

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,

It has been a busy fall in our Admissions office as we have visited 25 grade schools to date, meeting with over 1,000 total 7th and 8th grade students. We are also extremely proud of the success of our Friday "Shadow Visits" this fall, where we have already seen over 130 students enter the halls at JCA. We've collaborated with grade school teams to host tournaments (volleyball in the fall, and our upcoming 8th grade boys tournament). This Friday we will see another 230 students arrive at JCA for our annual Step-Up Day.

These numbers in our economic climate prove that families still value a Catholic education, but none of it is possible without our current families at JCA. Your sons and daughters have showed a willingness to go above and beyond as Shadow hosts and Student Ambassadors that accompany our Admissions team on grade school visits. As a 2003 graduate of JCA, nothing has made me prouder to be an alum than when I called our very first Student Ambassador meeting for the 2016-2017 school year. Over 250 students attended our informational meetings held during lunch periods, roughly 38% of our student body, making Student Ambassadors the largest extra-curricular club at the school. This is a tribute to our great students, and their willingness to give up their free time and days off for the benefit of this great institution. This Friday on Step-Up Day, we already have over 100 Student Ambassadors signed up to work, and this number doesn't even count an additional 100 students that will be manning extra-curricular informational tables, and performing/exhibiting during the breakout sessions throughout the day.

The Admissions Office is a team made up of thousands of students, faculty, alumni, parents, and friends of JCA. With that in mind, during this all important "Open House" season, I ask that you help ensure more prospective students can "become the latest addition to the greatest Traditon". On Sunday, November 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Thursday, December 1 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. JCA will hold its annual Open House for prospective families. We open our doors and hearts to those families deciding on a high school of choice. This is a personal invitation to all our parents at JCA to get involved. Everyone can do their small part, whether that includes volunteering to work Open House, leading tours, or inviting neighbors, fellow parishoners, nieces, nephews, and friends to attend. An invitation from someone who believes enough in Catholic education and Joliet Catholic Academy to send their own child to our school is the greatest marketing tool we possess. Beyond the billboards, social media advertisements, radio commercials, etc. I've always believed that our experiences and stories told first hand are what "sells" JCA. Your invitation provides a "stamp of approval" for JCA when parents and families make the decision to send their children to Joliet Catholic Academy.

If you are available, we appreciated your help at either of our Open Houses. Please e-mail me at rquigley@jca-online.org if you are able to volunteer.

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

Memorial Mass

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

The annual Memorial Mass honors our deceased loved ones.

1st Annual Grandparents Mass

When: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 9 a.m. Mass Continental Breakfast to follow

Where: JCA Student Activity Center See page 3 for more information and how to RSVP.

Winter Sports Tryouts

See page 4 of the Newsletter for complete details on times and locations of tryouts.

ACT Prep Course

Prepare for the April 2017 ACT. See page 8 of the newsletter for more details.

Hilltopper Banquet

This year's Hilltopper Banquet featuring the Chicago Cubs' Len Kasper is Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Activity Center.

Visit www.jca-online.org to purchase tickets and for more information.

This event is for alumni, parents, and friends of Joliet Catholic Academy. Join in the Cubs' World Series celebration by enjoying a night of baseball talk and catching up with friends.

Contact JCA Director of Alumni Relations Sue Bebar at sbebar@jca-online. org with questions.

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: **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/

John Horn - jhorn@jca-online.org 815.741.0500, ext. 276

Annual JCA Food Drive

The Joliet Catholic Academy Annual Food Drive will take place October 24-November 4. Over the last 10 years, the food drive has collected over 100,000 pounds to benefit local food pantries.

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. See the flyer on page 5 of the newsletter for more information.

Band Fundraiser

When: Saturday, November 12, 2016 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Where: JCA Student Activity Center What: Multi-consultant Fundraiser presented by LulaRoe. Over 22 amazing fashion consultants will be present, with 1,000's of pieces to try on and take home.

See page 7 for event flyer.

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.

JCA Drama Productions

Fall Play: The Importance of Being Earnest

See Page 13 and 14 for showtimes, and free matinee information for junior high students and senior citizens.

Spring Musical Casting Call

See page 16 for ensemble role audtions for junior high students, as well as Spring Musical production dates.



We are setting aside a day to give thanks to Grandparents and those from this generation who have made a significant difference in the lives of our Joliet Catholic Academy students.

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All Grandparents of Freshman and Sophomore students of Joliet Catholic Academy are welcome to join their JCA student for a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Student Activity Center.

> Tuesday, November 22, 2016 9 a.m. Mass Continental Breakfast to follow

Joliet Catholic Academy 1200 North Larkin Avenue Joliet, Illinois 60435

Reservations appreciated by contacting Christine Voss, Director of Special Events, at cvoss@jca-online.org or by calling 815-773-0784.

JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRYOUTS/PRACTICE WINTER SPORTS—2016:

Any Angel or Hillmen wishing to go out for Girls or Boys Winter Sports must turn in their completed Physical along with the Online Athletic Participation Form either prior to or on the first day of tryouts. Athletes WILL NOT be able to participate until these forms are completed and turned in. A new physical is required if it has been 13 months since your last physical was done. Freshmen DO NOT need to turn in a sports physical as the physical that is required of them before the start of the 2016 school year is sufficient. The online Athletic Participation Form can be accessed on the main page of our website (www.jca-online.org) under the athletic tab in the drop down click Online Athletic Forms. Any athlete that participated in a fall sport does not have to do the forms again.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS:

Tuesday, November 1st: All Levels 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Main Gym

BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS:

Monday, November 7th: Varsity and Sophomores 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Freshmen: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November $8^{th:}$ Varsity and Sophomores: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Freshmen: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9th: Freshmen: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Varsity and Sophomores: 7:00 – 5:00 p.m.

WRESTLING PRACTICE:

Thursday, November 3rd Team Meeting (Wrestling Room): All Levels: 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 7th First Day of Practice: All Levels: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Wrestling Room

Equipment Needed:

- Wrestling Headgear
- Wrestling Shoes (black or white)
- Shorts and tight fitting shirt
- Gym padlock
- Mouthpiece needed for braces

Joliet Catholic Academy's 11th Annual	od
Oct. 24–Nov. 4)rive
	Collection Tips:
Help AREA Families: Your donations benefit the local food pantries at St. John and St. Pat parishes.	Before you shop, check supermarket circulars online for special deals
Donate nonperishable foods: Nutritious canned goods, food staples, baby foods and boxed foods are appreciated.	or coupons. Make a list of the sale items you plan to buy.
Weigh in days: Bring food to the cafeteria during lunch on Oct. 25 – Nov. 3	Ask neighbors and family members for donations.
Incentives: Bring 2 items by Oct. 31 and wear Black, Orange or a Halloween costume to school on Halloween . The CLASS with the highest total weight will	Pass out flyers in your neighborhood and collect food for the drive.
receive a DRESS DOWN DAY.	

JCA... Helping others



POPS AND LOLLES

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!



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, profession	al instruction and manual
Enrollment:	25 students/class	
Registration:	First come, first served! Plea check payable to JCA. No re	
Return to:	JCA, Mrs. Tina Osburn (Rm	. 118)
Regi	January 21 – Math/Sci January 28 – English February 4 – Math/Sci February 11 – English April 8,2017 – ACT Test ACT Registration Deadline. ACT Late Registration Deadline istration for ACT Prep Cour istration deadline: December	• 3/3/17 ne: 3/17/17 se – 2017
Name		
Telephone		
Homeroom		<u>.</u>
Current English Teacher:	Current Math 7	eacher:

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







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 <u>will not accept</u> <u>credit cards</u> 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 <u>School Fee Payments</u>.
- 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 <u>3 easy steps!</u>

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



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

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ALLANDER DURING	H E R T H <u>\$3.75</u> Daily Specials	<u>Tuesdoy</u> : Meat Lasagna W/ Garlic Bread or Turkey & Swiss On Ciabatta Roll <u>Wednesdoy</u> : Chicken Cordon Bleu W/ Wild Rice & Carrots or BLT Club <u>Thursdoy</u> : Chicken Alfredo W/ Spinach or Meatball Sandwich <u>Fridoy: Step Up Day</u> Choose From <u>:</u> Chicken Caesar Salad, Hamburger/ Cheese Burger or Fried Chicken Sandwich
Drinks Milk Chug \$2.00 Juice \$2.00 Bottled Water \$1.00 Canned Soda \$1.00	GRLL	Burger BarBurger BarFreshly Grilled I/4lb. Burger or Grilled/ Fried Chicken BreastGrilled Mushrooms, Sautéed Onions, Fried Egg, Bacon, JalapenoAmerican, Swiss, Pepper Jack, Provolone on Soft Brioche Bun \$3.75Chef Thomas's Daily IN HOUSE SPECIAL \$3.75Daily IN HOUSE SPECIAL \$3.75
Bottled Soda \$2.00 Propel Flavored Waters \$2.00 Gatorade, Calypso or Arizona Teas \$2.50	BQWL C	Welcome to Our ALWAYS FRESH DeliChoose From:Choose From:Made to Order Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$3.75Daily Soup Prepared By Chef Thomas \$1.50Daily Soup Prepared By Chef Thomas \$1.50Hand Crafted by DainaSpecial Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$3.75Daily Soup Special Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$3.75
Daily Grab-N-Go \$2.50 - \$3.00 Mon- (6) Mozzarella Sticks Tues-(5) Mini Corn Dogs	CRUST	Hand Made PizzasPizzas Prepared by Joan, Elizabeth and SueChoose From:Large Slice of Sausage, Cheese or Pepperoni \$3.75Specialty Pizza of the Day \$3.75Daily Special
Wed-(2) Fried Tenders Thurs-(5) Chicken Nugget Fri-(2) Cheese Bosco Sticks	DASH	In A Hurry? Hungry? We Got It Covered. Hand Made Salads, Sandwiches, Wraps, PB&J and <u>MORE</u> Ready to Go Look for Joe's Daily Creations Premade Options \$1.50 - \$3.75

