Students Win 18 Awards in National Scholastic Art & Writing Competition

Talented art students received a total of 18 awards in the prestigious and competitive 2014 Scholastic Art & Writing competition. The students' work was recognized from some 255,000 original works submitted nationally for this competition, now in its 91st year of recognizing amazing artists and writers in grades 7-12.

The top award, a Gold Key, was awarded to Olivia Ritchie '15 for a drawing titled Oil by my Self. Olivia was also awarded a Silver Key for another drawing. Other Silver Keys were awarded to Ellie Berchak '15; Giulia Clark '18; Jessica Hernandez '15; Elizabeth Sent '15; and Dymon Webb '18. Students also received 11 Honorable Mention awards.

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Join Us for "Celebrate the Academy" to Honor Our Founding Sisters

It's a celebration! Happy 125th birthday to SJA!

We hope you will join us on February 21 at SJA as we "Celebrate the Academy" at our 125th Anniversary birthday bash! The event will feature live and silent auctions, as well as games, contests, delicious food and an open bar as we honor our Medaille Shield recipients this year, the Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Joseph.
in Catholic elementary schools.

January 19
No school, office closed.

January 21
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

3rd Quarter begins.

STArts meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 26-30
Catholic Schools Week
(see accompanying story).

January 26
Mothers’ Club meeting, 7 p.m.

CYO Basketball Night, Jaguars versus Brunswick High School.
Tip-off is at 4:30 p.m. (Freshman), 6 p.m. (Junior Varsity) and 8 p.m. (Varsity). Admission is FREE if you wear your school team jersey.

January 28
Meet the Teacher Night, 7 p.m.

January 30
Sophomore dance, 8 p.m.

February 4
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

February 10
Athletic Boosters meeting, 7-9 p.m., board room.

February 12
Class of 2019 Acceptance Letters mailed.

February 13
No school. Faculty and staff retreat.

February 16
No school, office closed.

February 21
Save the date! "Celebrate the Academy" at SJA, honoring Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, 6-11 p.m.

The party starts at 6 p.m. For more information on reserving a ticket (or a table!), please visit here or contact Mr. Geoff Powers at 216.251.6788 or by email.

See you there!

**Catholic Schools Week Highlights Gratitude for a Faith-Based Education**

Students, parents, teachers and all members of the faith-based community at SJA will celebrate the benefits of Catholic education the week of January 26-30 as part of Catholic Schools Week (CSW), The theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." [Full Story]

**Physical Science Students Test Newton's Laws of Motion**

As if it wasn't cold enough this week, students in Science teacher Jessica Carny’s Physical Sciences class took to the ice to test Newton’s Laws of Motion.

"Students took to the ice at Winterhurst Skating Rink and tested the Laws of Motion, Laws of Conservation of Momentum, Types of Friction, Balance and Unbalanced forces," shared Ms. Carny. "They used their knowledge and material learned in class to see and analyze the science behind ice skating." [Full Story]

**Final Exams Schedule for Next Week**

The following is the schedule and some reminders for next week's final exams.

Students should have already received some guidelines as to what they should be preparing for exams. They also need to take time each day to begin reviewing material and studying. It is much better to study a little each day than trying to cram the night before exams.

The schedule for exam days is as follows:
March 26
Class of 2019 course registration, 3:30-8 p.m. at SJA.

March 27
Easter at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m. (2nd-6th grade girls), at SJA. Activities include an Easter egg hunt, Easter themed crafts, and a coloring contest. $5 fee per student.

Student Spotlight

Name: Alicia Walsh-Clarett
Grade: Junior

Fun Fact: Alicia was named Volunteer of the Month by Youth Challenge for November and December. Youth Challenge brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers who enrich each other's lives through one-on-one participation in adapted sports and recreational activities. It is located in Westlake and a new location in Shaker Heights.

