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An Unofficial Guide for CJ Freshmen

BY DANI MURPHY '12

“Take a deep breath and walk through the doors: it’s the morning of your very first day”. When a Cor Jesu freshman puts on her kilt and walks into her first day of school, there’s a lot that she may not know and a lot to be prepared for. Fortunately, *Corette* is able to help.

- 1. Hand dryers:** No one can explain it. It will forever remain a mystery. But it seems to be inbred in CJ students: when you enter into the bathroom, the first thing you do is turn on the dryer. It becomes a routine, and when one is in a restroom where paper towels are used instead, it is deeply unsettling. A word to the wise: the third floor bathroom does not contain a hand dryer.
- 2. Cafeteria food:** Everyone develops their personal favorites in the cafeteria, but it can sometime take a lot of different taste testing before one finds something that is heavenly on the taste buds. Favorites of the general public are smoothies, hot chocolate, bosco sticks, mac n’ cheese, and sprinkle cookies.
- 3. Kilts:** With all of the delicious food surrounding the students, they of course need something to wipe their mouths with. Although the famous polyester plaid doubles as a spare napkin, it should



New freshmen friends gather in the library.

Photo by Emily Inserra '13

- be worn with our famous CJ pride.
- 4. Walking:** When venturing from class to class, one should maintain an average walking speed. Stopping to chat with friends or walking below the average speed of the rest of the students traveling the halls may result in groans and sighs.
- 5. Lunch:** First lunch starts at 11:20 am and second lunch starts at 12:00 pm. Both lunches last a full half hour. Staying in the cafeteria for the entirety of the lunch period is usually a good idea, considering it is one of the only times of the day you have to be loud and silly.
- 6. Seniors:** They may be older, but they are still nice and kind Cor Jesu students just like you. In order to please them, all that a freshman would have to do would be to wear your outfits, sing your song, and bake them cookies.

The Class of 2014 Takes on Their Sophomore Year... and Chemistry

BY LISA SPELLMEYER '12

Summer has come to a close and the halls of Cor Jesu are once again packed tight with girls moving between classes and transitioning seamlessly into their new roles in the school. For the class of 2014, August 23 marked the transition from freshman to sophomore year. The sophomores will replace pirate hats with sophomore shirts, biology with chemistry, and drivers’ permits with licenses.

Sophomore **Olivia Rohatgi '14** is excited that she knows what to expect from a year at CJ after experiencing it for the first time freshman year. “It’ll be nice that we know all about the CJ traditions, so we know what to look forward to and how everything works,” she says.

Rohatgi also voiced her excitement about one of the sophomore class’ most important jobs: participating in the eighth grade shadow program. Sophomores will be responsible for showing prospective CJ girls all the fun and tradition Cor Jesu has to offer.

Another highlight of sophomore year for many is the concert choir experience. Sophomore **Sarah Ferretti** is excited to join her voice with those of the upperclassmen. “Don’t get me wrong, freshmen choir rocked it in our Christmas pirate costumes, but you’ve got to love the chic black Concert Choir dresses!” she exclaims.

Debatably one of the hardest parts of sophomore year is chemistry. Just coming off her sophomore year, junior **Kara Heimburger '13** says that chemistry was actually the class that interested her the most. “It was hard, but I am glad I learned all that I did from it,” she recalled.

Chemistry teacher **Mrs. Ryan**’s advice? “Students should keep an open mind and always bring a calculator and their periodic table to class.” She is excited to share the new science labs with her classes and also encourages students to ask for help when necessary in order to stay on track and get the best experience possible from sophomore chemistry.

The coming school year promises to be a busy and exciting one at CJ, especially for the sophomores. They are excited for the changes and challenges that the year will bring, but Rohatgi spoke for her class when she said, “I’m so looking forward to... not being on the bottom of the food chain!”



Freshmen Maria Lanari, Bridget Colombini, and Katie Inserra eat lunch together during Freshmen Orientation.

Photo by Emily Inserra '13



At Orientation, Emily Otto '13 talks with her small group of freshmen about Cor Jesu.

