

2016-2017 Parent Association
The primary objective of this association, a service organization, is to 6uild 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,
On Monday, as part of National Catholic Schools Week 2017, Joliet Catholic Academy celebrated Catholic education in the Joliet community through service for others. JCA is proud to serve the Joliet community: $73 \%$ of the students in Joliet, $70 \%$ of the students in Plainfield, and $72 \%$ of the students in Shorewood who choose Catholic high school education choose JCA*.

Monday's focus for National Catholic Schools Week was "In our Community". A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities-both local and beyondthey demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place. When they observe how others serve the community, they gain an appreciation for how they can continue to serve others their entire lives.

The fall of 2016 alone saw JCA students perform over 4,800 hours of community service in the Joliet community. Student, faculty, and staff completed a day of service this fall as part of the school's 4th annual All-School Retreat and Service, volunteering time at local establishments like the Joliet Forest Preserve District, Wags 2 Wishes, Hopeful Tails, Joliet Animal Control, Ready Set Ride, St. Patrick's Home, Hands of Hope, Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Sharefest Festival, Morningstar Shelter, and more.

I believe the day of service is just one small component of the hours our students put in each year. Many times it leads them to volunteer at those places regularly. Our kids not only volunteer outside of school, they also volunteer to help promote JCA through our Student Ambassador Program, hosting area students on school visits, and working school events like Step Up Day,Open House, and Jubilate..

To me, the impact of stewardship within the Joliet community is that much more powerful when our students are giving back to the city and villages that their families live in (Joliet, Plainfield, Shorewood, and beyond). That is, and always has been ,the impact of Joliet Catholic Academy within our community. It's a testament to our students, you our parents, and our strong alumni base that you all overwhelmingly choose to send your children to JCA and thus support our Joliet Catholic community".

To see a complete breakdown of each daily theme for Catholic Schools Week being celebrated at Joliet Catholic Academy, as well as events throughout the week, visit >> http://www.jca-online.org/2017/01/catholic-schools-week/
(*Statistics are based off information reported to and gathered by the Diocese of Joliet and the JCA Admissions staff over a four-year period from area grade schools. Data does not reflect high school transfers/retention).

Go Angels! Go Hilltoppers! Onward JCA!
Ryan Quigley '03
JCA Director of Admissions and Communications
815.741.0500, ext. 214

# Lads and Ladies Mother-Son Dance 

Attention all Hillmen and Their Moms

SAVE the DATE<br>2017 Lads and Ladies Mother-Son Dance

When: Wednesday April 12, 2017
Time: 6-10 PM
Where: Jacob Henry Mansion

## JCA Class of 2021 <br> Freshman Registration

## Wednesday, February 15 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Freshman Registration will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2016 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eighth graders planning to become part of the JCA family for the 2017-2018 school year are required to attend.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to talk with department chairs and administrators who will be available to answer questions about transportation, uniforms, and more.
Contact the Admissions Office for more information or questions at 815.741 .0500 or admissions@jca-online.org.

## Course Selection for the

2017-2018 School Year
Course selection information will be distributed to current students the week of February 21. Students will be instructed to bring the completed course selection form home at the end of the week for a parent signature before returning the form to their homeroom teacher on Wednesday, March 1.

The non-refundable registration fee of $\$ 300$ will be included on the March tuition statement: $\$ 100$ is applied toward the first tuition payment and $\$ 200$ is applied to activity costs, which include student admission to all regular season home athletic events, student ID, yearbook, student newspaper, administrative and counseling testing programs, student schedules, student records, and counseling services. The $\$ 300$ registration fee is non-refundable. Therefore, if your student will not be attending JCA next year, please notify the Business Office immediately so as not to incur the added expense.

## 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 \$850k towards our 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-capi-tal-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. 276

## Nurses Corner

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

## NEW STATE GUIDELINES:

Asthma Action Plan - Please submit an Asthma Action plan to the Health Office from your student's health care provider for any student with asthma.

## 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 for any questions or concerns regarding your student's health needs at: 815.741 .0500 , ext. 275, fax 815-741-3015.

## 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.


Saturday, March 11, 2017 | Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. BOLINGBROOK GOLF CLUB | 2001 RODÉO DRIVE, BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS


## Counseling Department Information

Attention Parents! Please update your email addresses in Naviance. The Counseling Department sends out important information through Naviance via email. You don't want to miss out!