Achievements:
Alicia's favorite part of Youth Challenge is working with the children in the dance and drama program. She's been a volunteer since the Fall of 2013. "I love working with all the Youth Challenge members. I learn so much about life from them," shared Alicia.

Thursday, January 15 Final Exams A & B Blocks

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Friday January 16th Final Exam C & D Blocks

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- Students will not be dismissed early from an exam block, so they should bring other materials to study or read if they finish an exam early.
- If a student is in Study Hall they DO NOT need to report for that block. Which means she may come in late or leave early. The Dining Hall and library will be open for quiet study time.
- The Dining Hall is not open for breakfast or lunch on exam days.
- Students may dress down on exam days in jeans and sweatshirts/sweaters. They MAY NOT wear yoga pants, sweatpants, or pajama pants.

Snow Day Procedures During Finals Week:

- If there is a snow day on Wednesday (January 14) then Thursday’s finals (blocks A & B) would go on as planned. So please bring all your books and study materials on Tuesday night ... just in case!
- If there is a snow day on Thursday, January 15, then Thursday's finals (blocks A & B) will be moved to Friday, January 16, and Friday's finals (blocks C & D) will be rescheduled to Wednesday, January 21.
- These instructions would also be given via email and the School Reach messaging system.

Questions? Please contact Assistant Principal Emily Hanson '99 at 216.251.6788 or by email.

New Year's Sale at Paw Prints Store

Don't miss the special New Year opportunities at the Paw Prints Store. Now through Friday, January 16, all apparel is 25% off, and all winter accessories are 10% off. Want to get organized? Planners have been marked down to only $2. Sales prices valid in store only and quantity and sizes are limited.

Other bargains include our comfy, school...
In addition to volunteering with Youth Challenge, Alicia is a member of SJA’s Science Olympiad team and is competing in the National Shakespeare Competition.

Congratulations, Alicia!

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uniform-approved sweatshirts (for only $20.99 (not included in the apparel sale), perfect for layering.

As we enter the official 125th year of Saint Joseph Academy, be sure to check out our selection of special edition items, including coffee mugs, sweatshirts, ornaments and polos.

In addition to our regular store hours which can be found on the website, we have the following special hours this month:

- **Sunday, January 11**: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Monday, January 26**: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 28**: 7-8:30 p.m.

**SPORTS**

**Basketball**
The team has won five straight games dating back to December 22. Most recently, the Jaguars knocked off Akron Hoban, 50-43, on Wednesday night. The team also posted over Lake Catholic, Massillon Perry, Walsh Jesuit and Ursuline, to move to 9-5 on the season. The Jaguars have been led in scoring by four different players in those five wins, with senior Brittany Morrison leading the team twice and sophomores Colleen Drellishak, Gia DiMassa and Ellen Vichill once. Varsity is facing Shaker Heights on Monday, hosting a triple-header beginning at 4:30 p.m.

**Swimming**
The Jaguars honored the Senior athletes on Saturday in a win over Eastlake North 119-50. Being honored were senior divers Kayla Gartin and Kayla Melendez and swimmers Kate Blayney, Elise DeGidio, Kiera Grady, Nikki Hadlock, Aliza Ocasio, and Annmarie Russo.

Junior Kelly Shantery won the 500m freestyle, while the 200m freestyle relay took 1st and 2nd place. The winning team consisted of Kate Blayney ’15, Aliza Ocasio ’15, Annmarie Russo ’15 and Elise
DeGidio '15. The Jaguars dominated the meet and took first in every event but 3.

The Jaguars also faced a top 5 Strongsville team in Division 1 state meet. Kelly Shantery '16 took third in the 50m freestyle and second in the 100m freestyle. The 200m freestyle relay had a hard-earned second-place finish.

Next up for the Jaguars is Magnificat on Saturday at Cleveland State University. Come out and show your support of the swim team! The meet starts at 1 p.m.

Crew
Attention all students interested in Crew! There will be a student and parent meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Please contact head coach, Rob Zdankiewicz with any questions.

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