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PSAT testing for all sophomores,

SJA Kicks Off Celebrations This Sunday of 125 Years of Being Vibrant, Valued, Vital

An in-school performance by the world renowned Cleveland Orchestra, a visit from a Pulitzer Prize-winning graduate, a special evening honoring the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph - these are just a few of the highlights in the next 12 months as Saint Joseph Academy joyfully celebrates the 125th anniversary of our founding in 1890. Full Story

Zoology Students Visit Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for 'Inside Story'

Zoology students pose in front of the Primates, Cats & Aquatics Building at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Forty-seven students in Zoology this week had the opportunity to visit the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo to observe first-hand the characteristics and habits of seven different species of primates. Full Story

Students Aid Museum of Divine Statues
juniors. Delayed start for freshmen and seniors. College Counseling Director Susan Emmerich will be sending out information. An email was sent to parents this week. Questions? Email Ms. Emmerich here.

**October 17**
No school. 5th, 6th, 7th grade Visit Day. Register here.

**October 22**
All-school Testing Day. Info here.

**October 24**
Picture re-take day.

**Core Ministry Service Update**
Looking to volunteer? Here is an update on service opportunities.

**Parent Events:**

**School Directory**
The Mothers’ Club is providing families with a school directory. You should have received an email 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.

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**October 14**
Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7 p.m., in the Board Room.

**October 15**
STArts Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

**October 17**
No school. 5th, 6th, 7th grade Visit Day. Register here.

**October 16, 22**
Parent-Teacher meetings. Conferences by appointment only. October 16 - 3:30-8:30 p.m.; October 22 - 1:30-3:30 p.m. Emails on the conferences were sent out by Dean of Women Marie Ciolek. Questions? Email Ms. Ciolek here.

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**Spread the News: Fall Open House is Sunday, October 26**
The SJA Fall Open House is Sunday, October 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., for girls considering enrollment. The Open House will include tours of the campus led by current students and opportunities to attend an academic session to learn about our various academic programs. Members of the faculty, athletic coaches and our administration will be available for your questions. The tours will last approximately one hour.

To pre-register for a specific tour time, visit [www.sja1890.org/openhouse](http://www.sja1890.org/openhouse). Walk-ins always welcome, too. Questions? Contact Vice President of Enrollment & Marketing Diane Kanney at 216.251.4868 or by email.

All are welcome!

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**Respect Life Rally**

On Tuesday, October 7, about 300 students from 14 area high schools participated in a Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, followed by a march to Public Square. Many of the students, including 30 from SJA, are members of Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ). Full Story
Picture re-take day.

October 27
Mothers’ Club meeting, 7 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

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

October 27-31
Ohio Graduation Test make-up week for those needing to retake any of the tests. Email Guidance Counselor Maryann Marek with any questions.

Admissions Events:

Now Through December 5
8th Grade Shadowing, a great way to experience SJA! Spread the word! Register here.

October 17
Visit Day for 5th, 6th & 7th grade girls, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Register here.

October 26
Fall Open House, 1-4 p.m. Tours by current students available. Meet with faculty, coaches, members of the administration. To pre-register, visit here.

SPOTLIGHT
Junior Attends Cleveland Leadership Center

Who: Jewel Yokie ’16

What: Jewel Yokie was selected to attend the Summer Leadership Academy, a program of the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta

On Thursday, October 9, students enjoyed Hispanic foods such as quesadillas, enchiladas and salsa in the Dining Hall, before walking down to the auditorium for some special - and sparkly! - treats.

Unity Club organized an Hispanic Heritage Celebration during Activity Blocks to coincide with September 15-October 15 celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The celebration focuses on the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States. The national celebration, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on September 15 to mark the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period. Full Story

Shakespeare’s Words Come Alive for English Students

Actors from the Great Lakes Theater Festival’s School Residency Program visited English 9 and Honors English 9 classes this week, infusing the study of William Shakespeare’s plays with life and vibrancy.

The actors helped students re-enact scenes from “Romeo and Juliet” (in the English 9 classes) and “Macbeth” (Honors English 9 classes), showing students the emotions behind the lines.

"Shakespeare’s plays were written to be heard, and not to be just read," shared Honors English 9 teacher Erin Blayney ’96. “The English Department and the Great Lakes actors hope that by bringing students ‘into the action,’ the students will gain an appreciation for the poetic language of Shakespeare - and see how Shakespeare’s themes are still relevant today.”

Teen Read Week Starts Monday

Next week, the Book Club and Nazareth Library will be celebrating National Teen Read Week with activities designed to encourage the love of books and reading. The list of activities include encouraging reading time on Tuesday in Homeroom before the Founders’ Day Mass, as well as a raffle. Full Story

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Who: Jewelry Yokie ’16

What: Jewelry Yokie was selected to attend the Summer Leadership Academy, a program of the
Cleveland Leadership Center.

Facts: The Summer Leadership Academy is an intense, one-week long program dedicated to helping a diverse group of students from Greater Cleveland develop leadership skills and an appreciation for the neighborhoods, institutions and people of Northeast Ohio.

