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Wellness Survey for students, starting at 8 a.m.

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Mother-Daughter Mass and Reception, this Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m. at SJA

A Touch of Classical Concert, Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m., at SJA

Senior Panoramic Picture, Wednesday, April 29, 11 a.m.

Senior College Decision Day, Thursday, April 30

Performance of The Cleveland Orchestra, at SJA, for student body, Friday, May 1

2015-16 School Year: Important Dates

Attention Parents: The calendar for the 2015-16 school year has been announced.

Please click here to view these important dates.

Mother-Daughter Mass and Reception Is This Sunday, April 26 at SJA

The 4th Annual Mother-Daughter Mass and Reception, sponsored by the Mothers’ Club, is this Sunday, April 26, at 10 a.m. The mass is being held in The Academy Center. A reservations-only breakfast buffet, provided by the Fathers’ Club, will follow in the Dining Hall. There will also be a special tribute at that time to seniors and their moms.

Questions? Call parent volunteer Mrs. Robin Schuler at 216.251.4742 or email molly813@aol.com.

Paws For Pride Celebrates School Spirit
Vibrancy Plan discussion, 6 p.m., in Dining Hall.

April 29
A Touch of Classical Concert, 7-8 p.m., in the auditorium. Email with questions.

Senior Panoramic Picture, 11 a.m., formal uniform required for seniors. Cost to order: $16. Forms available in front office.

April 30
Vibrancy Plan discussion, 7 p.m., in Dining Hall. Email with questions.

May 1
The Cleveland Orchestra performs for students at SJA!

May 6
Spring Scholarship Luncheon, Westwood Country Club. Email here for more information.

STArts Meeting, 6:30 p.m., at SJA.

May 12
Athletic Boosters meeting, 7-9 p.m., in the Board Room.

May 13
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

May 16
Senior Prom, 6 p.m.-midnight, Windows on the River.

May 18
Assembly with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author and Distinguished Alumna Mary Jordan '79, 2 p.m., in The Academy Center. Presentation by Ms. Jordan at 7 p.m., all are welcome. RSVPs for evening event requested at RSVP@sja1890.org.

May 19
Spring Sports Banquet, 6:30-9 p.m., at SJA.

May 20
Last day of regularly scheduled classes for seniors.

May 25
Memorial Day - no school, office closed.

Earn Your Spots 5K/1 Mile Walk, at SJA. Register here.

Paws for Pride Day was celebrated on Friday, April 24, and it again proved to be a day filled with cheering, games, friendly competition and, of course, Jaguar Pride! The overall Paws for Pride winner for the 2014-15 school year is ... the Senior class! Seniors ruled for their hallway decor with a Dr. Seuss "Oh The Places We've Gone" theme, as well as taking the top award for their cheer. Congratulations, Seniors!

To enjoy moments from the day, here is the Facebook album of pictures. Go Jaguars!

"Touch of Classical" Concert is Next Week
Please join us for the annual spring concert, "A Touch of Classical," on Wednesday, April 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Featured on the program will be the String Orchestra, Concert Choir, Show Choir, Academy Chorale, award-winning small ensembles and the SJA Concert Band. Highlight selections include: "Walk on the Water, Peter" and "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" by the choral music department. Instrumental selections feature music from: "The Magic Flute," "Les Miserables" and, at the conclusion, a rendition of "The Invincible Eagle by John Phillip Sousa."

Join Us April 28 or April 30 to Learn About SJA’S Vibrancy Plan
Saint Joseph Academy has been dedicated to the Catholic education of young women since 1890. As we celebrate our 125th birthday this year, we look forward to Saint Joseph Academy's vibrant, valued and vital future!

On April 28, and again on April 30, President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 will review for alumnae the Vibrancy plan, which includes strategies and initiatives that will ensure the sustainability and vibrancy of the Academy for years to come. Parents who may have missed
Student Spotlight

Name: Senior Jessica Calton

Fun Facts: Jessica participates in the deaf choir at St. Augustine's Church, signing for Mass participants, and is a passionate supporter of everyone learning American Sign Language.

Jessica has participated in the deaf choir for three years.

"I wanted to learn Sign Language because I work at Rainbow Camp, which is based out of St. Augustine Church, which is also my parish. Some of the children who attend Rainbow Camp are deaf, and all of our large group camp activities are fully interpreted into sign language," she said.

"Sr. Corita Ambro, CSJ '53 started the choir after a deaf man came up to her and asked her what music was. In the month of December, we do more than 20 different performances for various nursing homes and church Christmas events," added Jessica.

In addition to the deaf choir, Jessica also teaches kindergarten PSR classes at St. Augustine Church. She is in Concert Band and Jazz Band at SJA, and president of the French Club.

She is planning on majoring in Equine Business Management at Otterbein University in order to pursue a career in therapeutic horseback riding. "I really want to help children with disabilities through equine therapy, which improves motor and other skills," said Jessica.

previous presentations on the plan are welcome to attend. The Tuesday, April 28 meeting is at 6 p.m., and the Thursday, April 30 meeting is at 7 p.m. Both are being held in the Dining Hall. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Zawadzki at nzawadzki@sja1890.org.

