



Parent Pride

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

2017-2018 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 Parents and Guardians,

As we end this first semester and enter the Advent Season, I would like to give some information on a new program that Illinois has unveiled in these past weeks.

The State of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children who choose to attend Catholic schools through the "Invest in Kids Act." Scholarships offered through this program have the potential to cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year.

The Empower Illinois Scholarship Granting Organization will be operational and will have application information around December 15, 2017 and anticipates accepting applications January 2, 2018. These dates are subject to change. Families interested in applying are encouraged to fill out applications on January 2, as the program will operate on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Current JCA students will be eligible to receive scholarships via the Tax Credit Scholarship program, as well as their younger siblings attending Catholic grade schools. JCA will be reaching out to current families who have filled out FACTS applications in years past that may fit the household size and income levels set forth by the Tax Credit Scholarship Program. The Catholic Education Foundation operated by the Joliet Diocese has also assured families that they will continue to fund scholarships through the FACTS application. Families that may qualify for a Tax Credit Scholarship are urged to complete that application, as well as JCA and the CEF's scholarship application via FACTS.

Visit www.weteachmore.org for up-to-date details and in-depth information for applicants and donors. Interested families will be eligible based on their household size and income level. The JCA Admissions staff is also available to discuss Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships for both applicants and donors. We have included PDF pamphlets from the Diocese of Joliet in the following pages of the Parent Pride. For more information, please contact JCA Director of Admissions Mr. Ryan Quigley at rquigley@jca-online.org or 816.741.0500, ext. 214.

This is an exciting program that we hope will give many of our families some assistance in regards to affording a quality, JCA education.

So, as we near the end of our 1st Semester and anticipate the coming of the birth of our Lord...on behalf of the faculty and staff and JCA administration, we would like to wish all of our families and JCA community a blessed Christmas Season! May you find time to relax and spend special moments with your families.

Blessings,

Dr. Jeffrey Budz
President/Principal

December 2017

Semester Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 19

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 20

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 21

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 22

Make-Up Exams
7:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

JCA Christmas Concert

The JCA Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 7 p.m. in the JCA Student Activity Center.

There will also be a concert held at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday morning at an all-school assembly.

It will feature the JCA music department and admission is free.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

JCA will hold an All-School Mass on Friday, December 8th at 9 a.m. in the Student Activity Center in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Parents and JCA family members are invited to attend.

Jubilate 2018

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, Joliet Catholic Academy will hold its 33rd annual Jubilate "A Night in Old Havana".

Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m.

The night is sure to be a great evening of fun, friends and fabulous auction items!

Ways You Can Help

- Reserve Your Spot – If you would like join us for Jubilate 2018, please make your reservation now.
- Ad Sponsorships – Various ad sponsorship levels are available. If you or your business would like to sponsor Jubilate 2018.
- Monetary Donation
- Donate Item or Service
- Visit jubilate.jca-online.org to reserve your spot, purchase Ad Sponsorships, or to donate.

Raffle Tickets are NOW on sale! \$100/ticket (500 max sold)

Grand PRIZE of \$10,000 and 5 – \$1,000 prizes

Contact Mrs. Christine Voss, Director of Special Events by email at cvoss@jca-online.org or by phone at (815) 741-0500, ext. 283 with any questions. Thank you!

Christian Service Hours

As we approach Christmas, it is a great time to be thinking about Christian Service Hours. All JCA students are required to fulfill hours of service in the community. There are many ideas posted in Plus Portals in the form of specific events as well as links to organizations that would be grateful for volunteer efforts.

How many hours does my student need?

Freshmen – 5 hours; Sophomores – 10 hours; Juniors – 15 hours; and Seniors – 30 hours

People in need hours MUST make up at least half of the required hours regardless of how many Institution hours are submitted.

How are my student's hours recorded?

Volunteers should take a Service Hours form with them (attached on page 18 of the Parent Pride Newsletter) to collect the signature of a supervisor. These forms are available in the Counseling Department, on the bulletin board near Campus Ministry and can also be downloaded from the JCA website under the Faith tab. Completed forms are turned into Mrs. Scordo, in the Counseling Department, and then recorded in Plus Portals.