"On Monday, the theme was 'Take Me to Your Leaders,' " shared Jewel. "We visited the Northeast Ohio Media Group and met Thom Fladung, managing editor of The Plain Dealer. We also met with Cleveland City Council President Kevin Kelley, and toured the Federal Courthouse and the U.S. Marshals Office, where we were given a presentation by Chief Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. and U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott."

Participants in the Leadership Academy also visited the Cleveland Clinic's simulation center, toured the Positively Cleveland and Greater Cleveland Sports Commission offices, and explored East Fourth Street and the Cleveland Museum of Art.

"We met so many wonderful people. I loved that this program provided me with exposure to a wide variety of specialties, interests and careers," added Jewel.

Jewel's favorite subjects are English, algebra and sociology. She is leaning toward majoring in clinical psychology in college.

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.

Featured College of the Week:

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, attend 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.

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

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors Test Day is Wednesday, October 22

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 is an all-school testing day at Saint Joseph Academy. Students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 will take standardized assessments, while the Seniors will use this day for college planning. Information was sent home to parents, but here is a copy of the letter with all the information.

Questions? Please call Guidance Counselor Maryann Marek at 216.251.6786 x211 or email her at mmarek@sja1890.org.

'Sportsmanship Pledge' Is Easy Way to Will Help Our Crew Team, But the Deadline is Fast Approaching!

A simple few clicks on a keyboard will greatly help SJA Crew continue to be the award-winning team it has been for four years! Liberty Mutual Insurance is donating $2,500 to the top 5 teams who register the most "sportsmanship pledges" before October 15.

SJA community, here is your opportunity to help the team’s equipment fund, without contributing a personal penny. SJA Crew is in 7th place for the grant, with only five days to go. We are quickly exhausting all our resources to ask for pledges. Please help!

You may take the Pledge at https://www.playpositive.com/pledge/ until October 15. Make sure you choose Saint Joseph Academy Crew. You must be 18 years old or older. If you have a problem signing up, please contact parent volunteer Mrs. Sue Prahst at patricia_prahst@yahoo.com or 216.334.7866.

Jaguar Jackpot!

For those families participating in the Jaguar Jackpot Raffle program, please be aware that our next ticket acceptance deadline is Thursday, October 16, 2014. All tickets and money should be returned to the Finance Office, Room 126, on or before this date to be included in the drawing on October 24, 2014.

The following are the winners for the second Jaguar Jackpot Raffle drawing:

1. Lorraine Rakoczy sold by Kayla Melendez - Ticket # 11326
2. Patricia Malerich sold by Sarah Stottner - Ticket # 05315
3. Steven Mastroianni sold by Antonia Mastroianni - Ticket # 12460

Each winner will receive $500 and each student seller will receive $50. These payments will be made by the Finance Office next week and the winners will be notified by the Finance Office. Congratulations to our sellers and winners!

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.

Cross Country
Senior Night is Wednesday, October 15, at 5 p.m. at South Mastick Park. District competition is Saturday, October 18, at Lakeland Community College, with the top seven runners competing. The rest of the team will compete in its last meet Monday, October 20, at Walsh Jesuit.

Golf
Senior golfer Kaitlin Rose competed for the Jaguars at the District Golf Tournament on Tuesday, October 7, at the Legends of Massillon. Rose had an 81 on the difficult course, which placed her eighth in the individual standings. She just missed qualifying for the state tournament by four shots. Congratulations to Kaitlin on a fantastic finish to her SJA career.

Soccer
Varsity played well this week, but fell short in both games. Senior defender Grace Reinhold score a goal in each game this week, but varsity lost at Elyria Catholic on Monday, October 6, and then again in a close match Wednesday, October 8, at Kirtland. JV went 1-1 this week, with sophomore Serena Russo scoring both goals in a 2-1 win at Elyria Catholic. JV lost to Kirtland 3-0.

JV will finish its season on Saturday, October 11, at Aurora, at 5 p.m. Varsity will take on Aurora followed by their sectional tournament game on Monday, October 13, at Shaker Heights at 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball
The entire volleyball program had a great night on Tuesday as the teams hosted the annual CYO night matches. The Freshman and JV teams swept Eastlake North 2-0, while Varsity posted a 3-1 win, including a dominant 25-4 win in the third set. Seven seniors were honored Thursday, October 9, during Senior Night. They are: Elise Duldner, Mary Beth Keck, Emily Keller, Mary McKenna, Amber Petras, Ashley Petras, and Juliana Withers.

The Jaguars will play in the Sectional Tournament on Saturday, October 18, at 10 a.m. at Strongsville High School, where they will take on the winner of the Lincoln West - Magnificat match. Best of luck, Jaguars!

Crew
Bad weather conditions cancelled most of the events at the Head of the Ohio (HOTO) in Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 4. The Novice events were the only opportunities SJA had to compete. SJA’s first Novice 4+ grabbed second place, just 13 seconds behind the first-place team. The second Novice 4+ placed fourth in a field of 16 boats. The Novice 8+ boats raced to 7th and 9th place finishes in a field of 13.

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 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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