Art Students Meet Irish Sculptor at Installation Site

The installation on Friday, September 12, of a trio of bronze sculptures created by Irish artist Rowan Gillespie was a unique opportunity for 16 Advanced Placement Studio Art and Irish Heritage Club students to meet the esteemed artist and talk to him about his work, inspiration and art in general. Full Story

Senior Travels to Haiti to 'Serve the Dear Neighbor'

This summer, senior Claire Orsagos traveled with her brother, sister and Dad to Haiti with the Love Haiti Fund, a non-profit that raises money and takes it directly to Haiti to assist residents in person.

"Our general mission was to provide the people of Haiti with food, clothes, shoes, and water, along with giving them hope and faith that the next day would be better for them," shared Claire. "We drove to different villages and handed out bread with peanut butter and candy, clothes to the naked children, and sandals to the people with bare feet." Full Story

Chalk Festival Showcases Students' Art

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has been shared with students, faculty and staff. Contact club moderator, Math teacher Lisa Previts, if you have questions.

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Parent Events:

2014-15 Calendar
Here are the important dates for the 2014-2015 academic year. If you have questions, please email Dean of Women Marie Ciolek.

September 23
Legacy breakfast, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Dining Hall. Freshmen with mother or grandmother alumnae.

September 24
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

October 1
Key Club blood drive, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., auditorium. A sign-up sheet has been shared with students, faculty and staff. Contact club moderator, Math teacher Lisa Previts, if you have questions.

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Admissions Events:

September 19
8th Grade Shadowing, a great way to experience SJA! Spread the word! Now through December. Register here.

Two students made sure SJA was represented this past weekend at the 25th Annual Chalk Festival sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Art. Maureen Borden ’15 (AP Studio and Drawing & Painting), left, and Lauren Zawie ’17 (Drawing & Painting) celebrated both Jaguar pride and our school’s 125th anniversary in their drawing.

The two-day Chalk Festival was held at the museum’s south-side plaza. More than 5,000 artists took chalk to pavement this year, to the delight of some 20,000 visitors.

"The Chalk Festival is so much fun," shared Maureen. "It's challenging working on a sidewalk canvas, but we are very proud of our Jaguar!"

Kelly Gallagher Joins Health Sciences Honors Program Team

Another alumna has returned to SJA! Kelly Gallagher ’09 is the Coordinator for our new Health Sciences Honors Program. This is the inaugural year for the Health Sciences Honors Program, which was initiated to answer a growing need for health professionals and SJA students’ excellence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curricula. Nearly 50 students are currently participating. Full Story

Jaguar Jackpot!

For those families participating in the Jaguar Jackpot Raffle program, please be aware that our first ticket acceptance deadline is Friday, September 26, 2014. All tickets and money should be returned to the Finance Office, Room 126, on or before this date to be included in the first drawing on October 2, 2014.

Please contact Beverly LaPolla at 216.251.6788 ext 252 or email blapolla@sja1890.org with any questions or concerns.

Freshmen To Celebrate Grandparents’ Day

The freshmen class will be celebrating Grandparents’ Day with our annual Grandparents’ Day event on Monday, November 3. During this special event, our freshmen will be able to enjoy a special luncheon program and mass celebrating All Saint's Day with their grandparent(s).

Invitations with full details will be mailed to the grandparents in early October. If you have not yet submitted your daughter's grandparents contact information so we can send them an invitation, please do via this.
SPOTLIGHT

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center is Second Home to Senior

Who: Stacy Grossman '15

What: Stacy has volunteered as a Naturalist Assistant at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center (LENSC) since 2011.

Fun Facts: Stacy started out working with the skunks, opossums, chinchillas and rabbits. She is now able to work with reptiles, and hopes to be able to work soon with the birds of prey, including the bald eagle.

Stacy also helps with animal enrichment - a program to help keep the animals engaged and active, even though they are in confinement - and with the animal show.

"What drew me to the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center was the possibility to be able to work up-close with these animals. I grew up surrounded with nature in my own back yard. The best part about volunteering at the center is the animal education. Did you know a chinchilla has about 60-80 hairs per follicle, compared to humans who only have one hair per follicle!"

Stacy volunteers about 12 hours a month, sometimes more when she is asked to help an extra weekend or two.

In the event that her grandparents are deceased or unavailable, you may substitute the names of a close family member or friend. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Corrigan Ernst '80 at 216.251.6788 x263 or dernst@sja1890.org.

Sustainability Fact

The student ECOS (Environmental Concern for Others) Club and the SJA Sustainability Group reports that the SJA community has kept a total of 143,178 bottles out of our environment. Plastic bottles are difficult to recycle, use energy that is needed elsewhere, and pose a real health hazard because of the chemicals that leach into the liquids in the bottles. Go green!

Mother's Club Invitation

Join the SJA Mother's Club on Saturday, October 4, for the 2014 Stroll & Roll 5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run. All proceeds benefit the MetroHealth Friends of Mothers & Infants (Friends of M&I), a nonprofit organization serving infants in need in the greater Cleveland area for more than 35 years. The Stroll & Roll will begin at Kamm's Corners and will wind its way through West Park.

For more information on the Stroll & Roll, please visit here, or contact Mother's Club President Mrs. Mary Zavoda here.

Community Wellness Night

A Community Wellness Night with Dr. Tanda Cook is being held on Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at St. Edward Hight School, 13500 Detroit Ave., Lakewood. The event, hosted by the Eagles Cheer Team coach, is for Moms, Dads, students, athletes, teachers, coaches and anyone interested in improving their health and fitness. Topics include food for the family, nutrition for athletes, allergies, acne, real fat loss and exercise advice. Program information, including how to register for this free event, is here.