March 3 at 7:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Counselors $\sim$ Please come with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Freshmen Parents: If you missed our parent workshop in January, your Naviance activation codes are being mailed to you. Please look out for that mailer.

## JUNIORS:

Mrs. Major will be scheduling individual College Planning meetings beginning midFebruary through April. Parents may attend; limited evening appointments will be available. Mrs. Major will be sending out a calendar via Naviance. Please be sure to sign up if you are interested in attending. Please check Naviance and encourage your student to keep their Naviance documents up-to-date.

## Important Testing Dates for Juniors:

ACT Dates: April 8, 2017 (JCA date); *** Deadline to register is March 3. ***
June 10, 2017
www.actstudent.org/start
SAT Dates: March 11, 2017; May 6, 2017; June 3, 2017
www.sat.org/register
https://sat.collegeboard.org/home

Students must register to take the ACT test online at www.actstudent.org.
** If you plan to take the ACT in April, the registration deadline is March 3. JCA does not register your student for any National ACT or SAT testing dates.

IACAC Regional College Fair ~ Coming to Lewis University March 1!
Check Naviance and JCA Counseling Facebook Page for forthcoming details

# ADVISORY SPOTLIGHT: <br> This month in Advisory Periods: <br> Freshmen: Learning Styles, Strengths Explorer in Naviance <br> Sophomores: Career Interest Survey \& Presentation, <br> Career Research and Clusters <br> Juniors: Linking Careers with Colleges (Naviance Cluster Finder and College Majors 101) <br> Seniors: Financial Aid Awards - FAFSA 4Caster and Making the College Decision 

## News for Parents of Senior Students

Please remember that your FAFSA form must be completed online at the following site, http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. Filing your FAFSA online requires a PIN for both the student and the parents. You can obtain a PIN from this website also. To complete the FAFSA the following information should be readily available:

- Student's \& Parents' Social Security Numbers
- Student's \& Parents' Driver's License
- Student's \& Parents' W-2 forms, 2015 Federal Income Tax Returns, and untaxed income records
- Bank statements, 2015 business \& investment records, mortgage information, etc...

You are strongly encouraged to file the FAFSA as soon as possible!

Many students consider junior college an affordable post-secondary option before heading off to a traditional college or university environment. Joliet Junior College offers scholarships to deserving students, and they also put on FAFSA workshops for those wondering how to fund their college experience. Please visit the following link to find out more. www.jic.edu/finacial-aid

## College Scholarships, Awards \& Grants

To ensure that your child receives recognition at graduation for financial scholarship awards, or grants, regardless if they are accepted, please have your child bring in their award letter to the Counseling Office. We will make a copy and return the original back to the student.

## Please check out NAVIANCE for a current listing of all available local scholarships.

Please don't forget to LIKE the Joliet Catholic Academy Counseling Facebook Page for regular updates on college visits, financial aid and scholarship info, helpful links and resources, etc.*

The Counseling Department also has a TWITTER account. Please follow us @jcacounseling .

## Tuition Assistance

JCA families in need of tuition assistance for the 17-18 school year, the FACTS application for tuition assistance must be completed by March 1, 2017. Please complete the application online: https://factsmgt.com/ (see attached).

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) at the Diocese of Joliet will award 400 high school tuition assistance grants. The grants will be funded and distributed by the CEF in the amount of \$1000 per student.

## The CEF grant application deadline is March 1.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017.

Scholarships are awarded annually and an application form must be completed each year. In order to be considered eligible for this tuition assistance scholarship, high school students must attend a Catholic Diocese of Joliet parish. Applicants must indicate parish membership on the grant and aid application form.

A grant and aid application can be obtained from the financial aid office at the high school or the application can be completed online at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid There is a \$30 application fee which is paid directly to the FACTS Company. ONE Application can include MULTIPLE students and/or schools. Questions on completing the application may be answered by calling the FACTS Helpline directly at 1-866-441-4637.

Questions about the tuition assistance program, contact your high school financial aid office or the CEF Office at 815/221-6127 or jlangenderfer@dioceseofjoliet.org.

## JCA Tuition Assistance

In addition to the FACTS application, the JCA application must also be completed and submitted by March 1, 2017. Please visit the following link for details/see attached:
http://www.jca-online.org/admissions/financial-aid/

Please contact Kris Horn (khorn@jca-online.org) or Holly Scordo (hscordo@jca-online.org) with any questions.