Academy Chorale To Sing National Anthem at Indians Game on May 2

Please join fellow Jaguars in cheering for the Academy Chorale as they perform the National Anthem at the Indians vs. Toronto Blue Jays game on Saturday, May 2, at 4:05 p.m. at Progressive Field. Tickets are still available through the Indians website here.

Mothers: Please Join Us for the Spring Scholarship Luncheon on May 6

Summer must be just around the corner because it’s time once again for the annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon! Please join us on Wednesday, May 6, to support the students of Saint Joseph Academy. Bring a friend and enjoy a delicious luncheon at the Westwood Country Club in Rocky River to benefit the SJA Scholarship Fund!

Cost to attend ranges from $40 to $125, for our 125th Birthday Sponsorship. Call Special Events Coordinator Betty Hjort at 216.251.6788 x245 for more information, or register here. We hope to see you!

Two Seniors Receive Diocesan Award for Their Dedication to Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice

For the third year in a row, Saint Joseph Academy students have been honored with the "Bishop Pilla Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice Award" for their work with the group Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ), an organization composed of representatives from area Catholic high schools and colleges. Emily Keller and Abby Gonzales have been instrumental in organizing such activities as a 20-school summit this year on the horrors of human trafficking. Full Story

"Arsenic and Old Lace" Was a Hit!
College Corner

UNIVERSITY OF Cincinnati

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio (4 hours from Cleveland). Urban.

Enrollment: 32,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Engineering, architecture and design, politics, law and social justice.

Fun Facts: A brick from McMicken Hall at UC lies in the foundation of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. www.uc.edu

Enjoy a photo album of last week’s spring play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," here. Congratulations to all! For a complete list of cast and crew, please click here.

U.S. Government Students Learn Ins and Outs of Law During Visit to Justice Center

More than 70 U.S. Government students had the opportunity to witness the judicial branch in action this week during a trip to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

Students met with Judge Shannon Gallagher, who shared her experiences as a judge. She discussed the challenges and successes she has experienced through her years working in law.

In addition, Judge Brendan Sheehan welcomed the girls into his court room to witness court proceedings and gain a better sense of the juror selection process.

"All students left with a better appreciation of the inner workings of our judicial system," shared Social Studies Teacher Mike Shannon.

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Distinguished Alumna To Speak at SJA on May 18

SJA is proud to welcome home Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Mary Jordan, a 1979 graduate and Distinguished Alumna, for a special visit as part of the school’s 125th birthday celebration. Ms. Jordan will be speaking at the school on Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. All are welcome! She will be sharing her life's experiences with the students during a special assembly that afternoon.

Full Story
Parents, Students: Now Is the Time to Plan for 2016 International Trips

Plans are already underway for next year's travel opportunities. The trips currently being organized are:

* **Chicago**, October 15-17, 2015, led by Math Teacher Paula Schuetz and Art Teacher Terise Janca ’93.
* **England and Scotland**, during the 2016 Easter Break, led by Dean of Women Marie Ciolek and Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair Beth Pleban.
* **Spain**, during the 2016 Easter Break, led by Spanish Teacher Ethan Saurwein.

For more information on any of these trips, please contact Dean of Women Marie Ciolek at 216.251.6788 or here.

SPORTS

**Rugby**

Jaguar Rugby swept Amherst Rugby with their highest score of the season. The 77-0 victory was led by the seniors. Students who scored include: Maura Blake ‘15, Katie White ‘15, Emily Dever ‘15, Erin McGinty ‘15, Becky Tent ‘15, Alex Strasser ‘15, Jackie Harter ‘15, Marie Kouns ‘15, Amanda Burns ’15 and Kelsie Brinker ’16. For her hat-trick in tries Marie Kouns earned Maiden of the Match. Also performing above and beyond in a decision-making position at scrumhalf, Erin McGinty also earned Maiden of the Match.


**Softball**

The team started the week with a 7-6 loss to Midpark in 5 innings, coming back from being down 7-1. The game was called after 5 innings due to rain. Maddie Kimble ’17 had a 3-run home run and 3 RBIs. The team also lost 9-2 against Cuyahoga Heights.

In a double-header with Revere, the Jaguars won the first game 5-3. Maddie Kimble’17 went 3-4, 2B, RBI and Macey Yuhasz ’15 would go 1-1 with 2 RBI, Brenna Heffeman ’15 would get the win pitching. The Jaguars lost the second game 3-2. Sydnie Whitaker ’17 would go 2-3, 2B in the game.

**Crew**

The Jaguar Navy took full advantage of sunny skies and calm water on April 18 to claim some significant podium positions in a regatta that included 20 crews from seven states. The V4+, J8+ and 2V8+ each claimed first place in their events, while the N4+ and F8+ each claimed third-place finishes. In the most exciting race of the day, the V8+ was narrowly edged by into a 4th place finish by Loyola Academy (by less than 1 second) in a race where the top 4 boats all finished within 2.2 seconds! The second 2V8+ also took 4th. Fifth-place finishes went to the Novice 8+, the Ltwt 4+, and the N4+ (Ltwt boat). It was a great test against strong competition and a preview of the race venue for the Midwest Championship in May.

**Softball**

Varsity traveled to Avon Lake on Wednesday and fell to the Shoregals 10-7. The team plays in the Akron Racers tournament this weekend. Click here for times and locations.

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