SPORTS

Attention Fall Sports Parents:

Spiritwear orders have arrived and are available for pick-up in the Paw Prints Store. The store hours are here.

Tennis

Varsity won all three matches this week, improving to 10-5 on the season. On Tuesday, September 16, in a 3-2 win over Solon, the Jaguars were led by Hannah Schuette '17, who won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles. Allison Saracina '15 added a 6-3, 6-0 win at third singles and the team of Molly McAfee '15/Angela Cicero '17 won 6-0, 6-1 at first doubles.

On Wednesday, September 17, the Jaguars beat Amherst 3-2. The second doubles team of Grace Hendryx '15/Brittany Hegeman '15 clinched the team match with a come-from-behind 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win. Hendryx/Hegeman were down 3-4 in the final set before winning the final three games. The Jaguars also received wins from Allison Saracina '15 at third singles and Molly McAfee '15/Angela Cicero '17 at first doubles.

On Thursday, September 18, the team won 3-2 at Hudson. Hannah Schuette '17 won 6-1, 6-1 at first singles, Allison Saracina '15/Grace Hendryx '15 won 6-1, 6-1 at second doubles and Colleen FitzGerald '16 rallied for a 4-6, 6-0, 6-1 win at second singles.

Cross Country
"My favorite animals are the two skunks. Not many people can say they have held a skunk without getting sprayed! My least favorite animals must be the Madagascar cockroaches! I cannot get over my fear for them."

Stacy's favorite subjects at SJA are history and science. She is interested in attending Hiram College and majoring in environmental science or biology.

College Corner
Each week, our College Counselors will be alerting parents and students of important dates/meetings, as well as providing information on colleges and universities.

Who: Boston College
Where: Chestnut Hills, Mass. (11 hours from Cleveland), Suburban.
Enrollment: 9,110 undergraduates.
Strongest Programs: Chemistry, Economics, English, Finance, Political Science, Physics, History.
Fun Fact: Boston College boasts more than 160,000 alumni, making them the largest alumni association among Catholic universities in the world.
Website: www.bc.edu

Varsity traveled last weekend to Miami University In Oxford, Ohio, to compete in the Red Hawk invitational, while the rest of the squad stayed near home for the McDonough Invitational in Cleveland Heights. While the crew in Oxford had perfect running conditions, the team back home had to deal with soft, rainy conditions for much of the day.

In Oxford, the Jaguars finished in 2nd place, behind only Mason, the 4th ranked team in Ohio. All seven runners ran PRs (personal records) and for the first time in school history, SJA had two girls break 19:00 in the same race! Sophomore Maggie Wagner moved to #2 on the all-time school list with her 2nd place 18:46 effort, while freshman Sydney Seymour became #4 all-time with her 3rd place 18:59 run. Sophomore Olivia Battistoni is just off the all-time top 20 list with her time of 20:09. The rest of the Jaguars were: seniors Mallory Fahey and Lauren Marconi (18th and 22nd, 20:31 and 20:35 respectively), junior Katie Butterfield 25th (20:41), and freshman Emily Conway in 30th (21:05).

Second Varsity finished 7th of 14 teams against some outstanding competition at the McDonough Invitational hosted by VASJ at Forest Hills Park. Sophomore Mary Hyland led the way and was followed to the line by senior Victoria Bonca, senior Anna Farris, sophomore Alana Vovk and senior Clare Fibbi.

The team travels to Tri-C west's campus for the Valley Forge Invitational tomorrow, Saturday, September 20.

Golf
The team played in a quad match Monday, September 15, and came away with a third-place finish as they knocked off Padua. The Jaguars now have a 7-6 record in matches this year. On Thursday, September 18, the team finished in 6th place in the highly competitive conference tournament at Big Met Golf Course. The team was led by senior Kaitlin Rose, who took 8th place with an 84.

Soccer
Varsity played its first two home games of the season this past week.
Saturday, September 13, senior night at Fairview Park stadium, the Jaguars tied Olmsted Falls 1-1. SJA scored just 46 seconds into the game, thanks to a corner kick from senior Isabella Morini. SJA then hosted Magnificat on Monday, September 15, at Saint Ignatius High School, resulting in a defeat.

JV dropped a close match to Olmsted Falls, falling 3-2 on Saturday, September 13. Freshman Hannah Carruthers scored both goals for the Jaguars. The team dropped a game 3-0 against Magnificat on Monday, September 15. However the Jaguars played well in the second half, not allowing a goal in the final 36 minutes. JV ended its week with a big 6-2 win over Medina Buckeye on Wednesday, September 17, to post its third win of the season.

Volleyball
Thursday night's Varsity game at Magnificat was one for the record books! In stunning fashion, the Jaguars came from two sets to one down, to rally and force a deciding fifth set. In the fifth set, SJA fell behind multiple times, but rallied in the final points to post a dramatic 16-14 win in the fifth set, to post its first win over Magnificat in more than 20 years! Seniors Mary Beth Keck, Elise Duldner, and Juliana Withers, and juniors Haley Yuhasz and Elizabeth Enovitch were among several of the Jaguars standout players in the match.

Crew
Come and cheer the Jaguar Crew at the team's only fall "home" regatta, The Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta, tomorrow, September 20, starting at 8 a.m. at the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse, 1003 British Street in the Flats. The event will feature 401 entries and 43 clubs from five states and Canada. Go Jaguars!

Basketball
Attention All Students Interested in Playing Basketball: Open gyms are being held for any student interested in playing basketball this season. The sessions are every Monday in September and October from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Academy Center. Official practice/tryouts will begin on October 31. Please contact head coach Maggie Ferrando with any questions.