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Katie Burton '15 and Maura Buchheit '15 hang out during their free time in the cafe.

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At Left: A group of freshmen walk to their next class while running through their schedule on the first day of school.

Photo by Emily Inserra '13

CJ Seniors Take Over Memphis

BY SHANNON LYNCH '12

Almost every Cor Jesu girl looks forward to her junior trip. It's a time to explore a new city, escape the stress of the school year, and have fun with friends. After years of hearing stories of the fun times the previous classes had at the Redbirds game, Mud Island, and Graceland, the class of 2012 was anxious to travel through Memphis, TN, during springtime of their junior year. Their excitement grew as the date of their trip quickly approached. However, one day the class was called to the Little Theatre. There, the girls received some unfortunate news: Memphis had experienced terrible flooding, and they were unable to travel there until the summer.

The change of plans came as a shock to the girls, but the news wasn't poorly received. "I think we were all surprised, but we weren't really upset, especially once we found out there would still be a trip. It even became a bit of a joke that we wouldn't be taking our junior trip as juniors," states **Julie Schnur '12**.

In fact, many girls were happy about the trip being moved to summer. "We didn't have exams to worry about, or school in general, therefore we had a relaxing, enjoyable trip," says **Abigail Witte '12**.

While in Memphis, the girls took part in various activities, including touring Graceland, watching a Redbirds baseball game, visiting Mud Island, and exploring the Civil Rights Museum. These activities not only entertained the class of 2012, but also brought them closer together, claims



Seniors Victoria Mueller, Abigail Witte, Patricia Jackson, Annelise Zeltmann, Shannon Lynch, and Maria Orr stop to take a picture while touring Graceland.

Photo submitted by Shannon Lynch '12

Witte. "Because it was during the summer, and most of us haven't seen each other in a while, it really helped to catch up."

Because the trip allowed them to catch up with one another, the girls became "really excited for senior year," according to Schnur. Witte agrees that the trip allowed the girls to communicate about "how fun senior year will be."

Despite their initial shock when hearing the junior trip would become a senior trip, the class of 2012 made the best of the situation and had a great time in Memphis. Even though the class broke the tradition of having a junior trip, they were able to benefit from the experience. The summer trip got the girls excited and set the tone for their senior year.



Above Left: A group of seniors pose together after venturing the length of the model Mississippi River at Mud Island.

Photo submitted by Rina Fernan '12



Below: Emily Follen '12 and Katie Schaefer '12 sit with the rest of their class at the Redbirds game while on their trip to Memphis.

Photo submitted by Shannon Lynch '12

NEW CJA SCIENCE LAB FUN FACTS

BY: KATIE CAMMARATA '13

**Forgot to take a shower this morning and feeling a little dirty? No problem! (Though it is not recommended) there is a shower in the biology lab!

**In that same biology lab, there is a new dishwasher to make cleaning easy and the lights are motion censored!

**In the Independent Study Lab, outlets are so plentiful; some even hang from the ceiling!

Right: Mrs. Grana's class of freshmen enjoy their first day in the new Biology lab.

