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CORE Ministry Service Update
Looking to volunteer? Here is an update

Christmas Concert Is Seasonal Treat

Maria Alamir '18 is pictured playing bass keyboard in the Jazz Band. She also plays violin and piano in the Orchestra and flute in Concert Band.

It was a standing-room-only crowd Thursday night for the annual Christmas Concert, held in the auditorium.

Performing for family and friends were the Concert Choir, Show Choir, Advanced Choir, Academy Chorale, String Orchestra, Jazz Band and Concert Band. Highlights included vocal performances of "Angels' Carol" by Rutter, Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" and "It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas." Full Story

Enjoy pictures from the concert here.

Two Students Win in Tri-C High School Rock Off Design Competition

L-R: Lizzie Essi '15, Gwen Jones '15

Two students submitted winning designs in the annual Tri-C High
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Admissions Events:

New!
December 29 & 30
Camp Lead, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (5th-8th grade girls & boys). Negotiate success and learn valuable leadership skills as you work with other students in the "Amazing Race!!" Students will work in teams to overcome obstacles and learn 21st century skills. This 2-day workshop is $99 per student. Please register online at www.effectivela.org

January 3
Jaguar Soccer Clinic, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (6th-8th grade girls). Join our Soccer Coach Danielle Hubka and soccer team members for this one-day clinic. Participants will learn foot skills, shooting, passing, first touch and footwork in a fun, yet competitive atmosphere. Bring a soccer ball, water bottle and a small snack. All participants will receive a T-shirt. $20 fee per student. Register here.

January 10
Admission test, for all 8th graders considering enrollment at SJA who did not take the test in November. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is for admissions purposes only, not scholarships. Call 216.251.4668 for more information.

Students Learn of Global Ramifications of Human Trafficking

On Tuesday, December 16, students were honored with a visit from Sr. Griselda Martinez Morales, CSJ, the former UN representative of some 14,000+ Sisters of St. Joseph from 57 countries.

Sr. Griselda, who worked as a non-governmental organization (NGO) representative from September 2009 to July 2014, visited classrooms and then spoke to an all-school assembly about the global ramifications of human trafficking. On Tuesday night, she also addressed a gathering at SJA as the inaugural speaker in the school's 125th Anniversary Speakers Series. Full Story

World Languages Students Travel to OSU To Learn of Potential Careers

Nearly 30 World Languages students traveled to The Ohio State University and discovered first-hand the opportunities open to students who are multi-lingual. Upper level Chinese, French and Spanish students met with Ms. Rebecca Bias, Assistant Director for OSU's Center of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures for an afternoon of exploration. Full Story

Senior Brittany Morrison is "Player of the Week" in The Plain Dealer

Senior Brittany Morrison, a top SJA basketball player for four years, was honored last week as one of The Plain Dealer's "Player of the Week." Brittany, who recently signed to play basketball at the University of Buffalo, has been captain of the team for two years. Last year, she was named the team's MVP, and was featured in the Sun Sentinel newspaper as the Student Athlete of the Week. Her other athletic accomplishments include playing on the SJA Track & Field team, where she participated in Shot Put and Discus. She placed

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Who: MaryCait Dolan ’17

What: MaryCait volunteers with the Playhouse Square STARS (Students Take a Role at the Square) program.

Fun Facts: This is the first year MaryCait has volunteered with STARS. “I love that STARS offers ‘Inspiring Experience Workshops’ where participants can meet with professionals who work in theatre. Since I am veering toward a career in theatre production, these workshops allow me to enrich myself in a professional environment,” she shared.

In addition to STARS, MaryCait is also involved in the Concert and Jazz Bands, French club, Chess club and Calliope.

“My favorite subject is English. I love to write and classes like English and Creative Writing are a lot of fun for me!”

College Corner

Featured College of the Week:

Capital University

Ask. Think. Lead.

Where: Columbus, Ohio, 2 hours from Cleveland, large city.

Enrollment: 3,500 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: The arts, science pre-law, law.

