Three Seniors Are National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars

It was an exciting week for seniors Halle Armstrong, Cari Milowicki and Olivia Ritchie, as they learned on Tuesday that they were named 2015 National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars! Only the top 5 percent of the 1.5 million students who participated in the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last fall earned this honor.

Full Story

Senior Learns about Sustainability at Loyola University Chicago

Kiera Grady ’15 is second from the left. She was in Chicago to participate in the Summer Scholars Program at Loyola University Chicago.
Pride Bowl & Cookout, 3-8:30 p.m., Dining Hall, Howley Terrace, Picnic Area, The Scholars' Porch, Soccer/Track Field. Students and parents will receive an email next week about the event.

Dress Down Day. If participating, purple shirts, pants allowed (nice, unripped jeans; no yoga or sweat pants) and 125th pin. Donation of $1.25.

October 3
No school. Faculty and Staff Service Retreat.

Parent Events:

School Directory
The Mother's Club is providing families with a school directory. You will receive an email next week from Dean of Women Marie Ciolek with instructions on how to opt out of the directory, if you so desire. If you have questions, please email Ms. Ciolek.

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.

Upperclass Induction Ceremony, 2-3 p.m. in The Academy Center, refreshments, 3-3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

October 2
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October 16, 22
Parent-Teacher meetings. Conferences by appointment only. October 16 - 3:30-9:30 p.m.; October 22 - 12:30-3:30 p.m. Emails on the conferences will be sent out next week by Dean of Women Marie Ciolek.

October 28
Mandatory OHSAA meeting for parents of students in winter sports is at 7 p.m. in The Academy Center.

The decision to study environmental sciences in college may be easier for senior Kiera Grady now, thanks to her experience this summer in the Summer Scholars Program at Loyola University Chicago. Full Story

Seniors Officially Welcome Freshmen

Are they in the "game?" You betcha! The Class of 2018 was officially welcomed by seniors on Friday, September 26. Using the theme of a gameboard - similar to Monopoly but populated with SJA events - seniors guided arriving freshmen through a chalk "gameboard" that ran from Echo Circle, around to The Academy Center entrance. In the afternoon, the two classes enjoyed lunch and dance music in the auditorium, followed by an afternoon skit. Here is a gallery of photos from the celebration.

Junior's Love of Music and Art Help Her 'Serve the Dear Neighbor'

Twelve years ago, junior Molly Stofko began music lessons at South Suburban Montessori School and discovered a passion for music that has only grown with the years. Today, Molly plays the piano, guitar and ukelele, as well as singing and writing songs.

Her musical talent merged with her interest in teaching this summer when she volunteered twice a week at South Suburban Montessori, teaching art lessons to children ages 3-10. She also assisted with sing-alongs and exercises in music classes. Full Story

Book Club Students Treated to Ice Cream Truck Treats!
Admissions 
Events:

Now Thru December 5
8th Grade Shadowing, a great way to experience SJA! Spread the word! Now through December 5. Register [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1118594589832.html).

October 7
CYO Volleyball Night, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Admission free for girls who wear their school jersey. Questions? Call 216.251.4868.

October 17
Visit Day for 5th, 6th & 7th grade girls, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Register [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1118594589832.html).

SPOTLIGHT
Senior Is Cleveland Police Explorer

Who: Analese Chandler-Nieves '15

What: Analese is a proud member of Cleveland Police Explorer, Post 7 Chapter. In one year, she has advanced from Cadet to Explorer.

Fun Facts: The Cleveland Police Law Enforcement Explorer's Program is designed to introduce young adults ages 13-21 to the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue a possible career in the police profession. Police-related training, community service projects and competitions throughout the year all play an integral part in the program.