Photo by Emily Inserra '13

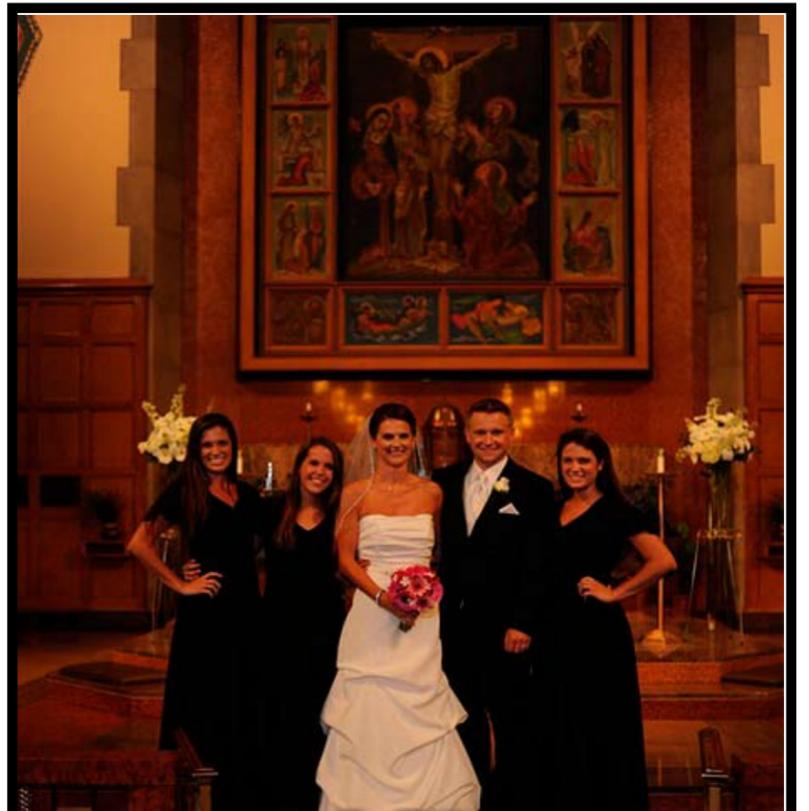
Below: Dr. Bill Joern shows a new piece of equipment that students taking Independent Study Research will use.

Photo by Emily Inserra '13



Below: The new Chemistry lab is set up and ready for the sophomores' first day!

Photo by Emily Inserra '13



Congratulations to CJ's very own Ms. Fasnut, now Mrs. Trybula, who got married this summer!

Above: Mr. and Mrs. Trybula take a picture with Mo Schaezel '11, Caitlin Shukwit '11, and Stevi Schaezel '11 who were just a few of the Cor Jesu girls who sang in the choir at the wedding this past summer.

Photo submitted by Mrs. Amy Trybula

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Getting to Know You: New Faculty

BY ABBY MISAPAGEL '13 AND EMILY INSERRA '13



Mrs. Ami Kohlberg

Photo submitted by Mrs. Debbie Dugan

Mrs. Ami Kohlberg

A Cor Jesu graduate, Mrs. Kohlberg, joins the faculty this year as the new Health Education teacher. While she was a student at CJ, Mrs. Kohlberg was involved in many activities including softball, cheerleading, NHS, Corette, Campus Ministry, and STUCO. "I LOVED hanging out with my friends. And, of course, I loved going to Friday Night Football Games at the boys' schools!" Kohlberg says. One of her favorite high school memories was her Junior Ring Ceremony and Dance. She says, "It was such an exciting time for our class. I still remember each of us processing into church holding a lit candle—and one of my classmates caught her hair on fire! Not a pleasant odor during Mass!" Kohlberg went to Rockhurst College in Kansas City and studied nursing for two years before transferring to SLU, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education with an emphasis in Science. She later received a Masters in Education. When she is not teaching, Kohlberg loves playing with her 7-year-old son Benjamin and spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys exercise and fitness, reading, and travelling. When asked what she was most looking forward to this school year, Kohlberg answered, "I am just so excited to be able to walk the halls of CJ again, and feel very blessed to be part of such an amazing faculty and staff. I look forward to the excitement and challenge of teaching young women about promoting lifelong health and wellness. And, I must admit, I'm a little excited about getting to "cheer" again during lunches!!!"

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Ms. Kate Willey

Photo by Emily Inserra '13

Ms. Kate Willey

Ms. Willey is joining the Theology Department this year as the new freshmen Theology teacher. Aside from teaching, she will also be coaching Varsity Softball. She looks forward to this position, and says, "I am so excited to be a part of the Softball program. I love coaching!" Ms. Willey went to high school at Visitation Academy, where she was very involved. She participated in Campus Ministry, Softball, and Soccer. "My favorite high school memory was winning the State Soccer Championship!" Willey says. After graduating high school, she attended Saint Louis University and studied Theology and History. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and also loves to ride her bike!