## Apply Online Today!

- Step 1: Navigate to your institution's website to complete the online application
- Step 2: Submit your Federal Form 1040 Income Tax Return, W -2 forms, and supporting documentation for non-taxable income to FACTS. You can upload documents by logging into your online account or fax them to 866-315-9264. Draft or Preview Copy tax documents will not be accepted.


## Please allow at least two weeks for processing your application.

## Who decides how much financial aid I will receive?

The educational institution granting aid is solely responsible for determining the final award. The analysis completed by FACTS Grant \& Aid Assessment serves as a recommendation only.

Why do I have to provide this personal and confidential information? FACTS Grant \& Aid Assessment must verify your expenses and household income to assist your institution in making an informed decision about the amount of financial aid needed for each family.

## How can I check the status of my application?

Once you have completed the online application, you will be able to log on to the FACTS Grant \& Aid Assessment website to check the status of your application.

## Help is available from FACTS

FACTS Management makes quality education affordable for families by assisting schools in awarding financial aid. We work with schools to create a custom application and collect financial data so schools can make accurate award decisions based on financial need.

To apply for financial aid, visit online.factsmgt.com/aid.

After completing the online application, you will need to upload or fax all required supporting documentation. Uploaded documents must be in PDF format and the size of each document must be less than 20 MB . If you are unable to upload, fax the required documents to 866.315 .9264 . Please DO NOT use your mobile device to photo copy required documents due to problems with legibility.

The following supporting documents are required to complete the application process:

- Copy of the most recent IRS Federal Form 1040, 1040A or 1040-EZ U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (the year of the tax return depends on the tax requirements of the school). If applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year. We do not require State Tax Returns.
- Copies of all the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements for both the applicant and co-applicant. NOTE: If you are applying before you have received all the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements, please submit them as soon as they become available.
- Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss from any of the following:

Business - send Schedule C or C-EZ and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
Farm - send Schedule F and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
Rental Property - send Schedule E (page 1)
S-Corporation - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1120 S (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
Partnership - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1065 (5 pages). Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
Estates and Trusts - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1041 and Schedule K-1
*IMPORTANT: If you file a tax return but do not have W -2 wages because you are self-employed, you will be required to submit a copy of your current year Federal Form 1040 Tax Return.

- Copies of all supporting documentation for household Non-Taxable Income such as:

Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received.
*All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

You may login to your FACTS user account to review the status of your application. Please allow 2 weeks processing time from the date you provided the supporting documents before inquiring further about receipt and/or status of the uploaded or faxed documents. Application deadlines are set by the institution awarding the scholarships. If you are applying after the deadline, please contact your school to ensure that your application will be accepted.
*A non-refundable application fee may be required before your application will be submitted.
NOTE: Award decisions are made by the institution providing the scholarship, not FACTS.

Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Application
Joliet Catholic Academy
1200 N. Larkin Avenue
Joliet, IL 60435
815.741.0500

Application is due annually by March 1. Scholarship and Tuition Assistance recipients are notified in July preceding each school year.

| Student Name: | Last | First | Current School <br> Current School |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Student Name: | Last | First |  |  |
| Student Name: | Last | First | Current School |  |
| Mother/Guardian: | Last | First | Phone |  |
| Father/Guardian: | Last | First | Phone |  |
| Family Address: | Street | City | State | Zip |

Many factors are considered in the awarding of scholarships and/or tuition assistance. A family's commitment to faith, academics, community, and service are key indicators of a student's ability to contribute to the overall strength and success of Joliet Catholic Academy.

## Student Section

Each student must complete the student section belou. Information submitted should demonstrate bis/her commitment as a student to the mission of JCA.

## Academics

As a college preparatory school committed to academic excellence, JCA invests its financial resources in students who have the desire and the capacity to advance educationally to the best of bis/her ability.
Provide a copy of your most recent report card along with other documentation that may provide evidence of your academic achievement. If you have received special awards or commendations, you may wish to attach copies of those awards.

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As is the traditions of the Franciscans and Carmelites, JCA's focus is the spivitual growth of every student. Attach a brief statement describing your commitment to Gospel values and your involvement in church activities.

Parish/Church Affiliation: $\qquad$
Family members who now attend or have attended Joliet Catholic Academy; St. Francis Academy, Joliet Catholic High School, or DeLaSalle High School:


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## Parent Section Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must complete the parent section below in order to be considered for financial aid offered

 through JCA.FACIS $\quad$ Scholarships and Tuition Assistance are powerful resources for providing a Joliet Catholic Academy Education.