"I first learned about Explorers through a safety fair last year," shared Analese. "A police officer

Blessing of the Boats for Jaguar Navy

Crew athletes were joined Friday, September 19, by friends, parents and other team supporters for the annual Blessing of the Boats held on the shores of the Cuyahoga River. A new boat named Sisters of St. Joseph was added to the Jaguar Navy. The blessing was performed by Sr. Joan Lang, CSJ, aunt of Mrs. Colleen Lang Rouse '81 and great aunt of crew athlete Charlotte Rouse '15. For information on how Crew performed in last Saturday's Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta, please look at the Sports section below.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications Due November 17

The Knights of Columbus and Ohio Charity Foundation Inc. are accepting applications for a $1,000 scholarship. The recipient must be a practicing Catholic, attending an Ohio Catholic high school, have financial need, a grade point average of at least 2.5, prior scholastic honors, church involvement and school extracurricular activities.

Please see Guidance Counselor Maryann Marek for more information or the application form. The form also is available [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1118594589832.html).

The application must be postmarked no later than Monday, November 17.

Legacy Breakfast Celebrates Mother, Daughter, Grandmother Connections
told me about this youth program after learning of my interest in law enforcement. The next week, I went to a meeting for the Cleveland Police Explorers. I knew instantly it was something I would enjoy."

"The Explorers has giving me courage and leadership skills and has strengthened my desire to go into law enforcement. My favorite part is that we are educated not only in the aspects of law enforcement, but also learn communication skills, discipline, patience, analytical thinking and leadership."

At SJA, Analese also participates in the Fencing Club, tennis team, Art Club, Dance Team and the Film Buffs Club. She has volunteered with Girls Go Red, an effort by the American Heart Association to reach out to young girls about health, fitness and the dangers of heart disease. She has a green belt in karate and is a Latin Folkloric dancer and performs monthly at various community functions.

Analese is undecided on a college, but plans on majoring in psychology or criminology. Ultimately, she is interested in joining the Secret Service.

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.

Upcoming College Fairs:

The Greater Cleveland West Suburban College Fair is 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 6, at Baldwin Wallace University, 136 E. Bagley Road in the Lou Higgins Recreation Center, Free.

The Lorain County College Fair is 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, at Lorain County Community College, Ewing Activities Center, 1005 Abbe Road North, Elyria, Fee.

Featured College of the Week: Seniors and their mothers and grandmothers gather at the Legacy Breakfast.

For the 9th year in a row, alumnae grandmothers and mothers joined their daughters for a Legacy Breakfast celebrating loving connections with SJA and Nazareth Academy. More than 125 people attended the Tuesday, September 23, breakfast gathering and presentation that followed. There were 10 groups of three-generation families - the grandmothers and mothers and daughters all are Academy women. The legacy of Academy women is strong!

Senior Towpath Retreat Is Enlightening
A "Towpath Retreat" held last weekend provided a time of contemplation of God's wonders for 21 seniors as they embark on a year filled with decisions. On Sunday, September 21, the seniors biked the Ohio Erie Canal Towpath from Independence to Peninsula, where they spent the night. They returned to their starting point on Monday afternoon.

Chaperones were World Languages teacher Ethan Saurwein and CORE Ministry teachers Kristen Pungitore and Elizabeth Pillari.

Jaguar Jackpot!
For those families participating in the Jaguar Jackpot Raffle program, please be aware that our second ticket acceptance deadline is Thursday, October 2, 2014. All tickets and money should be returned to the Finance Office, Room 126, on or before this date to be included in the second drawing on October 10, 2014.

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

SPORTS

Attention Winter Sports Parents:
New date! The mandatory OHSAA parent meeting for any student playing a winter sport (basketball or swimming & diving) has been moved to Tuesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. in The Academy Center.

