Science Team Wins Prestigious Lexus Eco Challenge Competition, $10,000 Prize

SJA students once again proved they are among the best and brightest students in the nation. Last week, a team of 26 freshmen in Science teacher Mary Ellen Foley Scott's Physical Science class were one of only two Midwest Region winners of the Lexus Eco Challenge, a science competition sponsored by Scholastic, Inc. The SJA team joined an elite group of only eight high school teams nationwide moving on to the finals of the Challenge, being held in February. Students wowed judges with a video, statistical analysis and PowerPoint presentation focusing on the toxic algae blooms poisoning the waters of Lake Erie, an issue both close to home and one with national pollution implications. Full Story

Join Us at "Celebrate the Academy" for Our 125th Birthday Party and 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 for "Celebrate the Academy" for our 125th birthday party and to help us honor our Medaille Shield recipients, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph. The event will feature live and silent auctions, as well as games, contests, delicious food and an open bar.
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 for girls who wear their CYO team jersey. Raffles for SJA gear will be held throughout the evening.

January 28 (New)
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

Meet the Teacher Night, 7 p.m.

January 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29
Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors visit the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage to view new exhibit "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda."

January 30
Seniors enjoy special visit to hear the Cleveland Orchestra perform a matinee at Severance Hall.

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 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.

How can you help? We need wine for our wine pull! We are hoping to have at least 100 bottles of wine valued at $25 or more. For more information, or to coordinate donating a bottle, please contact Ms. Liz Kantor, Development Associate, here or at 216.251.6788 x224.

See you there!

Catholic Schools Week Highlights Benefits of a Faith-Based Education
Students, parents, teachers and all members of our 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 ***

To view the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Schools Week video featuring two SJA students, click here.

Sale at Paw Prints Store
Don't miss the special opportunities at the Paw Prints Store! For just a few more days, all apparel is 25 percent off, and all winter accessories are 10 percent off. Want to get organized? Planners have been marked down to only $2. Sale prices valid in store only and quantity and sizes are limited.

Other bargains include our comfy, school 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:

Monday (CYO Night), January 26, 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Wednesday (Meet the Teacher Night), January 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

Calling All Parents - We Need Your Help!
Do you currently have a daughter attending SJA? If you do, we could really use your help! We love a challenge, and recently
the Academy” at SJA, celebrating our 125th birthday and honoring the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, 6-11 p.m.

March 21
Save the date for "Night at the Races." Email Athletic Director John Manuszak for more information.

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.

March 30
"An Evening of Reflection for Women. Start Holy Week with prayer and reflection, 6-9 p.m. at SJA. Cost $25. Call 216.619.1653 for more information.

Student Spotlight

Name: Cari Milowicki
Grade: Senior
Fun Fact: Cari was one of two students featured in the Cleveland Diocese/Fox 8 video released this week in honor of Catholic Schools Week. (See story in this newsletter. Here is a link to the video.)

were given an awesome - and somewhat nerve-wracking - opportunity to help our students. Gracious benefactors, parents themselves, have offered a donation of $25,000, but with a big condition. The condition is that at least 25 percent of our current parents had to make a gift to Saint Joseph Academy of at least $20 in thanks for the opportunities being provided for their daughters. Currently, only 7.7 percent have responded to our request.

Many of you hear the stories that your daughters bring home - about how families have trouble meeting simple needs, that paying tuition is a challenge, and that some of our young women still go without. It is our dream that no young woman go without the best educational foundation for life possible, the type of education offered at Saint Joseph Academy. We know that many of you give to the Academy in many ways, but this year, we are hoping you will also make a gift of at least $20 toward the Annual Fund, which helps to pay for things like tuition for those students who need it most. Remember, every gift of $20 or more counts toward the "SJA Parent Participation Challenge" goal! To give a gift, please go here, or call Development Director Geoff Powers at 216.251.1938.

We know that Saint Joseph Academy parents are an incredible group. We see the proof in your daughters each day. We hope that you will answer this call, and know that your gift is especially important in this birthday year.

Congregation of St. Joseph Survey
The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ) is asking friends and community members to participate in an online survey to gain information on perceptions and opinions regarding communications about the mission and work of the Congregation. "Your response to our survey will assist the Congregation in improving their communication strategies," shared Ms. Patricia Milenius, CSJ Director of Mission Advancement.

The survey may be accessed on the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSJCommunications

(The above URL (link) may also be entered into your Internet browser and you will be taken directly to the online survey.)

The survey will be available to be completed between now and Monday, February 2. Completing the survey will take approximately 15 minutes.

"The responses to the survey questions are anonymous and confidential. They will be analyzed along with the responses of others by an independent consulting firm working with the Congregation that has been retained to examine their communications and engagement efforts," said Ms. Milenius. "The Sisters of St. Joseph very much appreciate you taking time to provide us with your valuable input."
Achievements:
Cari is quite busy at SJA! She currently is President of the Academic Jaguars (trivia team), is a member of the National Honor Society, volunteers as a peer tutor, is a Eucharistic Minister, and is in Marching Band at St. Edward High School, plays in the Concert Band here and is involved in theater at St. Ed’s.

Cari’s favorite classes are math, AP Chinese and AP art. When she isn’t busy with club activities, taping videos and studying, Cari volunteers at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center to help with Animal Care.

While undecided on a college major, Cari is deciding between New York University, Boston College and Brown University.

College Corner

Beloit College

Location:
Beloit, Wisconsin (7.5 hours from Cleveland). Large town.

Enrollment:
1,500 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Anthropology, economics, English, geology, modern language/literature, natural and social sciences, theater arts.

Fun Fact: Several Indian burial mounds are on campus and Beloit’s Logan Museum of Anthropology

SPORTS

Basketball
On Monday, January 12, the Jaguars defeated a rugged Shaker Heights team, 54-44. The team was sparked by sophomore Colleen Drelishak with 4 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals, and a charge. Senior Hailey Grant had 11 points, including three 3-pointers, 2 assists, and a charge. Senior Brittany Morrison added 18 points, 14 rebounds, and 3 blocks. Sophomore Gia DiMassa contributed 14 points, and sophomore Claire Orsagos added 5 big assists and took 2 charges.

Swimming
On Tuesday, January 13, the Jaguars competed against Lake Catholic and won with a final score of 98-84. The win brought the Jaguars dual meet record to 3-3. Leading the way for the scoring was Kayla Gartin ’15, winning the diving with a new school record of 205.05! The Jaguars got a first- and second-place finish from Kelly Shantery ’16 in the 500m free and 200m free. Katrin Blayney ’15 had two second-place finishes in the 50m and 100m free. Annmarie Russo ’15 took second place in the 100 yard back and was also on the second-place 200 yard medley relay team composed of Annmarie Russo ’15, Kylee Wright ’17, Rachel Strick ’17 and Elise DeGidio ’15. Kayla Melendez ’15 also had a personal best in diving, placing second.
owns the largest archeological collection of any college.

www.beloit.edu