



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 2016-2017 school year is well underway, and we are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter. We recently wrapped up our 2016 Homecoming Week festivities, an exciting time for our alumni, faculty, staff, students, and parents alike. This year's Homecoming featured several extremely organized class reunions ('55, '61, '66, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '06). We'd like to thank all of the former alumni (many of you are parents and grandparents of students now) who helped organize these events.

We'd also like to thank the Parent Association and all of the parents involved in putting together our various Homecoming festivities: Powder-Puff Senior Bowl, Senior Class Cookout, Homecoming Kick-Off School Assembly, Homecoming Tailgate, Homecoming Assembly, Homecoming Parade, Crowning of the King and Queen at Halftime of the Football Game, Homecoming Dance, and the Alumni Homecoming Mass. We had great attendance at all of our various events throughout the week.

This week kicks off our annual Heritage Week, and we invite you to join us at our all-school mass on Thursday, October 6th beginning at 9 a.m. in the JCA Student Activity Center. All visitors must check-in at the main office. This year's Heritage Mass will include a blessing of Heritage Quad in front of the entire student body, as well as our newest additions to the Quad, the beautiful statues of St. Francis and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. These statues were created by renowned Christian artist Timothy P. Schmalz, who has received worldwide attention for his "Homeless Jesus" statues around the world.

The special activities for this week are as follows:

Monday: Prayer Day. Special prayers have been distributed to every teacher to be read by students at the beginning of each class period throughout the day.

Tuesday: Beggar Day. The Carmelites and Franciscans are both Mendicant Orders, which means that we sustain ourselves on the generosity of others. In the early days we would beg on street corners for alms so that we could eat for the day. Today, students will be visiting all the Theology classes to beg for alms to support our missions.

Wednesday: Gratitude Day. All Theology classes will watch the short clip on gratitude and be challenged to show their gratitude to others.

Thursday: Day of Celebration. We will have our all school Liturgy for Heritage Week and the blessing of the new statues in Heritage Quad.

Friday: Hospitality. Students will have their picnic lunch in the Quad. There will be no homerooms to allow students to have a longer lunch period.

Go Angels and Hilltoppers,

Ryan Quigley
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October 2016

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 27, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 27. Students will be dismissed at noon with conferences being held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Teachers and counselors will be available for parents/guardians to meet and discuss their student's academic progress. Conferences will be held in the library and cafeteria on first-come, first-serve basis.

Parents and guardians should enter the school through the main entrance facing Larkin Avenue. A list of faculty locations and student schedules will be available in the lobby.

Parents with concerns about their student's academic progress are highly encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact your student's teachers and/or counselor via e-mail or call 815.741.0500.

Memorial Mass

When: Sunday, November 13, 2016
10 a.m.
Where: JCA Chapel

The annual Memorial Mass honors our deceased loved ones.

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.

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.

These presentations will take approximately 30 min and we will meet in the main front office a few from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: **October 5, October 26, November 2, November 16.**

Please RSVP to attend one of the above informational sessions with JCA Director of Development Mr. John Horn.

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/>

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Nurses Corner

We are nearing the EXCLUSION from school date of 10/15/2016.

Any students whom do not have all the REQUIRED health records submitted by 10/15/2016 will not be able to return to school until their health record is complete.

1. FRESHMEN that do not have a complete physical exam & immunization record performed by a provider, signed and dated, along with a complete parent portion that is signed and dated. Dental exam is recommended.
2. SENIORS need proof, signed and dated by the provider, of the MCV4/ meningitis vaccine.

Letters have been sent from the health office to inform students and parents if they are missing any of the above. Please bring to the health office or fax to 815-741-3015 to our secure line.

Please call the health office if you have any questions or concerns @ 815-741-0500 x 275.

Just a reminder, flu season is coming upon us! Don't forget to schedule your appointment or go to your local pharmacy or clinic to get your flu shot.

Annual JCA Food Drive

The Joliet Catholic Academy Annual Food Drive will take place October 17-21 and 24-26. Over the last 10 years, the food drive has collected over 100,000 pounds to benefit local food pantries.