	Choose From a Variety of Snacks, Candy Home Made Desserts Daily \$1.00 - \$3.00 Freshly Baked Large Chocolate Chip Cookie & Stacked Cookies, Large Fruit Cup, Assorted Parfaits, Pretzels VV/ Peanut Butter, Cheese & Crackers, Made In House Rice Crispy Treats, Brownies, Cakes, Cinnamon Roll and MORE	Stop by our <u>NEW STATION</u> located in the Cafeteria! Choose From a daily <i>Hot Sandwich or Gourmet Salad</i> Variety of Grab–N-Go items & made from scratch desserts Come see what's new	Café Cart is located in the Student Activity Center daily Choose from a selection of snacks, chips, drinks, Grab-N-Go items, candy & MORE! \$1.00 - \$3.00	FOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.
	CRAVE	HSHO	Café Cart 2:30pm-3:30pm Daily	
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Joliet Catholic Academy Lunch Menu November 1st – 24th

Joliet Cath	nolic Acader	Joliet Catholic Academy Breakfast Menu November	L C
		(6) French Toast Sticks W/ Syrup \$2.50	Daily Special
R S M S M	Monday	9 ounce Make Your Own Fruit or Parfait Bar \$2.50 Seasonal Fresh Fruits,/Vanilla Greek Yogurt/ Home Made Cranberry Granola	Value Meal
		Bagel W/ Cream Cheese & Small Side Fruit Cup \$3.00 (Assorted Bagels Daily)	Daily Special
Breakfast Served Daily 7AM-8:30AM	Tuesday	<u>Breakfast Bowl \$3.00</u> Includes: Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Cheddar, Diced Bacon or Diced Ham or Diced Sausage	Value Meal
Fruit & Yogurt Bar \$2.50 Assorted Home Made Baked Goods 1.50-\$2.00		Home Made Cinnamon Roll & Milk Chug \$3.00	Daily Special
Bagel W/ Cream Cheese \$2.00 Seasonal Parfaits \$2.50 Assorted Donuts \$1.50 Fresh Whole Fruit \$0.75	Wednesday	Chicken & Waffle W/ Syrup \$3.00 (2 chicken strips & I waffle)	Value Meal
Milk Chug or 12 oz.Juice \$2.00 Coffee Brewed Fresh Daily 1202. \$2.00 1602. \$2.25		Made From Scratch Cranberry Granola Bar & Juice \$3.00 Daily Special	00 Daily Special
Daily Breakfast Specials \$2.50 - \$3.25 Daily Breakfast Value Meal	Thursday	Breakfast Sandwiches on English Muffin or Biscuit \$3.25 Includes: Fried Hard Egg,American Cheese & Bacon or Sausage	Value Meal
\$2.50 - \$3.00 Food Service Director	Friday	Energy Warm Flatbread Wrap \$3.25 (Flatbread, Spinach, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Red Pepper & Swiss Cheese)	Daily Special
snamron Lauridsen 815-741-0500 EXT 234 jca@questfms.com		2 Pancakes W/ Syrup & Side Of \$3.00 (2)Bacon or (1) Sausage Patty	Value Meal

JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESENTS

The Importance of Being Earnest

A play by Oscar Wilde "The truth is rarely pure and never simple."

November 17, 18, and 19 @ 7 p.m. November 19 and 20 @ 2p.m.

Billie Limacher Bicentenntial Theatre 201 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60436

Ticket Information

\$10 - Adults \$8 - Students, senior citizens, and children under 12

The seating for this event is assigned. We recommed that you buy your tickets before hand. You may do this at Joliet Catholic Academy or through a member of the production. Tickets will also be sold at the door. For more information, contact JCA at: 815.741.0500 or jszynal@jca-online.org.

JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESENTS



A play by Oscar Wilde "The truth is rarely pure and never simple."

November 15 at 10 a.m.

Billie Limacher Bicentenntial Theatre 201 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60436

Free Admission

This is a special matinee for JCA Area Grade Schools and Senior Citizens. Please RSVP to Ms. Jennifer Szynal at jszynal@jca-online.org by November 11.

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. DLS - SFA - JCHS - JCA Alumni Association presents



with Mark Grant '81, Master of Ceremonies

THURSDAY Nov. 10







