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Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors Experience Maltz Museum, Special Propaganda Exhibit
Sophomores, juniors and seniors are learning first-hand the power of propaganda and how Adolf Hitler early on grasped the power of government-managed media to alter reality to fit his goals. The complicated and visually powerful manipulation of information was seen by students thanks to a series of field trips to the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage and a special exhibit titled "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda." The visits took place January 22, 23, and will continue on January 27, 28 and 29. Full Story

Don't Miss SJA Students on "Academic Challenge" this Saturday Night
Show your Jaguar pride and be sure to watch "Academic Challenge" at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 24, on Channel 5, to cheer on SJA! Pictured are competitors (l-r) junior Hayley Gallo, senior Cari Milowicki and junior Anna McKenna. They
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.

Meeting for students
interested in trip
commemorating WWI,
summer of 2016, both Activity
Blocks, in Room 221.

January 27, 28
Auditions for "Arsenic and
Old Lace," 3:30 p.m., the
auditorium. See story in this
newsletter.

January 27
After Prom fundraiser,
Applebee's at Westgate, 11
a.m.-9 p.m. This form needed
for donation.

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

Meet the Teacher Night, 7
p.m.

January 27, 28, 29
Sophomors, 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 at Severance Hall.

Sophomore dance, 8 p.m.

February 2
Parent meeting, trip to
commemorate WWI in the
summer of 2016, at 7 p.m. in
Room 221. Contact
Instructional Librarian Meagan
Fowler here for more
information.

February 4
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

will battle it out with Woodridge High School and Notre Dame
Cathedral Latin. Good luck!

Auditions for Spring Play "Arsenic and
Old Lace" Are Next Week
Auditions for the Spring play
"Arsenic and Old Lace" will
take place on Tuesday,
January 27 and Wednesday,
January 28, starting at 3:30
p.m. Students should be
prepared to present a one-
minute comedic monologue.
Callbacks will be
on Thursday, January 29.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is a
farcical black
comedy revolving around the Brewster family, descended
from the "Mayflower," but now composed of insane homicidal
maniacs. The hero Mortimer Brewster is a drama critic who
must deal with his crazy, homicidal family and local police
in Brooklyn, NY, as he debates whether to go through with
his recent promise to marry the woman he loves.

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, February 3 and will be
Tuesdays-Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The show will
be April 17-19.

Don't want to perform onstage but still want to be involved?
Join our stage crew and learn how to build sets, work lights
and have a great time! If you have any questions, please
contact Visual and Performing Arts teacher Anne Chriszt at
achriszt@sja1890.org.

Senior Silent Retreat Is a Time of
Reflection, Prayer
Last Friday and
Saturday, nearly a
dozen members of the
Senior Class
participated in a silent
retreat at the St.
Joseph Center,
renewing and
refreshing their
relationship with God
through prayer and
reflection.

"The silent retreat was
created as an option
for seniors who wish
to experience God's
presence and prayer in
a unique way," shared CORE Ministry teacher Elizabeth
Pillari. "It is so incredibly rare in our busy lives to not only be

Molly Walsh '15 in silent reflection
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, celebrating our 125th birthday and honoring the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, 6-11 p.m.

February 25
Blood drive, in conjunction with American Red Cross, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in the auditorium. Contact Ms. Lisa Previts to schedule an appointment.

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

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.

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!

Students to Enjoy Internationally Acclaimed Cleveland Orchestra with Two Special Performances

As part of our 125th birthday celebration, students will experience the internationally acclaimed Cleveland Orchestra
Name: Kayla Barillas  

Grade: Junior  

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

Achievements: 
Kayla is an active and enthusiastic member of the SJA community. She is on the Executive Board of Academy Ambassadors, a member of the Assertiveness Team, the Chinese Club and HPAC. She also is active in the Honors Health and Wellness Program. Kayla plays volleyball at the Gunning Recreation Center.  

"I volunteer at ambassador events for school and occasionally help out at St. Colman's and WPCA basketball tournament," she said.  

Kayla’s favorite subjects are Honors Microbiology/Zoology, Biology, and Honors Anatomy and Physiology. She hopes to attend Case Western Reserve University and pursue a career in either biology or pathology.  

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on two special occasions this year - including being honored with an in-school performance this spring!  

The Senior class will be traveling to Severance Hall on Friday, January 30, for a performance of Tchaikovsky’s "Fifth Symphony." Tugan Sokhiev will be the conductor for the program, which will also include "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich.  

On May 1, the 125th birthday celebration continues when the entire student body will be treated to The Cleveland Orchestra visiting SJA for a personal performance in The Academy Center!  

"We are honored and excited to be hosting The Cleveland Orchestra for this very special birthday celebration!" shared President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71. "What a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the world-class talents of this local treasure."