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.

Make-Up Placement Exam for Incoming Freshmen

Joliet Catholic Academy's Placement Exam will take place on Saturday, December 9 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Please encourage all eighth graders you know to take this very important exam and to become part of the JCA family!

After the Make-Up Placement Exam, all subsequent applicants looking to take the Placement Exam must schedule their exam time through the vice-principal's office.

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

Winter Radio Show

December 9 7 p.m.

December 10 2 p.m.

"It's a Wonderful Life"

A Holiday Radio Spectacular. Original Story by Philip Van Doren Stern Transcribed by Chris Hasson. Performances will take place in the JCA Student Activity Center.

Nurses Corner

Flu season is here. Call your provider to schedule your flu shot or you can visit most local pharmacies to get your flu shot now. Please remember: Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory illness that can give you symptoms of a high fever, headache, sore throat, stuffy nose and achy muscles. A few tips to avoid getting the flu: Get your flu shot. Good handwashing, cover your mouth when you cough/sneeze and don't share drinks.

Sportsbrain, the concussion program for JCA, is active. If you suspect you have a concussion or if you have had a head injury, please register on sportsbrain and do the DAILY checklist for concussion symptoms. All students should have a baseline in Sportsbrain. If you have not had a baseline test yet, please contact Saul Ramirez, Athletic Trainer. ATHLETES: Sports physicals for incoming Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors were due July 1 to the Health Office. Sports physicals are good for 1 year from the date of the exam. If you will be trying out for a winter/ spring sports, you will need your physical before tryouts and turn the physical in to the HEALTH OFFICE. PLEASE DO NOT TURN IN PHYSICALS TO A MEMBER OF ATHLETICS OR COACHES.

International Travelers: Students that travel more than 2 weeks to or are from high risk regions, as indicated by the CDC are required to have an annual Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) completed.

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 December 20th for the January 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.

Spirit Shop

Christmas Shopping Season is upon us. Stop in our Spirit Shop!! Looking for stocking stuffers, we have ornaments, fidget spinners, JCA bracelets, Baseball Key Chains, Cell Phone card holders and more! We are carrying a nice variety of t-shirts and sweatshirts - hoodies, ¼ zip sweatshirts and crew necks. Favorite "NEW" items in the Spirit Shop include our Brown Coffee Mugs, Brown Sherpa Embroidered Blankets, Long and Short Sleeve Basketball T-shirts and our Joliet Catholic 2x4 House Flag.

The Spirit Shop Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:15am - 3:00pm and Thursdays 7:15am - 2:00pm. *When school is in session*

Come on in and take a look at all we have to offer to you and your students. Merry Christmas

Online Calendar

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

December Students of the Month

Joliet Catholic Academy President/ Principal Dr. Jeffrey Budz is proud to announce the December Students of the Month: Emma Markun (Kiwanis Club), Alexandra Lange (Rotary Club), Ben Hulbert (Lions Club), and James Folino (Exchange Club). JCA is proud of the success these students have exhibited

both in the classroom and out in the community.

Detailed information on each honoree will be included in a press release on www.jca-online.org shortly.

Gift of Christmas

This holiday season, JCA carries on its tradition of adopting families. This year, twenty-eight mothers and their infant children will receive gifts from the students, faculty, and staff at Joliet Catholic. As many of these mothers are expecting or have recently had a child, the wish-lists consist heavily of baby products: i.e. diapers, formula, blankets, toys, etc. In the coming weeks, our Hilltopper family will be shopping for all of the essentials that these mothers and their babies need. If you are interested in giving to the Adopt a Family program, please contact Mr. Ed DeBartolo at edebartolo@jca-online.org

JCA Swimming Shines

The JCA swimmers' women did a great job November 11th at the Lockport Sectional swim meet. Out of the 10 events that the girls competed in, they earned 6 top ten finishes amongst the tough field of competitors.

- Taking home some jewelry was Megan O'Brien by placing 3rd in the 500 freestyle event and setting a new personal record. Megan also placed 6th in the 100 butterfly.