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted through October 27 and at Parent Teacher Conferences. Food items will be distributed to the parish food pantries of St. Patrick and St. Joseph Catholic Churches.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Arnett or Mrs. Mackey. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



POPS AND LOLLIES

**The Jacob Henry Mansion
Tuesday, November 22
6:00-10:00**

\$30 per person

This event is for all Angels from JCA!
Don't miss this special night with your Dad
(or that important man in your life!)

Lollies attire: dresses, skirts, or dress pants

Pops attire: dress pants and shirt

Questions please contact:

Sue Bannon 815-641-1423

susanban@sbcglobal.net

DINNER, DANCING, AND A SWEET NIGHT WITH YOUR DAD AND FRIENDS!

Complete the reservation form below and return it with your payment to JCA's Main office by Tuesday, November 15th

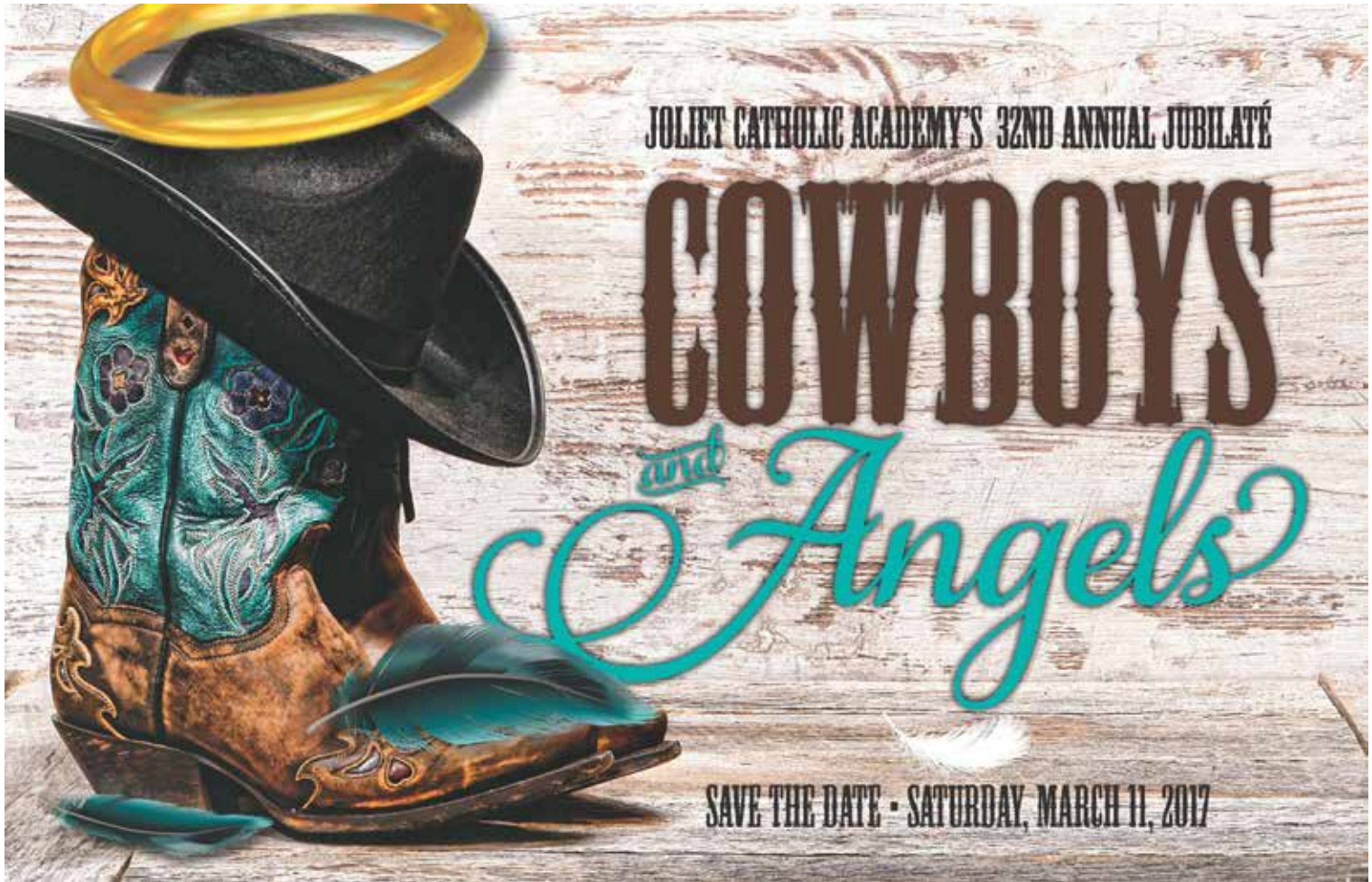
Father's Name: _____

Daughter's Name: _____ FR/SO/JR/SR

_____ FR/SO/JR/SR

Number of reservations: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

(Please make checks payable to Joliet Catholic Academy/Pops and Lollies. Thank you!)



JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S 32ND ANNUAL JUBILATE

COWBOYS

and

Angels

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017



Who is Quest Food Management Service?

Quest is a family owned contract management company providing food and services to schools, universities and businesses since 1985.

OUR MISSION

Quest provides the communities we serve with fresh, high-quality food, exceptional responsiveness and intensely personal service.

What is NEW?

Yogurt/Oatmeal/ Fruit Bar 7AM-8AM Daily

Choose your own yogurt cup, fruit cup or fruit cup. Top it with a variety of selections! In a hurry? Check out the bagel bar as well. Hot chocolate, fresh brewed coffee, juices and milk. At Quest we are committed to making sure that we offer a variety of choices, vending throughout school and Café cart in the morning and after school in Student Activity Center.

Where can I find the menu?

The monthly menu will be posted on the JCA website, as well as posted throughout the school and cafeteria.

Did You Know?

Your student can also bring a check or cash to the cafeteria to put on their account. Ready to use right away and free.



1/4lb 100% Beef Burgers & Cheeseburgers, Chicken Sandwiches & Specialty Grilled & Sandwiches