Next Week Is Catholic Schools Week Celebration  

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

Full Story  

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

After Prom Fundraiser Next Week at Applebee's in Westgate  

There will be an After Prom fundraiser next Tuesday, January 27, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Westgate Apple’s, 20705 Center Ridge Road. Applebee’s will donate 15 percent of your check when you dine in or carry out. In order to support the donation, please present this form to the server or to the Carside To Go worker.

Meetings Planned for Trip in 2016 to Commemorate, Visit WWI Sites  

Instructional Librarian Meagan Fowler, who teaches Museum Studies, is chaperoning a trip for the summer of 2016 to Belgium, France, and the Netherlands to commemorate the centennial of World War I.

A meeting for students interested in the trip is scheduled for Monday, January 26, during both Activity Blocks in Room 221. A parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2,
Scholarships Currently Available
Applications for scholarships are currently available from Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union and Ohio Catholic Credit Union.

Applications are being accepted now for the James E. Flynn Memorial Scholarship through the Unity Catholic Credit Union. The scholarship is named after a past principal of St. Charles Borromeo School. Each year, the credit union awards $7,000 in scholarships for elementary and high school students. For more information, go to [www.unitycatholiccu.org](http://www.unitycatholiccu.org).

From January 25 through February 28, the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union is accepting applications for some $50,000 in Catholic education scholarships. Fifty families in Ohio will each receive $1,000 to assist in paying Catholic school tuition. To apply, go to [www.ohiocatholicfcu.com/scholarships](http://www.ohiocatholicfcu.com/scholarships) and fill out the required information. Attendance at a Catholic school needs to be verified by a school official. This is open to members and non-members of the credit union. Deadline is April 6, 2015.

Sophomores Receive Results from PSAT Assessment
Last October, sophomores participated in the PSAT/NMSQT assessment. The PSAT/NMSQT measures skills in three basic academic areas important for success in college: critical reading, mathematics and writing skills. While sophomores are not eligible to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, results from this exam may help students identify areas of strengths and weaknesses in preparation for the both the PSAT taken in junior year and the SAT for college admission.

The sophomore class recently met with their counselors to receive their PSAT/NMSQT test booklets, score reports, and an explanation of how to interpret their individual PSAT/NMSQT results. My College QuickStart is a resource, provided by College Board, which gives students personalized feedback, practice questions, a full-length SAT test and college planning information based on the student’s individual PSAT/NMSQT score. Students are encouraged to utilize My College QuickStart, located [here](http://www.allegheny.edu).

Please review your daughter’s PSAT/NMSQT report and if you have any questions/concerns, contact your daughter’s guidance counselor, Ms. Adriane Hicks (last names A-Mc) at [ahicks@sja1890.org](mailto:ahicks@sja1890.org), or Ms. Maryann Marek (M-Z), [mmarek@sja1890.org](mailto:mmarek@sja1890.org).

Mothers' Club Meet Is Monday
Mrs. Mary Zavoda, P’17, president of the Mothers’ Club, invites all interested SJA mothers to a Mothers’ Club meeting, being held on Monday, January 26, at 7 p.m. in the Dining Hall. All are
welcome!

Early Dismissal Wednesday, January 28
Parents and students: Please note there will be an early dismissal, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, January 28. This differs from the original school calendar. Thank you!

"Hoodies for the Homeless" Opportunity Next Week at Paw Prints Store
In honor of Catholic Schools Week next week, the Paw Prints Store will be promoting "Hoodies for the Homeless." Bring in a new or gently worn sweatshirt and receive a coupon for a purchase in the store: 1 hoodie = 10 percent off, 2 hoodies = 15 percent off and 3 hoodies = 20 percent off.

In addition to our regular store hours which can be found on the website, we have the following special hours this month:
* Next Monday (CYO Night), January 26, 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
* Wednesday (Meet the Teacher Night), January 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Basketball
On Saturday, the Jaguars lost to Pickerington Central, 75-66. The Jaguars were led by sophomore Gia DiMassa with 16 points, including three 3-pointers. Sophomore Claire Orsagos had 8 points, including two 3-pointers, and added 6 assists. Senior Hailey Grant had 11 points including three 3-pointers. Freshman Molly Dever had 10 points. Senior Brittany Morrison added 10 points and 9 rebounds.

On Monday, the Jaguars lost to Berea-Midpark, 53-47. Sophomore Claire Orsagos had 8 points and 6 assists. Freshman Kathleen DeCarlo had 13 big rebounds and senior Brittany Morrison had 15 points and 7 rebounds.

Swimming
On Tuesday night, the Jaguars traveled to Gilmour Academy to take on the Lancers, who were state runner-ups in Division II last year. Junior Kelly Shantery continued her strong season as she placed third in the 200m freestyle. Freshman Kate Kittinger posted her best time in the 100m freestyle by three seconds. Junior Elissa Matthews also posted a personal best by three seconds in the same event. The Jaguars will next be in action on January 31 as they travel to the Blazer Invitational hosted by Hathaway Brown.

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