Tennis
Varsity beat Beaumont 4-1 on Monday, September 22. Hannah Schuette '17 led the Jaguars off with a 6-2, 6-0 victory at first singles. Colleen FitzGerald '16 and Allison Saracina '15 added wins to complete the singles sweep. The second doubles team of Grace Hendryx '15/Abigail Riley '15 rallied for a 2-6,
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

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Saint Joseph Academy Weekly Update for September 26

In a 4-1 loss to Bay on Wednesday, September 24, the first doubles team of Molly McAfee '15/Angela Cicero '17 picked up a 6-2, 6-4 victory. Grace Hendryx/Abigail Riley also played well in a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 loss at second doubles. The team also fell 5-0 to Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin on Thursday, September 25, and now stands at 11-7 on the season. Hannah Schuette played a great match against a returning state qualifier from NDCL, splitting the first two sets and falling in a third set tiebreaker.

Cross Country

Varsity took the weekend off for a workout, but still finished 2nd as a team in the Valley Forge Patriot Invitational on Saturday, September 20. JV dominated their race at Valley Forge, taking the top 11 spots. Seniors Victoria Bonca and Clare Fibbi went first and second in the JV race to distance themselves from the rest of the field.

The team will be competing in the Paul Primeau Gilmour Invitational on Friday, September 26, in Gates Mills. Go Jaguars!

Golf

The team enters its postseason tournament on Tuesday, September 30, playing at Sweetbriar in Avon Lake in sectional play. The team will get a tune-up on Saturday, September 27, as they participate in the Avon Invitational at Bob O' Links golf course. Best of luck to our linksters this week!

Soccer

Junior Varsity and Varsity both had impressive showings on Monday at Western Reserve Academy. JV won 6-0. Among the Jaguar standouts were Liz Heneghan '17, Teresa Kelly '16, Natalia Mepham '18 and Kayla Tomm '17.

Varsity played to a 1-1 tie with WRA, which entered the game ranked fifth in the state in Division III. On Wednesday, September 24, both teams traveled to take on North Olmsted. JV fell 4-1; Varsity lost 5-2. Freshman Regina Baldado scored both goals for SJA.

Volleyball

Varsity had a challenging week, with matches against some of the better teams in the area. On Saturday, September 20, Varsity topped Bay Village High School in the first match, before sweeping 2-0 a previously undefeated Revere team in the Renee Roach Invitational hosted by Independence. SJA then ran into a state-ranked Independence team and fell in two sets, which gave them the runner-up trophy in the tournament.

Varsity then hung around with Gilmour Academy (ranked fifth in the state in Division III) at home on Wednesday night, September 24, before falling in four sets.

JV went 2-0 during the week with wins over North Olmsted (2-0) and Gilmour (2-1). Freshman Beth Brady and sophomore Katy McAfee played well. Freshmen went 1-1 on the week, including a 2-0 victory over Gilmour on Wednesday.

Crew

The Jaguar Navy had its best Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta showing ever on Saturday, September 20. A total of 43 clubs from six states and Canada competed. The day started with the 1st Women's Junior 4+ claiming a gold medal by a nearly 30-second margin over the second-place boat. Next, the Jaguar Navy grabbed second and eighth place in the 2nd Women's Junior 4+ race. Also, the Novice rowers took the silver medal and 9th place in the Novice 8+ race, and a silver medal, 5th and 8th places in the Novice 4+ race. Finally, SJA took the gold medal in both the Women's 1st Junior 8+ and 2nd Junior 8+ categories, with its final boat placing eighth. Congratulations to all for a memorable day of racing! Go Jaguars!

Rugby

The Ohio State University Women's Rugby Team hosted an off-season game on Saturday, September 20, in Columbus. Even in the off-season, the Jaguars proved to be unstoppable with a 47-5 victory over Warsaw, Ind., last year's No. 1 team in Indiana. SJA was No. 1 in Ohio last year. The Jaguars dominated the field with scores by Anne Rolf '17, Rebecca Sullivan '16, Yassmine Valentine '17, Maeve Mullen '17, Alex Strasser '15, Taylor Valentine '15 and Rachael Kean '16.
The next regatta is Saturday, October 4, in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Interested in playing rugby? Look for an informational meeting in January 2015.

**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.

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