Below are preliminary questions to determine the capacity of your family to pay tuition. In addition to answering these questions, you are asked to complete the FACTS Application annually and submit it to FACTS. This application is included in your packet of information and can be downloaded online at www.factstuitionaid.com. Attach a copy of your W-2(s) and Individual Income Tax Return(s).

Note that the FACTS application is due annually by March 1 to the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) of the Diocese of Joliet.
Detailed information on tuition and fees at Joliet Catholic Academy can be found on the JCA website, wwnu.jca-online.org or by contacting the Business Office at 815.741.0500.

## Finances <br> Household financial information is required in order to be considered for financial aid.

Combined Household Income Bracket: \$ $\qquad$
Number of Persons Supported by Total Household Income: $\qquad$
Number of Student(s) Planning to Attend JCA during the Upcoming School Year: $\qquad$
Tuition Payment to Schools other than Joliet Catholic Academy including College Tuition:

| Student | School | Family Payment |
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## Additional Information

## Special circumstances are considered during Joliet Catholic Academy's financial aid application process.

Attach additional information describing medical conditions, recent loss of employment, or other issues that should be considered in reviewing this application.

Attach a brief statement describing how you foster a Christian environment in your home, parish, work experience and community.

## Parent Statement Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the bousehold are to complete and sign the statement below.

Should my student be awarded a scholarship and/or tuition assistance, I commit to paying the portion of the tuition not covered by financial aid. After careful consideration of my/our financial resources and obligation, I know that I/we will be able to make a monthly payment of \$ $\qquad$ .

Parent/Guardian Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

Submit Application to: Mr. Jeffrey R. Budz President/Principal Joliet Catholic Academy 1200 N. Larkin Avenue Joliet, IL 60435 www.jca-online.org

## Scholarship/Tuition Award Application <br> Due to JCA Annually by March 1

## SENIOR PARENTS

Second Meeting for
Pre-Post Prom \& Senior Night
Wednesday, February 15th
7:00pm
JCA Library
Plans are in the works but we still need a few more enthusiastic Moms \& Dads to help!!

Committee help still needed on:
Senior Night Video
Senior Night Raffle
Senior Night Decorations
Pre-Prom Red Carpet set-up/take down

## Questions:

Jane Karner: 815-735-3204 mtnbikin@comcast.net Lori Sherman: 815-715-5589 orlikijo16@gmail.com

| ademy Lunch Menu February 6th - 10th |  |
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| $\$ 3.75$ <br> Daily Specials | Monday: No School <br> Tuesday: Sweet \& Sour Chicken Bowl or Meatball Sub Sandwich Wednesday:Home Made Meatloaf W/ Mashed Potatoes or Hot Turkey \& Swiss on Ciabatta Roll <br> Thursday : Pulled Roasted Pork W/ Stuffing \& Corn or Grilled Chicken Breast W/ Provolone on Gourmet Roll Friday: Sliced Ham W/ Home Made Mac \& Cheese \& Broccoli or Gyros W/ Cucumber Sauce on Pita |
|  | Burger Bar <br> Freshly Grilled I/4lb. Burger or Grilled/ Fried Chicken Breast <br> Sautéed Onions, Fried Egg, Bacon, Jalapeno, <br> Lettuce, American or Provolone on Soft Brioche Bun \$3.75 <br> Chef Thomas's Daily IN HOUSE SPECIAL \$3.75 |
| OREAD BQWL | Welcome to Our ALWAYS FRESH Deli <br> Choose From: <br> Made to Order Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps $\$ 3.75$ <br> Daily Soup Prepared By Chef Thomas \$1.50 <br> Hand Crafted by Daina <br> Special Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$3.75 |
| CRUST | Hand Made Pizzas <br> Pizzas Prepared by Joan, Elizabeth and Sue <br> Choose From: <br> Large Slice of Sausage, Cheese or Pepperoni $\$ 3.75$ <br> Specialty Pizza of the Day (Friday's Only) \$3.75 |
|  | In A Hurry? Hungry? We Got It Covered. <br> Hand Made Salads, Sandwiches, Wraps, PB\&J and MORE Ready to Go Look for Joe's Daily Creations Premade Options \$1.50-\$3.75 |

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