Fresh Baked in house Pizza served daily- Cheese, Pepperoni, Italian Sausage, and daily specials. Homemade Calzones & Personal Pan Pizza featured.



Made to order Deli Sandwiches & Chopped Salads, featured with Homemade Soup Daily.



Daily Lunch Specials featuring a wide variety of Homemade comfort dishes. Daily specials made with care and tradition.

At Joliet Catholic Academy we are using a computerized cash register program which will be linked to the student's ID card. Students can choose to pre-deposit money on their account and use their student id card similar to a bank debit card or they can continue to use cash at breakfast and lunch. We will not accept credit cards in the cafeteria, credit cards can only be used for online pre-payments. Students can make account deposits in the cafeteria using cash or checks. **All checks must be made payable to "Quest Food Management"**. **Students can also bring a check or cash to the cafeteria to be deposited.**

As of September 6th students must have money on their account or cash!

No credit will be given

Below is the link to Mealtime Online.

MEALTIME ONLINE

<https://www.mymealtime.com/>

MealTime Online – Meal Account Deposits, enables you to make prepay deposits and payments on balances for your student's school lunch account, conveniently, safely and securely.

You can also view your student's account activity, including onsite payments, online payments, current balance and a detailed history of meal and food item purchases.

- Deposits can be made with any Discover, VISA, or MasterCard credit or debit card.
- Credit card processing is completed through a secure authorization process. MealTime Online does not retain or store Credit Card information and will never share your information with a third party.
- Online payments are processed immediately and will be reflected in the student's cafeteria account automatically, according to the district's scheduled transfer process.
- All student data that is transmitted is encrypted and authenticated every time you use the website.
- You can associate multiple students, from multiple schools, with one parent profile.
- MealTime Online can also be used to make payments for other school fees See School Fee Payments .
- MealTime Online can be used to make deposits into a student's cafeteria account, or any additional accounts set up by the school district.

Get started in 3 easy steps!

