCA Performing Arts next year, there are two mandatory preparation camps just for them. The JCA Band Camp will be held **August 8th-August 11th** from 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Students will receive their music and materials for the Fall Semester. We will also begin rehearsing. The Drama Club Camp will be held **August 1st-4th** from 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. We will be going over the school year's activities, productions, and how to prepare for it all.

Parent Volunteer Forms

Reminding everyone to please turn in your completed Parent Volunteer Forms no later than **August 19, 2016** to have a chance for a \$200 tuition voucher.

Please return form to the front office or mail to Chris Voss at JCA.

JCA needs you to be involved at your child's school! Thank you!!

Post to JCA's Parent Pride

Want to post to the Parent Newsletter? E-mail JCA Director of Admissions and Communications Ryan Quigley at: rquigley@jca-online.org

Submissions for the upcoming month must be submitted by the 20th of the preceding month. (ie July 20th for the August Newsletter).

Stay Connected

Don't miss the latest news about JCA, Angels and Hilltoppers, events, and more; visit our website or download the Joliet Catholic Academy app, available on iTunes and Google Play. Stay connected through social media. "Like" Joliet Catholic Academy on Facebook, "Follow" @JCAOnline on Twitter, and check out Joliet Catholic on Instagram.

Jubilate 2017

See page 13 for information on Jubilate 2017: "Cowboys & Angels".

Asbestos Notification

Parents, teachers, employee organizations, and other relevant groups: Please be advised that the Asbestos Management Plan for JCA, as required by law, is available for inspection during normal business hours by representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois, and the public – including teachers, other school personnel, representatives, and parents at 1200 N. Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60435 within five working days after receipt of a written request for inspection. The school may charge the reasonable cost of making any copies requested.

Online Athletic Forms

New for the 2016-2017 school year, the Joliet Catholic Academy Athletic Department will now be offering the JCA Athletic Participation, Insurance, Steroid, and Concussion Forms strictly in an online format. Students participating in a fall, winter, or spring sport will be unable to participate until the online form has been submitted.

The online form can be found under the Athletics Tab of the JCA Website and in the news headlines.

Questions or concerns? Please contact JCA Athletic Secretary Debbie Dispenza at ddispenza@jca-online.org or (815) 741-0500, ext. 270

Back To School Dates

You can access the online and printable calendar at the top of the website under the "Calendar" tab or at

www.jca-online.org/events

Back-to-School Night for Parents

Thursday, September 1
JCA Student Activity Center
7:00 p.m.

Did you ever wonder what your teen goes through each day as a high school student? Want to meet your student's teachers and find out about course requirements and expectations? Attend JCA's Back-to-School Night and you'll find all of your answers! You'll walk through your student's daily schedule, chat with teachers and fellow parents, and enjoy refreshments. Parents begin the evening in the Student Activity Center between 6:30 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. where they can pick up their student's schedule and a school map. First period will begin at 7:00 p.m. and classes will end around 8:45 p.m. Questions regarding Back-to-School Night should be directed to the Vice Principal's Office at 815.741.0500.

Spirit Shop Uniform, Workbook and Supply Sale

The Uniform/Workbook/Supply Sale is scheduled for August 4th-10th in the Spirit Shop. The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 4, 5, 9 and 10 and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 8. Required uniform polos, gym shirts, and supplemental items are only available at JCA and must be purchased from the Spirit Shop. The Spirit Shop will be closed August 11th-16th and will reopen on Wednesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:15 a.m.

Mandatory Freshman Mass and BBQ

Student Activity Center – enter doors facing Ingalls Ave.
August 14 - 5:00 pm Mass
Mass is followed by important informational meeting and then a BBQ

Tip: If not done already, prepare your locker after the BBQ; ask student ambassadors for assistance and walk your schedule.



**IMPORTANT INFO:
JCA SPIRIT
RAFFLE
IS COMING TO
ALL HOMEROOMS
Wednesday,
August 31, 2016**

All JCA students are asked to participate in the Spirit Raffle by selling the following quotas:
- *\$450 for families with one student*
- *\$650 for families with more than one student*

IMPORTANT DATES

8/31/16 (Wednesday) – Distributed in homeroom
9/21/16 (Wednesday) – First raffle turn-in
10/3/16 (Monday) – Final raffle turn-in
10/5/16 (Wednesday) – Drawing for cash prizes
Five (5) weeks to sell family quota or above!

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- Any unsold ticket amounts will be added to the student's tuition
- Tickets are \$5.00 each
- Cash Prizes: \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, (2) \$500

STUDENT INCENTIVES

Free day, spirit wear, cash rewards, etc.

CONTACT

Mrs. Chris Voss, Director of Special Events
815-741-0500, extension 283

CARPOOL INTEREST FORM

Are you interested in participating in a carpool next year?

Are you already in a carpool, but do you have space for an extra student in your car?

Is one of your carpoolers graduating?

