Students Learn of the Many Ways to 'Serve the Dear Neighbor' in Varied Careers in Engineering

Engineers make a difference in people's lives - helping them get back to a normal life after a catastrophic injury, designing stents for those suffering from heart disease, even fine-tuning the technology of phones, wind energy systems, and electrical grids.

Full Story

Student Musicians Selected for Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony

Musical talent is thriving at SJA! Students again were selected this year through auditions to participate in the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony (CYWS), a joint venture between Case Western Reserve University and The Cleveland Institute of Music.

Students Abby Yarcusko '15 (trumpet), Samantha Forrey '15 (flute) and Elizabeth Forrey '17 (percussion) had their first of five performances on November 2 at Severance Hall, the acclaimed home of the Cleveland Orchestra.

Full Story

Student Events:

This Weekend
Fall Musical, "Anything Goes," Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $10 general admission, $5 students and seniors.

November 19
Women’s Leadership Symposium, all-day event, at SJA.

November 25
Fall Dance, 8-11 p.m., at SJA.

November 26, 27, 28
No school. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 3
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.
December 18  
Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. Enjoy the music of the season from the band, chorus & ensemble performers. Free.

**CORE Ministry Service Update**  
Looking to volunteer? [Here](#) is an update on service opportunities.

**Parent Events:**  

**November 17**  
Parents-only book discussion, 6:30-8 p.m., in the auditorium. See accompanying story in this newsletter.

**November 21**  
Due date for the [Private School Aid Service (PSAS) Student Aid](#). The form must be completed to be considered for tuition assistance grants. It is submitted directly to PSAS. Here is the [form](#).

**November 24**  
Mothers’ Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., Dining Hall.

**Admissions Events:**  

**Now Through December 5**  
8th Grade Shadowing is a great way to experience SJA! Spread the word! Register [here](#).

**November 15**  
Admission/Scholarship Testing, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 8th grade girls considering enrollment should take one of our tests. Parent Forum to learn more about the Academy's history, academic curriculum, tuition assistance, and admission process is 9-11 a.m. Test fee: $20 per student payable at the door. Questions? Call 216.251.4868. Register [here](#).

**November 21**  
Spiritual Retreat, 4-8:30 p.m., for 7th & 8th Grade Girls. This is an evening dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, as well as reflecting on each person's special gifts. Dinner is provided. The evening will conclude with a prayer service. There is a $20 fee per student. Students register at [www.sja1890.org/admissionevents](http://www.sja1890.org/admissionevents), or by calling 216.251.4868.

**Fall Mixer** for 7th and 8th grade girls and boys, 8-9:30 p.m., in the Academy Center. Enjoy dancing, music and games. $5 fee per student. Students may register at [www.sja1890.org/admissionevents](http://www.sja1890.org/admissionevents).

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**Last Chance for 8th Graders to Take the Admission/Scholarship Test Is Tomorrow, November 15**  
Attention 8th Grade Students: Do you want to be a Jaguar? The Saint Joseph Academy Admission/Scholarship Test is being administered tomorrow, November 15. The test is from 9 a.m. to noon. All 8th girls considering enrollment are required to take the test. A Parent Forum is being held from 9-11 a.m. that will detail Saint Joseph Academy history, academics, tuition assistance and the admission process.

The test fee is $20 per student, payable at the door. Registration is required. Students may register at [www.sja1890.org/placementtesting](http://www.sja1890.org/placementtesting). Questions? Call 216.251.4868. Walk-ins are welcome!

**Don't Miss the Last Weekend of 'Anything Goes'**

Don't miss the final weekend of the SJA Fall musical "Anything Goes." Performances are tonight and tomorrow, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 16.

"Anything Goes" is a well-loved play with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The musical includes such popular tunes as "Anything Goes," "You're the Top" and "I Get a Kick Out of You."

Cost is $10 general admission, $5 students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased the day of the show at the door. Tickets already purchased for reserved seating will be held at the front door for pick-up.

**2015-16 Scholarships and Tuition Assistance Forms Available**  
Tuition assistance grants are available to any eligible student attending Saint Joseph Academy. Application must be made each year. These grants range from $200 to $4,200. The [Private School Aid Service (PSAS) Student Aid Form](#) must be completed to be considered for tuition assistance grants. The PSAS form is due by Friday, [November 21, 2014](#) and is submitted directly to PSAS. Here is a link to the [form](#).

Scholarship applications are also available for the 2015-16 school year. Applications for current SJA students are due by December 12, 2014 and are available [here](#).

In other scholarship news, the [Knights of Columbus and Ohio Charity Foundation Inc.](#) are accepting applications until next Monday, November 17, for a $1,000 scholarship. Please see Guidance Counselor Maryann Marek for more information or the application form. The form also is available [here](#).