For more information about The CLM Group, Inc, and our payment processing partners, please see our About Us page.

Meet the team:

Shannon Lauridsen Food Service Director

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Quest Team Members

Elizabeth Dania Joe Sue

Joan Thomas Diana

DAILY MENU OPTIONS

BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY:

7:00 -8:00am DAILY

Variety of Baked Goods \$1.50
Bagels, Yogurt Parfaits, Fruit Cups
Fresh Brewed Coffee, Juice, Milk
And more....

LUNCH OPTIONS DAILY:

10:00-12:30pm

DAILY LUNCH SPECIAL- featured on monthly lunch menu, as well as many daily served entrée choices:

¼ lb Burgers/Cheeseburgers
Chicken Sandwiches
Fresh Baked Pizza- variety
Made to order Deli
& Chopped Salad Station
ENTRÉE ALA CARTE \$3.75

LUNCH COMBO MEAL \$4.75

Combo includes: ala carte entrée
choice with choice of sides:
salad, fries, vegetable or soup

Fresh Baked Jumbo Cookie \$1.00
Assorted Pop Tarts \$1.50
Homemade Rice Crispie Treat \$1.00
Big Grab Chips \$1.00
Soda: Bottle \$2.00/Canned \$1.00
Bottled Juice \$2.00
Milk Chugs \$2.00
Gatorade \$2.50
Premium Beverages \$2.50
Fries: \$1.75/ Curly \$2.25
Homemade Soup \$1.50
Variety of Grab & Go Choices \$3.75

October Menu Joliet Catholic Academy



<p>3 Baked Sliced Ham Mac & Cheese Soft Roll W/ Butter or Kicking Chicken Sandwich</p>	<p>4 Cod Fish Fry W/ Home Made Tartar Sauce or Grilled Bacon & Cheese Served W/ Carrots</p>	<p>5 Cheesy Lasagna Served W/ Garlic Bread Steamed Broccoli or Cajun Grilled Chicken Sandwich On Ciabatta</p>	<p>6 Chicken Quesadilla or (2) Soft Shell Beef Tacos Served W/ Lettuce, Salsa, Sour Cream and Cheese</p>	<p>7 <u>Wing Toss</u> Boneless Chicken Tossed in your Choose Of Sauce or 3 Cheese Pizza Pocket W/ Marinara</p>
<p>10 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>11 Chicken Tenders W/ BBQ or Ranch or Smokehouse Burger BBQ, Cheddar & Bacon</p>	<p>12 <u>Pasta Bar</u> Bowtie or Penne Pasta Marinara or Alfredo Sauce Served W/ Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables Baked Honey Mustard Chicken Breast</p>	<p>13 Lemon Pepper Chicken Served W/ Wild Rice & Carrots or Hot Turkey & Swiss Panini</p>	<p>14 Tuna Casserole Mixed Vegetables W/ Soft Roll or Buffalo Chicken Sandwich</p>
<p>17 Valentino Chicken Served W/ Red Potatoes or A&H Double Bacon Cheese Burger</p>	<p>18 Soy Ginger Chicken Bowl or Garlic Beef Bowl Served W/ Rice & Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>19 Grilled Chicken Gyro W/ Cucumber Sauce Onions & Tomatoes or Fried Fish Sandwich Served W/ Home Made Tatar Sauce On Gourmet Roll</p>	<p>20 Fried Chicken W/ Pepper Gravy Mashed Potatoes & Sweet Corn or Fried Shrimp Sandwich on French Bread Cocktail Sauce</p>	<p>21 Italian Beef on French Bread or Pita Stuffed W/ Cheesy Chicken & Broccoli</p>

Breakfast 7AM-8AM
Lunch 10AM-12:30PM

Snack Time

Come Visit our Café
Cart located Near
The Student Activity
Center

2:30PM-3:30PM

Food Service Director

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Dollar Menu

Monday- Mozzarella Sticks
Tuesday – Chili Dog
Wednesday-Tenders
Thursday- Chicken Nuggets
Friday– Bosco Sticks

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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