Do you have a freshman starting at JCA in the Fall of 2016 and you are researching transportation options?

Are you simply unsure about transportation but would like to find out more?

If you answered "YES!" to any of these questions, you should fill out this form.

As a private school, JCA has students coming from Joliet and over 25 surrounding communities. As you know, with work, other children at different schools, and extracurricular activities, transportation can often be a big headache. Who knows, there may be a JCA family right down the street from you looking for help with transportation.

We highly encourage you to participate in this program...you can provide a great service to a family in need!

Fill out this questionnaire and from it we will publish a carpool list which will be distributed during the summer to all families completing the form. In order to accommodate you better, please complete this form by **July 10, 2016**. Please feel free to contact the Admissions Office admissions@jca-online.org or (815) 741-0500 ext. 274 with any questions.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____ Grade in 2016-2017: FR SO JR SR

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Student Name: _____ Grade in 2016-2017: FR SO JR SR

Address: _____ Subdivision: _____

City: _____

II. CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian who should be contacted to discuss carpooling for the above student(s): _____

Relationship of this person to the above student(s): _____

At what number should this person be contacted to discuss carpooling? _____

This number is a: ___ work # ___ home # ___ other _____

What time of the day can this person best be reached? _____

III. AVAILABILITY:

Who will be doing the driving in your family for this carpool? ___ student ___ parent ___ other _____

We can participate in a carpool in the following way(s):

___ We can drive to school in the morning. ___ We can pick up from school at the end of the day.

___ We cannot drive at all in the carpool. ___ We are willing to compensate for gas if we don't drive.

*****I agree that JCA can publish this information in a master carpool list to be distributed to all families interested in carpooling.*****

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to the Admissions Office by July 10, 2016. Thank you!

Joliet Catholic Academy
First Practices/Tryouts for Fall Sports
2016

Any Angel or Hillmen wishing to go out for Girls and Boys Fall Sports needs to turn in their completed Physical along with the Participation/Steroid form and the Concussion form either prior to or on the first day of tryouts. Athletes WILL NOT be able to participate until all of those forms are completed and turned in. A new physical is required if it has been 13 months since your last physical was done. All of these forms can be downloaded from our Athletic website 8 to 18 under Resources. Incoming Freshmen DO NOT need to turn in a sports physical as the physical that is required of them before the start of school is sufficient. All the forms may be turned in to either the Coach of each respective sport, the main office (Attn: Athletics/Debbie Dispenza), mailed (1200 N. Larkin Ave., Joliet 60435 –Attn: Athletics/Debbie Dispenza), faxed: (815) 741-3830 or emailed: ddispenza@jca-online.org.

Football

Monday, August 8th

Freshmen 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Sophomores 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Varsity 3:00 -6:00 p.m.

JCA football practice fields

Boys' Golf

Wednesday, August 10th and Thursday, August 11th at 12:00 p.m. at Wedgewood Golf Course

There will be a \$13.00 greens fee each day for tryouts. Athletes may not try out without this! (Greens fees will be paid for by the school for practices and meets after tryouts for those who make the team.)

Girls' Golf

Wednesday and Thursday, August 10th and August 11th at 12:00 p.m. at Woodruff Golf Course

There will be a \$13.00 greens fee each day for tryouts. Athletes may not try out without this! (Greens fees will be paid for by the school for practices and meets after tryouts for those who make the team.)

Boys' Soccer

Wednesday, August 10th, Thursday, August 11th, and Friday, August 12th from 7:00-9:00 a.m. and again from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Athletes must attend both sessions each day. Saturday, August 13th from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Monday, August 15th until end of the season practice from 3:00-5:00 p.m. All practices are held at JCA soccer field.

Boys' and Girls' Cross Country

Wednesday, August 10th at 3:00 p.m. at JCA in front of Heritage Quad.

Girls' Volleyball

Wednesday, August 10^h in the main gym

Varsity: 7:00 am -9:30 am / Practice: 5:30 pm-8:00pm

Sophomores: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Freshmen: 1:00 pm -3:30 pm

Girls' Tennis

Wednesday, August 10th at 9:00 a.m. at JCA tennis courts for both varsity and junior varsity. Bring tennis racquet and tennis shoes.

All questions can be emailed to Debbie Dispenza in the AD Office at ddispenza@jca-online.org.

Dear JCA Families,

Our school is partnered with The Cambridge Network to bring international students into our school from China, Korea, and Vietnam! This exciting initiative is part of our goal to provide our students with more enriching high school experiences through cross-cultural exchange in our classrooms. With this comes the exciting opportunity for you to potentially host a student for the upcoming year.

We are in need of families willing to open up their homes to an international student beginning in August 2016. Hosts should be able to provide a private bedroom, three meals a day and transportation arrangements to and from school for the 10-month academic school year.