- Julia Khater finished with a 10th place and an 11th place 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle.

- Avery Resendiz swam well placing 12th in the 50 free and setting a new personal record and placing 13th in the 100 freestyle.

- Emily Morrisette was back in the pool earning 7th and 9th place in the 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle.

- Last, but certainly not least, was freshmen Olivia Adamic who placed 8th in the 100 breaststroke and 11th in the 50 freestyle. Great job ladies.



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!

Date: December 4, 2017

Contact: Ryan Quigley, Joliet Catholic Academy

Joliet Catholic Academy Announces Class of 2018 Illinois State Scholars

Joliet Catholic Academy is proud to announce that 31 members of the Class of 2018 have been named Illinois State Scholars. The State Scholar Program recognizes students attending approved high schools for outstanding academic achievement. State scholar designation provides honorary recognition with no monetary award. Approximately the top ten percent of graduates from approved high schools are announced as State Scholars each year.

JCA President/Principal Dr. Jeffrey Budz said, "We are so proud of our 31 students who obtained Illinois State Scholar status. As I look at the group, as many of our JCA students can say, they are well accomplished outside the classroom also, but overall they are great kids, who represent, their families, their school and themselves very well."

The following JCA students were named Illinois State Scholars:

Michael Allen, Ryan Arnold, Nolan Byrd, Katherine Dow, Julia Egizio, Brennen Fornoff, Matthew Gochee, Chelsea Joy Hizon, Jason Kaphusman, Macaire Kelley, Pamela Krumviede, Tyler Kuchar Hinthorn, Alexandra Lange, Morgan Leuszler, Emma Markun, Hannah Markun, Joshua Minnick, Sarah Nahas, Amanda Nelson, Kailyn O'Donnell, Walter Osterberger, Delaney Phelan, Julius Quilarto, Margaret Runde, Caitlyn Spreitzer, Ryan Surin, Cullen Testa, Matthew Van Dyke, John Weglarz, Megan Williams

To view more Illinois State Scholars and to learn more about the program, visit the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's website at <http://www.isac.org/>

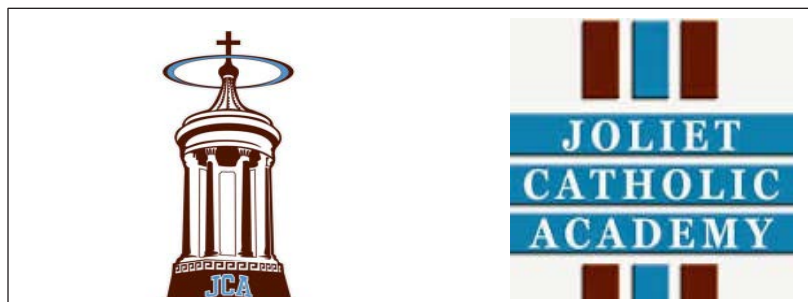
JCA DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS



"A Holiday Radio Spectacular"
Original Story by Philip Van Doren Stern
Transcribed by Chris Hasson

December 9 - 10, 2017

JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY
1200 N. LARKIN AVE.
JOLIET, ILLINOIS



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.

Quest Food Management Services has for the past 30 years provided food service to many private and public schools in the Chicagoland area. Our reputation is for the high quality food & service provided to students, staff and community of our partnered schools & businesses.

Where can I find the menu?

The monthly menu will be posted on the JCA website, as well as posted throughout the school. You can also follow Quest on Twitter @questjca.



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

We will be using a computerized cash register program which will be linked to the student's ID card, Mealtime. 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". Below is the link to Mealtime Online.

MUST HAVE STUDENT ID TO SIGN UP. Can bring check made to Quest or cash to cafeteria and a cashier can add to account.