Fun Fact: The Computational Science minor (involving studies in math, computer, science, physics, biology, chemistry and behavioral sciences) is the only comprehensive undergraduate program in this field in the country.

Website: www.capital.edu

8th in the Track and Field Regional Tournament in 2013-14, and was named “Most Valuable Thrower.”

Brittany was selected for the most recent honor for scoring 17 points and collecting 13 rebounds in 70-30 win against Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, and for scoring 29 points, grabbing 15 rebounds and having five steals in the game against Avon High School.

Here is a link to the PD story.

Brittany plans on studying Biomedical Engineering in college.

Academic Jaguars Make Their Mark at Trivia Competition

The Academic Jaguars performed well this past weekend in the TRASH Trivia Tournament held at Olmsted Falls Middle School. Our four-student team (whittled down to two people at the end because of sports obligations) competed against 56 teams from 27 different schools. Full Story

Tailgate & Livestream Planned for SJA/Magnificat Basketball Game

Please join us Saturday at SJA for a tailgate party prior to the 2 p.m. “Battle Across the Bridge” basketball game between SJA and Magnificat!

Sponsored by the Athletic Boosters Club, the tailgate will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the picnic area north of The Academy Center entrance. Hot dogs and chips/pretzels will be provided. The Boosters also will be handing out free hot chocolate. Music will be playing, putting everyone in the festive game-day mood! Worried about a tailgate in December? Propane heaters will be set up.

New this year, for those unable to attend, the game will be livestreamed beginning at tip-off. To watch the livestream of the game, click on www.sja1890.org/live and navigate to the Jaguars Basketball event. The livestream also will be played on a large projector screen in the auditorium. Parents with small children might find this a nice option because a full house is expected in The Academy Center.

Fans and students are strongly encouraged to wear purple. SJA will be selecting a “fan of the day” based on spiritwear. The winner will receive a $20 gift card to Chipotle.

As an added bonus, the Paw Prints Store will be open for Christmas shopping on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Click here for complete Christmas hours.

Please be sure to follow @sjaathletics and @sja1890 for updates.

Paw Prints Store Christmas Hours

The Paw Prints Store has many special Christmas shopping opportunities in December. The store will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for the “Battle Across the Bridge” on Saturday. Click here for the
complete list of extended hours.

Questions? Contact Paw Prints Store Manager Colleen DeVenney here or call 216.251.6788 x228.

SPORTS
Basketball
On Saturday, Varsity defeated No. 12 St. Vincent-St. Mary at home, 63-56. Senior Brittany Morrison led the Jaguars with a double-double scoring 17 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Sophomore point guard Gia DiMassa followed with 16 points and four assists, and senior Hailey Grant had 16 points including 3 3-pointers.

On Monday, the Jaguars defeated Beachwood, 58-48. Brittany Morrison had 21 points, 22 rebounds, 6 steals, and 4 blocks. Gia DiMassa added 19 points, including 4 3-pointers, and some clutch free throws to close out the game. Sophomore Colleen Drellishak contributed 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 rebounds, and played some determined defense. Sophomore Claire Orsagos continued to provide solid floor leadership and also had 3 steals.

The Jaguars lost 74-58 on Wednesday to Gilmour Academy. The Jaguars were led by the hustle and determination of freshmen Molly Dever and Bre Coleman. Molly had 14 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, and an aggressive overall floor game. Bre added 11 points, 4 steals, and also had an aggressive overall floor game.

Swimming
The Jaguars finished 7th out of 25 teams on Saturday at the Hilltopper Invitational. Contributing to the team's success were: a 6th-place finish in the 200 IM, and a 2nd-place finish in the 500m free by Kiera Grady ’15: Kelly Shantery ’16, with a 7th-place finish in the 50 free and a 9th-place finish in the 100 back; and Rachel Strick ’17 with a 10th-place finish in the 500m free.

The Saint Joseph Academy Athletic Boosters reminds you to Save the Date for the next exciting "Night at the Races" event, being held on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The event is an important fundraiser for SJA athletic programs. Watch this newsletter for information on special themes, sponsorship/advertisement opportunities and more.

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