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Students Excel at Vex Robotics Contest
Eight SJA students recently competed in a regional VEX Robotics challenge in Bellefontaine, Ohio, creating two robots that were able to maneuver and battle with 29 other robots built by more than two dozen competing high school teams.

Senior leaders Analise Chandler-Nieves and Katie Haas kept team members Molly Nar ’16, Mary Clare Corrigan ’17, Annie Wolodsko ’17, Sarah Dever ’17, Liz Renner ’17 and Stephanie Rolon ’18 focused on the task. Full Story

Science Students Share Research from Lexus Eco Challenge at "Great Big Home & Garden Show" This Weekend
A group of freshmen Physical Science students will be attending the Great Big Home & Garden Show this weekend, sharing their research into the toxic algae blooms plaguing Lake Erie and area watersheds. The freshmen's research, PowerPoint and video recently won a $10,000 regional prize in the national Lexus Eco Challenge. As part of the criteria to win at the next level, which comes with a $30,000...
Ash Wednesday Mass, 1:30 p.m. in The Academy Center.

February 19
Parent meeting, Dominican Republic trip, 7-8 p.m., in the auditorium.

February 21
"Celebrate the Academy" at SJA, celebrating our 125th birthday and honoring the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, 6-11 p.m.

February 23
Mothers’ Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., in the Dining Hall.

February 24
Parent, student Italy trip meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

February 25
Blood drive, sponsored by the Unity Club in conjunction with American Red Cross, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in the auditorium. Contact Math Teacher Lisa Previts to schedule an appointment.

Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

February 28
Father/Daughter Dance, 8-11 p.m. in The Academy Center. Contact Dean of Women Marie Ciolek here for more information.

March 3
Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., Board Room.

March 4
Class of 2019 Welcome Night, 7-8:30 p.m., The Academy Center.

March 5
Parent-Teacher meetings, starting at 3:30 p.m. Contact Dean of Women Marie Ciolek here for more information.

March 21
Reservations are now being accepted for "Night at the Races," 6:30-11:30 p.m. Ticket, tables, horses, advertisements and sponsorship available for purchase here. Email Athletic Director John Manuszak here for more information.

March 22

prize, the students must share their research and solutions with as wide a population group as possible. Full Story

CORE Ministry Project Highlights
Potential Service Projects

If there were no limits on funds or travel, where would you go to help those less fortunate? What would be your quest?

Students in CORE Ministry Teacher Elizabeth Pillari’s Theology 4 classes asked themselves those questions after viewing the movie "The Human Experience" earlier this month. The movie is about brothers who travel the world in search of the answers to the burning questions: Who am I? Who is Man? Why do we search for meaning? Their journey brings them into the middle of the lives of the homeless on the streets of New York City, the orphans and disabled children of Peru, and the abandoned lepers in the forests of Ghana, Africa. Full Story

Important OGT, ODE Testing Information

The Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) and the Ohio Department of Education tests (ODE) will be given at SJA during the week of March 2-6. All sophomores, as well as any juniors and seniors who have not yet passed one or more of the OGT’s, will be tested.

Also, the Ohio Department of Education tests (PARCC and ODE) will take place during this week for the Class of 2018 students who are currently enrolled in Math, English and Physical Science. Upper class students who are currently enrolled in Government must also take the ODE test this week. The Government test will be taken on Monday, March 2. Students currently in U.S. History will take their ODE test on March 9 at noon.

We are adjusting the school day schedule on those OGT and ODE test days in order to provide students with an optimal testing environment. Click here for complete testing information.
Mothers' Club offering tickets to "Dirty Dancing," 6:30 p.m., group rate of $28.50. There are 70 tickets available at that rate. Contact parent volunteer Mrs. Mary Zavoda, P'17, here to reserve a ticket.

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. Call 216.251.6788 x219 for more information.

March 30
"An Evening of Reflection for Women." Start Holy Week with prayer and reflection. Moderated by Sr. Pat Kozak, CSJ '64, 6-9 p.m. at SJA. Cost $25. Call 216.619.1653 for more information.

Student Spotlight

Name: Junior Corinne Baker.

Fun Fact: Corinne devotes nearly all her spare time to service projects and following the example of our founding Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph in "serving the dear neighbor."