**Women's Leadership Symposium is**
December 6
Super Saturday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls). Held in collaboration with the Great Lakes Science Center. Activities include science experiments that will thrill and excite. $15 fee per student. For information, call 216.251.4868.

December 19
Christmas at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m. (2nd-6th grade girls). Arts, crafts and games - and maybe a visit from Santa Claus! Please bring along a non-perishable canned food item which will be donated to the local food bank. $5 fee per students. Questions? Call 216.251.4868. Register here.

SPOTLIGHT
Freshman Instrumental in Forming "Needs Cleveland"

Who: Kaitlin Ripcho ‘18
What: Kaitlin, a freshman, was instrumental in starting up the organization "Needs Cleveland," a nonprofit donation center that aims to give back to the community.

Fun Facts: Kaitlin helps collect donations for the center from lost and found boxes at schools, and leftover garage sale items. Anyone is allowed to come to the store, located on Lorain Avenue next to Ripcho Photography Studios. It is open to the public and everything is free. The store opened in August of this year.

Kaitlin helped design the logo and she spends time helping out at the store, including hanging and sorting clothes. During the Grand Opening and an event called Winter Warm-Up, Kaitlin

Parents: You Are Invited to a Book Discussion On November 17

Attention all parents! You are invited to participate in a parent-only book discussion on Monday, November 17, from 6:30-8 p.m., in the school's auditorium. The books to be discussed are the same ones assigned this past summer to students, "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (recently honored with the Nobel Peace Prize, the youngest to ever receive the award) and "Half the Sky" by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The evening will begin with a short presentation from the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking. Light refreshments will be served.

For those needing them, there are numerous copies of these two books available at your public library, or just ask your daughter for a copy. Please RSVP to Nazareth Library Department Chair Rebecca Synk (rsynk@sja1890.org) if you wish to attend.

Mothers' Club Holding an 'Artist for a Day' Event on November 23

The SJA Mothers' Club is planning an "Artist for a Day" event for any student and her mother interested in having a fun afternoon of camaraderie and art. Mothers and daughters can get together at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 23, at "Artist for a Day," 28649 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. For between $20 and $25, depending on the art piece selected, mothers and daughters can paint a Christmas ornament or other item of their choice. The cost includes a $6 studio fee, which includes paint, use of brushes, glazing and firing. Tax is not included in the price.

Anyone interesting in participating in this fun, artistic event should contact parent volunteer Mrs. Robin Schuler at molly813@aol.com.

Paw Prints Store Christmas Wish Lists Return!

With the Christmas season fast approaching, the Paw Prints Store is happy to help with your shopping needs. The Wish Lists were a huge hit last year, so beginning on Monday, November 17, students will have two weeks to stop in the bookstore and complete a "Wish List." Students write down items (indicating color and size) they would love to find under the Christmas tree this year. The list will be kept on file in the store and when a loved one calls or comes in to shop, it will be shared. Orders may be
volunteered as a face painter.

"For me, having the opportunity to give back to people in need is really fulfilling. The experience always leaves me wanting to do more."

For more information on the store, visit [http://needs.cleveland.org/](http://needs.cleveland.org/).

Congratulations, Kaitlin, on "serving the dear neighbor."

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**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.

Mr. Bill Dull from [College Now](http://college-now.org) will present information on college financial aid from 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium on Wednesday, December 3. Topics will include how to file the FAFSA and other critical steps in the process. For more information, please contact College Counselor Department Chair Susan Emmerich [here](mailto:susan.emmerich@college-now.org) or by calling 216.251.6788.

Featured College of the Week:

**Emerson College**

- **Who:** Emerson College.
- **Where:** Boston, Mass., 11 hours from Cleveland, urban.
- **Enrollment:** 3,655 undergraduates.
- **Strongest Programs:** Film/Video Production, Writing/Literature & Publishing, Performing Arts, Journalism, Marketing.
- **Fun Fact:** Students from Emerson created the iconic "Boston Strong" T-shirt campaign that raised nearly $900,000 in two months for the victims of the Boston Marathon attacks.
- **Website:** [www.emerson.edu](http://www.emerson.edu)

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Parents, please encourage your daughters to take a few minutes during Activity Block, study hall or after school (Tuesdays & Thursdays) to fill out a form.

We will have special Christmas shopping opportunities in December! Click [here](http://needs.cleveland.org/) for the extended hours.

Questions? Contact Paw Prints Store Manager Colleen DeVenney [here](mailto:colleen.devenny@school.org) or call 216.251.6788 x228.