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AP Testing, May 11-15

Early Dismissal, May 13, at 2 p.m.

Track Banquet, May 13, at 7 p.m.

Academy Chorale Auditions, May 1 and May 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Class of 2017 Josten's Ring Ordering Day, May 14

Senior Prom, May 16, at 6 p.m.
(gather at SJA at 4 p.m.)

Sophomore Wins Statewide Competition and $20,000 College Scholarship

Sophomore Greta Noeth was a standout in the "Believe in Ohio" competition held last Saturday, winning a $20,000 scholarship to any Ohio college! Greta's winning entry in the competition, which fosters STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) studies, was a project titled "Harvesting Thermoelectricity to Charge Smartphone Batteries." Full Story

Visit SJA Booth at The Hooley™ at Kamm's Corners This Saturday, May 9

Be sure to visit the SJA booth at The Hooley™ celebration at Kamm's Corners this Saturday, May 9! Called "West Park's Homecoming Celebration," The Hooley™ is...
May 16
Senior Prom, 6 p.m.-midnight, Windows on the River.

May 18
Assembly with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, 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 21
Jazz and Cabaret Night, 7-9 p.m., in the auditorium.

May 25
Memorial Day - no school, office closed.

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

May 26
Performing Arts Banquet, 6-9 p.m., in the Dining Hall.

May 27
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

Class of 2016, senior picture presentation, 11-11:30 a.m., in the auditorium.

May 28
Honors Convocation Assembly, 1-3 p.m., in The Academy Center.

Tree Night & Baccalaureate Mass, 6-9 p.m.

May 29
Senior Farewell Mass and Alumnae Induction, 12:30-2:30, Our Lady of Angels Church.

June 1
Senior Brunch

June 2
Walk of the Roses, 6:30 p.m. (open to all!), graduation at Our Lady of Angels, 7 p.m. (ticket-only admission).

from noon to 8 p.m. on Lorain Avenue at Kamm's Corners. "Hooley" is Irish slang for party or celebration. The Hooley™ offers food, drink, dozens of booths and entertainment. There is no charge to enter the area. Included in the entertainment offerings is a performance by the Academy Chorale, which can be seen at 2:30 p.m. on the Family Stage. See you there!

SJA Students To Be Featured Next Thursday on Ch. 19's "Romona's Kids"
The four students who won accolades as part of the Haileybury Model United Nations in London, England, will be featured Thursday, May 14, on "Romona's Kids," a special feature hosted by Romona Robinson, an anchor on Channel 19/WOIO. The segment featuring Frannie Smith ’17, Claudia Stephens ‘18, Sydney Rexing ‘15 and Daniella Saul ‘17 will air on the 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts on Channel 19/WOIO and at 10 p.m. on Channel 43/WUAB. The segment also will air on Sunday, May 17 on the 8 a.m. newscast on WOIO/Channel 19. The segment also will be available for viewing on the website 19actionnews.com on the "Romona's Kids" page. When the link is available, we will also post it on www.sja1890.org and our Facebook page.

The Model United Nations was attended by some 700 students from around the world. Frannie won a "Best Delegate" award and Claudia received a "Highly Commended Delegate" award.

"Leadership" For 6th, 7th Grade Girls Is Being Held at SJA on May 15
Parents, do you have a 6th or 7th grade daughter? Urge them to spend a day at "Leadership," being held at SJA on Friday, May 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn how to be a strong female leader in today's world. Leaders aren't born - they are made! This leadership workshop will reveal leadership potential and enrich skills. Fun hands-on activities, SJA student-led presentations, lunch in our Dining Hall and a tour of the entire campus will highlight the day's events. There is a $10 fee per student (includes lunch), payable at the door. Click here to register.

Concert Band To Perform as Guest Band at St. Edward High School Spring Concert
The Concert Band will be performing as a guest band at the St. Edward High School (SEHS) spring music concert being held on Sunday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at SEHS. The band will perform several selections, including "Les Miserables" and "An Irish Legend." The combined SEHS and SJA bands will perform John Phillip Sousa's "The Invincible Eagle."

The performance is in the SEHS auditorium, 13500 Detroit Ave, Lakewood. All parents, relatives and friends are invited. The concert is free.
June 3
Teacher Day.

Student Spotlight

Name: Senior Jennifer Diaz-Ramos

Fun Facts: Jennifer has volunteered with the Boys & Girls Club for four years now. "I started to volunteer there because I felt comfortable with the place and the people I associated with everyday. I realized that children loved coming to me for help and that I loved lending them a hand one way or another." Among her activities at the Boys & Girls Club was starting a dance group with children ages 7-12, as well as years of mentoring at the club.

"I love the Boys & Girls Club because it is determined to push children to improve their academic skills, participate in different activities and have the chance to serve the community."

Jennifer has also volunteered at the Arrupe program at Saint Ignatius High School, West Side Hospice, and served on the Dominican Republic mission trip last summer.

"I plan to attend Cleveland State University. I am looking into possibly Human Resources or Social Work," she said.