Achievements: Corinne mentors a middle school student once a week through Big Brothers / Big Sisters. She also meets with a refugee family from the Sudan once a week through A.S.I.A in Lakewood, tutoring them in English and American life. She is a member of Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice and the Key Club. Corinne has traveled to Kermit, W.V.

Mothers' Club Outing to "Dirty Dancing" at Playhouse Square Planned

The Mothers' Club is offering discounted tickets to a performance of "Dirty Dancing" at Playhouse Square. The performance is at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 22. Price is $28.50 per ticket, including tax and service fee. Seats are located in Mezzanine D.

Only 70 seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Fifteen or more people are needed for this group price. Please RSVP to parent volunteer Mary Zavoda P'17 at Zavoda@sbcglobal.net.

Scholarships Deadlines Approaching

Applications for scholarships are currently available from Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union and Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union. Applications are being accepted now for the James E. Flynn Memorial Scholarship through the Unity Catholic Credit Union. Each year, the credit union awards $7,000 in scholarships for elementary and high school students. For more information, go to www.unitycatholiccu.org.

Now 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 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.

Parent Challenge: We Need YOU to Help Reach Our Goal!

Have you made your gift to the Annual Fund yet? If not, consider the Parent Participation Challenge! SJA has been blessed with anonymous benefactors who would like to donate $25,000 to help our students and faculty.

How do we earn the $25,000? With your help. We need 25 percent of SJA's parents to make a gift of at least $20 to the Annual Fund. We are 86.6 percent toward our goal! Please click here to make your donation. The sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we can put the $25,000 donation to work for our students!

Questions? Contact Connie Sipple, Vice President of Institutional Advancement at 216.671.0166 or csipple@sja1890.org
and the Dominican Republic on mission trips, and participates in single-event volunteer work such as the Cleveland One World Festival, the Walk for Life March in Washington, D.C., food drives and serving meals at St. Patrick and St. Colman churches.

Corinne plans on traveling this coming summer to El Salvador.

"I love being able to help others! There is so much good that can come from service, and I usually end up getting more out of it than I expected," she shared.

Corinne’s favorite subjects are anatomy, U.S history and graphic design. She is unsure of a college major as of yet, but knows it will be service related, such as social work.

Congratulations, Corinne, on being a true example of "serving the dear neighbor."

**College Corner**

Location: Cleveland, Ohio
Enrollment: 12,000 undergraduates.

**Strongest Programs:** Business, education and law. Honors Program available for academically talented and highly motivated students in College of Urban Affairs.

**Fun Fact:** CSU and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's new Campus International School incorporates programs from the International Baccalaureate - a Swiss-based education program known for its academic rigor. The school is located on CSU's campus and enrolls students in grades K-3.

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**New Head Volleyball Coach Named**

Athletic Director John Manuszak this week announced the hiring of Kate Latkovic as the head coach of the Jaguar volleyball program. Mrs. Latkovic has a long history of sustained success at a very high level of junior olympic volleyball and also as a high school coach. She begins her duties immediately. [Full Story]

**SPORTS**

**Mandatory Meeting for Softball, Track & Field Students, Parents**

Tuesday, February 17, is a mandatory OHSAA meeting for students/parents of girls interested in participating on the softball or track and field teams. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in The Academy Center. Any student who played a fall or winter sport at SJA this year, does not have to attend the meeting. [Contact Athletic Director John Manuszak with any questions.]

**Basketball**

On Monday, February 9 (Senior Night), the Jaguars defeated Medina Highland 67-40. Senior Brittany Morrison paved the way with 22 points, 12 rebounds and 5 steals. Senior Hailey Grant, before being saddled with foul trouble, jump started the Jaguars with 8 first-quarter points, including two 3-pointers. Sophomore Colleen Drellishak delivered an electric performance by making plays all over the court. Colleen finished with 14 points, 10 rebounds and 5 steals.

On Wednesday, February 11, the Jaguars lost to Magnificat...
57-38. The Jaguars were led by junior Rachael Kean, who contributed 6 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 blocks. Senior Hailey Grant added 17 points, including five 3 pointers.

Swimming and Diving
Last week, senior Kayla Gartin finished 12th in the sectional diving event which qualified her for District Diving on Tuesday, February 17, at Bowling Green State University. She broke her own school record yesterday in the 11-dive event. Senior Kayla Melendez also competed at sectionals and had a good showing.