To best support our host families, we are partnering with Cambridge's residential service provider, gphomestay, who will oversee our homestay program. Gphomestay provides a \$10,000 annual stipend to host families to offset the costs for bringing an international student into your home (\$1,000/month for 10 months) as well as ongoing support from a local Support Services Coordinator.

Host families do not have to have a student of their own enrolled at our school to be eligible to host. Please do share our need for host families with your personal networks. For any families that are referred and approved, the referring party will receive a \$300 referral bonus from Gphomestay. This could be a great opportunity for you to get involved even if you are not in a position to currently host!

We are very excited to start this new initiative. If you are interested in experiencing a new culture from the comforts of your own home while supporting our school, please contact our host recruitment coordinator, Dawn Habada at dhabada@thecambridgeinstitute.org or 617-749-7924.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Pender
Vice-Principal of Faculty and Operations



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Now partnering with your neighborhood school, **Joliet Catholic Academy!**

At gphomestay, we know that meaningful cross-cultural relationships foster world harmony across our planet. That's why we pair dedicated American host families with international high school students who are enthusiastic about living in and learning about the United States.

All gphomestay hosts welcoming students attending Joliet Catholic Academy are compensated with an annual **\$10,000** stipend.

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Joliet Catholic Academy

"Senior Class Disney Blast"

5-Day/4-Nite Air/Motorcoach Tour
February 16 – 20, 2017 (Thurs.—Mon.)

Walt Disney World's
All-Star Resort
\$1,650.00/ Student(Quad)

Tour Includes:

- *Round-trip Airfare Chicago/Orlando via Southwest Air
- *Motorcoach Transfers in Florida by Mears Transportation
- *Comprehensive Sightseeing including 4 Theme Parks & Attractions
 - *4-Day Park-Hopper Pass @ Disney
 - *\$250.00 Disney Dining and Shopping Card
 - *Walt Disney World Y.E.S. Educational Series
 - *3-Hour "Innovations in Leadership" Program
 - *Disney Blast Sweatshirt and T-Shirt
 - *refillable Disney mug

Reservation Information

Reservations are on first come, first serve basis!

Don't miss out on this awesome adventure and make senior memories will last a lifetime!

To reserve your spot fill out the reservation form on the following page and send it with your \$300 deposit to JCA – Attention Mrs. Arnett. Reservations must be made by **September 2, 2016**.

2nd payment due – Oct. 7, 2016

Final payment due- November 4, 2016

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Arnett at sarnett@jca-online.org

Joliet Catholic Academy

"Senior Class Disney Blast"

Please Fill Out completely and return to Mrs. Suzi Arnett with the first payment of \$300 by **September 2, 2016.**

Student's Name: (As shown on ID) _____

Parent's Name: (As shown on ID) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Work Phone Numbers: Father _____ Mother _____

Email:

Father: _____

Mother: _____

**I permit my student to participate in the JCA Senior Class Trip on
February 16 – 20, 2017**

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY
SOPHOMORE/VARSITY FOOTBALL
2016 SCHEDULE

8/26/16	FRI	FRANKLIN, WI	S/V	Away 4:00/7:00pm
9/2/16	FRI	WHEATON NORTH	S/V	Away 5:00/7:30pm
9/10/16	SAT	ST. PATRICK	S/V	Away 8:30/12:30pm
9/16/16	FRI	NOTRE DAME (Senior Parent Night)	S/V	Home 5:00/7:30pm
9/23/16	FRI	MARIAN CEN. CATH.	S/V	Away 5:00/7:30pm
9/30/16	FRI	NAZARETH (Homecoming)	S/V	Home 5:00/7:30pm
10/7/16	FRI	BENET	S/V	Away 5:00/7:30pm
10/14/16	FRI	MARIAN CATHOLIC	S/V	Away 5:00/7:30pm
10/21/16	FRI	MARIST (Jr. High Night)	S/V	Home 5:00/7:30pm

**(pairings announced 10/22/16)*

10/28-10/29/16	1 ST ROUND
11/4-11/5/16	2 ND ROUND
11/11-11/12/16	QUARTERFINALS
11/18-11/19/16	SEMIFINALS
11/25-11/26/16	STATE FINALS





JUBILATE 2017
ANNOUNCES THEIR ANNUAL JCA THEMED EVENT

COWBOYS & ANGELS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB

EVENT CHAIRS:

ALEX & JOHN QUINN and LISA & TONY SANDORA

Kick up your boots and attend the event, be on the committee,
donate an auction item and get ready to line dance!

Questions contact: Christine Voss, Director of Special Events

5th Annual **MAMMO-PALOOZA** 2016

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th
LIVE MUSIC



Matt "Mammo" Mammosser

8:00 pm



5:30 pm



Showcase of Local Youth Bands
2:00 till 5:00 pm



FOR MORE INFO:
Mammostrong.org



WHERE:

St. Sava Picnic Grounds
3457 Black Rd., Joliet
TIME: 2:00 PM - 11:00 PM
COST: \$10 PER PERSON
10 YRS AND UNDER FREE

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