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 Cafeteria Manager

jca@questfms.com

Quest Team Members

Elizabeth Diane Joe

Sue Joan Daina

DAILY MENU OPTIONS

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 \$4.00

LUNCH COMBO MEAL \$5.00

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

Fresh Baked Jumbo Cookie \$1.25

Cookie Stack \$1.50

Snack Bars \$1.25

Homemade Rice Crispy Treat \$1.25

Big Grab Chips \$1.00

Soda: Bottle \$2.00/Canned \$1.00

Bottled Juice \$2.25

Milk Chugs \$2.25

Gatorade or Pure Leaf Teas \$2.50

Naked Juice \$2.00

Kick Starts \$2.50

Regular Fries: \$2.00

Specialty Fries \$2.50

Homemade Soup \$1.50

Variety of Grab & Go Choices \$4.00

Joliet Catholic Academy Lunch Menu December 4th – 8th



Drinks

Milk Chug \$2.25
 V8 Splash \$2.25
 V8 Fusion \$2.00
 Bottled Water \$1.00
 Canned Soda \$1.00
 Bottled Soda \$2.00
 Propel Flavored Waters \$2.00
 Gatorade or Lipton Teas \$2.50
 Assorted Naked Juice \$2.00
 Kick Starts \$2.50

Daily Grab-N-Go

\$2.50 - \$3.00

Mon- (5) Mozzarella Sticks
 Tues-(5) Mini Corn Dogs
 Wed-(2) Fried Tenders
 Thurs-(5) Chicken Nugget
 Fri-(2) Cheese Bosco Sticks



\$4.00

Daily Specials

Monday: Fried Chicken W/ Mashed Potatoes & Corn or Ham & Salami
 Grilled Garlic Sub Sandwich W/ Italian Dressing
Tuesday: Pasta Bar W/ Beef & Chicken, Garlic Bread or Buffalo Chicken
 Sandwich on Focaccia
Wednesday: Baked Potato Bar W/ Variety of Toppings or BLT Club on French
 Bread
Thursday: Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl W/ Seasonal Steam Vegetables OR
 Firecracker Chicken on Gourmet Roll
Friday: Chicken & Waffles W/ Syrup OR Turkey BLT W/ Swiss on Sub Roll



Burger Bar

Freshly Grilled 1/4lb. Burger or Grilled/ Fried Chicken Breast
 Sautéed Mushroom, Fried Egg, Bacon, Grilled Onion
 Lettuce, American or Provolone on Soft Brioche Bun \$4.00

Daily IN HOUSE SPECIAL Sandwich \$4.00

Daily Special



Welcome to Our ALWAYS FRESH Deli

Choose From:

Made to Order Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$4.00

Daily Soup \$1.50

Special Salads, Sandwiches and Wraps \$4.00

Daily Special



Hand Made Pizzas

Choose From:

Large Slice of Sausage, Cheese or Pepperoni \$4.00

Specialty Pizza of the Day (Friday's Only) \$4.00

Daily Special



In A Hurry? Hungry? We Got It Covered.

Hand Made Salads, Sandwiches, Wraps, PB&J and MORE Ready to Go
 Look for Daily Creations Premade Options \$1.50 - \$4.00

Joliet Catholic Academy Lunch Menu December 11th – 15th



Drinks

Milk Chug \$2.25
 V8 Splash \$2.25
 V8 Fusion \$2.00
 Bottled Water \$1.00
 Canned Soda \$1.00
 Bottled Soda \$2.00
 Propel Flavored Waters \$2.00
 Gatorade or Lipton Teas \$2.50
 Assorted Naked Juice \$2.00
 Kick Starts \$2.50

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 Fri-(2) Cheese Bosco Sticks



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Daily Specials

Monday: Baked Beef Mostaccoli W/ Garlic Bread & Mixed Vegetables or Texas Style Grilled Bacon & Cheddar
Tuesday: Sweet & Sour Chicken Bowl or Meatball Sub Sandwich
Wednesday: Home Made Meatloaf W/ Mashed Potatoes or Hot Turkey & Swiss on Ciabatta Roll
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



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Joliet Catholic Academy Lunch Menu December 18th – 22nd



Drinks

Milk Chug \$2.25
 V8 Splash \$2.25
 V8 Fusion \$2.00
 Bottled Water \$1.00
 Canned Soda \$1.00
 Bottled Soda \$2.00
 Propel Flavored Waters \$2.00
 Gatorade or Lipton Teas \$2.50
 Assorted Naked Juice \$2.00
 Kick Starts \$2.50