Mrs. Peggy Monaco

Photo by Emily Inserra '13

Mrs. Peggy Monaco

Mrs. Monaco is happy to be teaching freshmen this year as an Intro to Comp & Lit teacher. Mrs. Monaco, a Cor Jesu alum, told us that she loves teaching freshmen because she is able to witness the girls transitioning into high school and see all the new experiences and the whole new beginning that is in store for them. While in high school, she was very involved in CJ's drama program and even served as president of the club her senior year. She took part in all the school productions and laughed as she recalled, "We had to play all the boy characters!" Her involvement in CJ's drama program inspired her to pursue drama as a career. She attended Southwest Missouri State focusing around drama and journalism. She decided that she was more interested in teaching English than drama, contrary to what she thought before. During her free time Mrs. Monaco loves to read and spend time with her three grandchildren.



Mrs. April Remiger

Photo by Emily Inserra '13

Mrs. April Remiger

Mrs. Remiger, who graduated from Cor Jesu, is so excited to be a member of the CJ faculty as the new Spanish I teacher. When asked about her favorite high school memory, Remiger said, "Cheers on Fridays during lunch would be one of my favorites!" At CJ, she was a member of NHS and CARE, among other clubs. After graduation, she attended Saint Louis University where she majored in education. She is excited to get to know her students and see familiar faces from when she was a student at CJ. She added that she loves how "the charism has lived on and hasn't faded since I was here." When she is not teaching, Remiger loves spending time with her family and caring for her two kids, ages four and six. She helps out with the St. Francis youth ministry, and also enjoys listening to music, reading books, and watching movies.

Make sure to check out next month's edition of the Corette for a special interview with Ms. Yanzi Geng, CJ's new Chinese teacher, and to find out more about the Chinese program that was introduced to CJ this year!

Upperclassmen Advice

BY KRISTI WALSH '12

Junior year is a fun time at Cor Jesu, with junior rings, junior trip, new teachers, new classes, and the new title of "Upperclassmen." While this is all really exciting, there are also less appealing things, like taking the ACT and beginning to look at colleges. Juniors shared what they are excited or nervous about, and some new seniors give their advice on how to make junior year their best yet.

From the Juniors:

- I'm really looking forward to getting my junior ring. I'm also excited about going on junior trip. I'm a little nervous about taking the ACT and SAT this year. - **Katie Sainz**
- I'm a little nervous about the workload, because I've heard it is much harder than sophomore year. But I am definitely excited about getting our junior rings! - **Bailey Schumm**
- I would say that I am most excited about the thought that we are finally going to be upperclassmen. - **Abby Misapagel**
- I'm really excited to get my class ring. I really want one of my own. I'm also nervous about starting the search for college... I don't really know where to start. - **Maddi Wahl**
- Junior year seems really bittersweet. I am very excited to be an upperclassman, even though this year we have to prepare to the ACTs and the SATs, but the sad part is that once we are upperclassmen we are halfway done with our years at Cor Jesu. - **Genny Willman**
- I guess I'm just really nervous to be an upperclassman, but I'm so excited for things like Junior Ring and Junior Trip! I hope it's a great year for everyone! - **Margaret Pate White**

From the Seniors:

- Don't let the fact that you're an upperclassman go to your head. You were a dorky underclassman last year. Also, good luck with physics. - **Victoria Mueller**
- Although junior year is challenging, it is manageable. Try to stay organized and efficient, but remember that it's okay to mess up here or there. - **Haley Kloess**
- Don't get really stressed about the getting the perfect ACT score the first time. Just relax, keep calm and have confidence in your abilities. - **Maria Orr**
- When it comes to physics, just put your head down, and keep running. Make sure to really know what you're doing when it comes to labs because that's a huge part of your grade right there. - **Abigail Witte**
- Don't put off doing research about college. Even if you only do a little, it will still help you out a lot in the long run. - **Melanie Schaeperkoetter**
- Have fun and don't let yourself get too stressed. You're an upperclassman now, so enjoy it! - **Shannon Lynch**

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