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. She will be sharing her life’s experiences with the students during a special assembly that afternoon. All are welcome!


Please join us for SJA's third annual "Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K/1 Mile Walk," being held on Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) starting at SJA. Last year, the event drew nearly 400 friends to campus and netted more than $4,300 for scholarships. Please help us surpass last year's achievements! The race/walk starts at 9 a.m. at the Academy. The route includes parts of both West Park and western Lakewood.

Pre-registration is $20 (students, $15) through Friday, May 23 at 9 a.m. Race day registration is $25. In celebration of SJA’s 125th birthday, there will be a group/family rate for the 1 mile walk only of $70. (Limit four $10 each additional participants. Valid with mail-in only.)

For online race registration, go to www.hermescleveland.com Questions? Call 216.623.9933.

Saving the Planet!

As of May 6, SJA students, faculty and staff have kept 259,055 plastic bottles out of landfills and waterways! "That is an increase of 86,2158 bottles since November," shared English Teacher and ECOS Club Moderator Michelle Kelly-Flanagan.

The number is recorded by the Elkay’s EZH2O™ bottle filling
station retrofitted two years ago on SJA water fountains. A touchless sensor allows water bottles to be refilled efficiently and quickly.

**Location:** Washington, D.C. (6 hours from Cleveland). Urban.

**Enrollment:** 9,500 undergraduates.

**Strongest Programs:**
Biology, chemistry, astronomy, computer science, finance, international business, political science, international business, psychology, and media and public affairs.

**Fun Facts:** The university has a fixed-rate tuition plan that guarantees tuition will not increase for up to five years of undergraduate study. [www.gwu.edu](http://www.gwu.edu)

**Academy Chorale Sings National Anthems**
Congratulations to the Academy Chorale for performing last Saturday at Progressive Field at the start of the Cleveland Indians vs. Toronto Blue Jays game. In addition to singing the National Anthem, the students also sang the Canadian National Anthem. The Chorale performed under the direction of Visual and Performing Arts Teacher Kathleen Cooper.

Congratulations to all for a great performance!

**Environmental Science Students Explore North Chagrin Reservation**
Last week, Environmental Science students had the opportunity to study nature in person with a special field trip to the North Chagrin Reservation with Science Teacher Maureen Becker.

[Full Story](#)

**Museum Studies Students Visit the Western Reserve Historical Sociey**
Last week, the "Introduction to Museum Studies" students visited the Western Reserve Historical Society Museum and Archives to learn about the archives and the art of genealogy. Students were able to look up their own family’s history using various resources in the library. A highlight of the day came when the students were able to take a spin on the carousel from Euclid Beach Park! [Full Story](#)

**Annual Scholarship Luncheon Reunites Friends, Celebrates SJA Legacy**

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Alumnae, friends and SJA supporters enjoyed an afternoon together on Wednesday at the annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon.

Held at the Westwood Country Club, the afternoon included senior Katie Fanta sharing her gratitude for the gift of a Saint Joseph Academy education, made possible for hundreds of students thanks to the generosity of the SJA community. In a special moment - the first of many to come! - retiring Alumnae Director and former Math Teacher Mary Ann Fischer ’66 was honored for her 45 years of dedication and service to SJA.

The Scholarship Luncheon netted more than $14,000 for the Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to sponsors Ennis Court, Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., Edible Arrangements, Friedman Search Group, the Westwood Country Club sponsor and co-chair Mary Egan N'74 and co-chair Barbara Ragon. For a Facebook album of the event, click here.

SPORTS

Rugby
The team plays its final home game of the season on Sunday, as Varsity hosts Hudson at 1 p.m. and JV hosts the Hudson "B" team at 2:30 p.m. Both games will be played at St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Ave, Lakewood.

Softball
The team posted a huge win on Tuesday afternoon, winning 24-0 win over Magnificat. The team has a 12-11 record and received the 6th seed in the upcoming district tournament.

Crew
The Jaguar Navy is participating in the Midwest Scholastic Championship this weekend in Nashport, Ohio. Midwest is the big meet of the year for crew and several boats have the opportunity to advance to the national regatta in New Jersey later in May.

Track & Field
Last week, the team had two meets: defeating Gilmour, Beachwood and Hathaway Brown in the first meet; and finishing 4th of 14 teams at the Berea-Midpark Titan Relays on Friday. At Gilmour the following were victorious in their events; Brittany Morrison ’15 in shot put and discus; Kye Williams ’16 in the long jump and high jump; Lauren Zawie ’17 in the 100m and 200m dashes; and Maggie Wagner ’17 in the 800m run.

At Berea, a school record dating to 2003 was broken in the pole vault relay by Bridget McGuire ’16, Alexis Bloor ’15 and Katie Pellegrino ’17! Their relay finished 4th overall. Other top finishers included; Maggie Wagner ’17 finishing 2nd in the 3200m run and the 2nd place high jump relay of Kye Williams ’16, Bridget Roche ’15 and Molly Ridge ’18.

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