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 Tues-(5) Mini Corn Dogs
 Wed-(2) Fried Tenders
 Thurs-(5) Chicken Nugget
 Fri-(2) Cheese Bosco Sticks



\$4.00

Daily Specials

Monday: **Pasta Bar W/ Beef & Chicken, Garlic Bread or Buffalo Chicken Sandwich on Focaccia**

Tuesday: **Exams**

Wednesday: **Exams**

Thursday: **Exams**

Friday: **Exams**



Burger Bar

**Freshly Grilled 1/4lb. Burger or Grilled/ Fried Chicken Breast
 Sautéed Mushroom, Fried Egg, Bacon, Grilled Onion
 Lettuce, American or Provolone on Soft Brioche Bun \$4.00**

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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



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

...and open your window to the world

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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ACT PREPARATION COURSE
For
April 2018 ACT Test

Joliet Catholic Academy is offering an eight week course for students wishing to formally prepare for the April 2018 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 15.***

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

Days/Dates: January 20 – English February 24 – English
 January 27 – Math/Sci March 10 – Math/Sci
 February 3 – English March 17 – English
 February 10 – Math/Sci March 24 – Math/Sci

April 14, 2018 – ACT Test @ JCA

ACT Registration Deadline: 3/9/18

ACT Late Registration Deadline: 3/23/18

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Registration for ACT Prep Course – 2018

Registration deadline: December 15, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Homeroom _____

Current English Teacher: _____ Current Math Teacher: _____

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

Joliet Catholic Academy | Christian Service Hours Verification Form 2017

Important: This form must be completed IN FULL before service hours will be applied

Student Name: _____ Grade (please circle): FR SO JR SR

Name of Organization/Institution where service was provided: _____

Address of Organization/Institution: _____

Phone of Organization/Institution: _____ Contact Person: _____

Description of work performed (be specific): _____

Date Worked: _____ Hours Worked: _____

Contact Person's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Forms are to be turned into the Coordinator or to the Christian Service Hours basket both located in the Counseling Department.

Hours will be applied toward one of the two service categories as determined by the Coordinator:

- ☐ **People in Need** – Service in which student works directly with individuals in need. Examples: Helping residents play bingo at a nursing home, Meals on Wheels, Food Truck with Mr. Burke. Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children is recorded under this category.
- ☐ **Institution Hours**: Service in which a student performs a task for an existing organization that ultimately helps people in need or volunteering at Joliet Catholic Academy. Examples: filing papers for Big Brothers Big Sisters, working as an ambassador/volunteer at a JCA event, participation in a JCA Camp or program, working at a charity 5K

Need ideas? See the Christian Service page on PlusPortals for all current opportunities/suggestions. You are welcome to pursue your own ways to complete Service Hours.

Service Hours Expectations:

- People in Need Hours MUST make-up the majority of hours; minimum of: 2.5 hours Freshmen, 5 hours Sophomore, 7.5 hours Junior and 15 hours Seniors. Institution hours can be used to supplement the remaining hours.
- Freshmen will complete 5 hours total (2 hours must be completed by the end of first semester)
- Sophomores will complete 10 hours total (5 hours must be completed by the end of first semester)
- Juniors will complete 15 hours total (7 hours must be completed by the end of first semester)
- Seniors will complete 30 hours total (15 hours must be completed by the end of first semester)
- Pass/INC will appear on Semester 1 and Semester 2 Report cards and will appear on transcripts
- Progress can be seen in Plus Portals under the Quarter 2/Quarter 4 dropdown menu when viewing the class: Christian Service
- Payment cannot be received for service work; A parent cannot sign off on the hours worked

If you have any questions, curious about how your hours are being applied please feel welcome to ask!
Please see Mrs. Holly Scordo, in the Counseling Department or email to hscordo@jca-online.org

****Hours earned will be applied to a past year's obligation before being applied to the current year****

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone to create many ripples ~ Mother Theresa

REMEMBERING “G” JANUARY 27, 2018

*at Joliet Catholic Academy
Cocktails - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Dueling Pianos - 8 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.*

*Join us for a night of friendship
and great entertainment*

*Proceeds benefit JCA scholarships and initiatives
in memory of Andrew Giaudrone*



Tickets \$25 each

Cash Bar (\$2 beer, \$4 mixed drinks)

Raffle Items

50/50 - winner must take

*Tickets may be purchased at the door,
or tables of 10 may be
reserved with pre-payment by calling Karen Tyrell
815-931-8452 or Ian Tyrell 815-503-1930*

*Checks should be made payable to
“JCA/Remembering G Foundation”*

2017 SPIRIT RAFFLE UPDATE

The students of Joliet Catholic Academy would like to thank everyone who helped support their school by participating in the 2017 Spirit Raffle.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

1st Place - \$5,000

Jane & John Lenart sold by Kendall McLeod

2nd Place - \$2,500

Bill Fitzgerald sold by Ben Toborg

3rd Place - \$1,500

Mark Karner sold by Creighton Karner

4th Place - \$500

Cindy Gould sold by Drew Gould

5th Place - \$500

Tina Robanske sold by Devyn Robanske

TOP STUDENT SELLERS:

Aryka Adelman (Senior)

Joseph Costa (Senior)

Abi Voss (Junior)

Michael Gurka (Junior)

Meghan Egizio (Sophomore)

Joseph Batusich (Sophomore)

Thomas Tripp (Freshman)

Thomas Pritz (Senior)

TOP SELLING HOMEROOMS:

Juniors: 1st Place - Mrs. Maria Fischer

Sophomores: 1st Place - Mr. Tom Cranmer

Seniors: 1st Place - Mr. Joe Burke

Freshmen: 1st Place - Mrs. Jackie Cherwin

OVERALL TOP SELLING HOMEROOM:

Junior Homeroom 107- Mrs. Maria Fischer

OVERALL TOP SELLING CLASS:

Junior Class

THANKS TO MOM VOLUNTEERS:

Deb Kennedy, Suzanne Schuler, Heather Chlebana,

Barb Hallick, Liz Gochee, Jan Kopman, MaryAnn Egizio, Jeanne Leeders,

Heather Hobbs, Penny Filotto, Mary Spreitzer, Melanie Sliwa, Ramee Mikuska





JOLIET CATHOLIC BASEBALL WINTER CAMPS

Register Online: www.jca-online.org/wintercamps

BASEBALL SKILLS CAMP

Session I: 5th-6th Graders | Tuesday, Dec. 26th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Session II: 7th-8th Graders | Wednesday, Dec. 27th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50 (Checks payable to Jared Voss)

Be a Hillman baseball player for a day as you are taken through the exact practice structure and drills of the Hillmen Baseball Program. IHSBCA Hall of Fame Head Coach Jared Voss ('92), staff, current and former players will treat everyone as if they were a part of the JCA baseball program. Get to know your future JCA coaches and teammates.

ADVANCED PITCHING CAMP

Session I: 5th and 6th Graders | Tuesday, Dec. 26th
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Session II: 7th and 8th Graders | Wednesday, Dec. 27th
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40 (Checks payable to Jared Voss)
* (\$80 total) when registering for both Camps

Joliet Catholic Academy varsity pitching coach Ryan Quigley ('03) will lead this advanced camp. It will feature a daily practice and throwing process, greater understanding of arm care and maintenance, arm strengthening advancement, structured competitive bullpen routines, and dynamic pitching specific exercises and drills.



HILLTOPPER BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS

- * 3 State Championships
- * 2 Summer State Championships
- * 12 State Finals Appearances
- * 8 Major Leaguers
- * 35 Professional Baseball Players
- * 24 Division I Players since 2000
- * 2 MLB Draft Picks in 2017

REGISTRATION

(make checks payable to Jared Voss)

Mail to: Joliet Catholic Academy by Dec. 18, 2017

re: Baseball Camp

1200 N. Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size: YL S M L XL

* Contact Ryan Quigley: rquigley@jca-online.org

815.741.0500, ext. 214

with any questions or concerns