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Two Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Thanks to outstanding scores, Seniors Emily Rouse and Sara Hurley are Semifinalists in the 59th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. This honor places them among some 16,000 academically talented high school seniors who reached this status from the 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools who entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Full Story

'Meet the Teachers Night' Is Tuesday

Parents: This is a reminder that "Meet the Teachers Night" is being held Tuesday, September 17, from 7-9 p.m. Parents should meet in the auditorium for an opening prayer with Principal Jeff Sutliff and then they will be directed to
meeting during First Activity Block in Room 333 for all students going to Ireland and England this spring break. The meeting will be brief, so please be prompt.

**September 20**
School picture day. Picture forms can be picked up in the main office. Contact Dean of Women Ms. Marie Ciolek at mciolek@sja1890.org for more information.

**Parent Events:**

**September 17**
"Meet the Teacher Night" is from 7-9 p.m. In addition, the Finance Office will be open until 7 p.m. if parents want to drop off Jaguar Jackpot ticket money prior to meeting with teachers.

**September 18**
There will be meeting of STArts (Support the Arts) at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. For more information, contact STArts President Mr. Matt Walsh at walshma@cox.net. All parents welcome.

**September 24**
A meeting for Senior Parents is being held by the College Counseling Department to review the college application process, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

**Admissions Events:**

**September 20**
Spread the word about our Girls Night Out for 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls, moms & grandmothers at 7 p.m. at the school.

**World Champion Rower Visits SJA**

USRowing World Champion Ms. Felice Mueller (center in red shirt) with SJA Crew athletes

World Champion gold-medal rower and Shaker Heights native Ms. Felice Mueller visited SJA this week, sharing her knowledge and insight on the sport of Crew with our Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen members of the "Jaguar Navy," parents and others interested in the sport.  Full Story

'Kick-Off to Senior Year Party' Will Benefit the Cleveland Courage Fund

This Sunday, September 15, from 2-5 p.m., SJA seniors organized and are hosting a "Kick-Off to Senior Year Party," that will be both a party and a fundraiser for the Cleveland Courage Fund. Our seniors took the lead in creating this event, asking fellow seniors from St. Edward, Magnificat and Saint Ignatius high schools to join the worthy cause! The fun day will include playing flag football, wiffle ball, a bake-off and picnic and other games and activities. Tickets are $5 and will be sold at the event.

Proceeds benefit the Cleveland Courage Fund, started to help the three women held captive in a Cleveland home for more than a decade. Thanks to the generosity of thousands of people from Northeast Ohio and around the world, more than $1.2 million has been donated to help survivors Gina DeJesus,
Summer Biking Along 'The Way'

Who: Spanish teacher Mr. Ethan Saurwein.

What: Mr. Saurwein made good use of his summer break by spending several weeks in Spain and France. In addition to participating in such activities as the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Mr. Saurwein also rode a mountain bike for 450 miles of "The Way," starting in Pamplona, Spain, and finishing in Santiago de Compostela. Along the way, he explored the sights of this traditional Catholic pilgrimage route that runs through northwest Spain and in France.

Fun Facts: The Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) is a large network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the tomb of St. James (Santiago in Spanish) in Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. The most popular route is the one that Mr. Saurwein followed, the Camino Francés, which stretches nearly 500 miles from St. Jean-Pied-du-Port near Biarritz in France to Santiago.

Michelle Knight and Amanda Berry and her daughter. One-hundred percent of the money raised goes to the women.

Seniors ... we can't wait to see you!

Gardening Club Donates Fruits of their Labor to School, CSJs

When you add a dozen green thumbs with a desire to help others what do you get? The Gardening Angels club, a group of 10 students who spent countless hours last spring and over the summer months planting, weeding, watering, harvesting and composting a plot of land located behind the Congregation of St. Joseph Center next to SJA. Full Story.

Students Discover Many Opportunities for Service, Extracurricular Activities

Thanks to two fairs held this week in the auditorium, new and returning students became acquainted with the dozens of service and activity clubs available at SJA. Opportunities included everything from ECOS, our environmental club, to working with Catholic Students for Peace and Justice.

"I urge parents to talk to their daughters this weekend about the fairs and the opportunities presented," said Principal Jeff Sutliff. "A vital component of the Saint Joseph Academy experience
JaguarJackpot
The first Jaguar Jackpot raffle ticket deadline is fast approaching! If you are participating in our raffle, please make sure to bring your tickets and money by Friday, September 27, to the Finance Office in order to be included in the first drawing on October 4.

All tickets and money for the raffle should be returned to the Finance Office, Room 126, open from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (there will be longer hours on the "Meet the Teachers Night). Make sure to wait for a receipt!

Questions? Call or email Mrs. Beverly LaPolla at 216.251.6788 x252 or blapolla@sja1890.org.

'Virtual' Ribbing Cutting Highlights Innovative Changes at SJA

To experience for yourself the new era of technological upgrades and capital improvements completed this year and last at SJA, please plan to participate in our interactive Virtual Ribbon Cutting debuting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, on our website! Or, to see the changes in person, please call Mrs. Kate Vinciquerra, our Campaign Officer, at 216.251.6788 x263, or email her at kvinciquerra@sja1890.org.

The improvements are exciting and we can't wait to share them!

Guardian Angel Box Set Up in Chapel

The Guardian Angel Box is still found in the Chapel, placed above the petitions for prayers/special intentions binder. Students may place written notes in the box when there is a concern about themselves or someone else. The purpose of the box is to open communication if students are dealing with issues that could have serious consequences. Full Story.

SPORTS

Soccer
On Tuesday, September 3, Varsity lost 4-2 to Shaker Heights. Amanda Burns ’15 scored for the Jaguars. Junior Varsity lost 4-1 to Shaker Heights. On Saturday, September 7, the Jaguars lost 3-0 against the Olmsted Falls Bulldogs. Courtney Kuntz ’14 was named player of the game with 12 saves. JV lost 1-3. Saturday, September 14, the Jaguars take on the Lakewood Rangers at Lakewood High School at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Volleyball
On Tuesday, September 3, Varsity lost to Olmsted Falls. On Saturday, September 7, the Jaguars played in the Magnificat Showcase. They lost to Norwalk, Lake Catholic and Holy Name. Junior Varsity went 2-2, beating Olmsted Falls. JV also played in the Kenston tournament on Saturday, September 7, beating Stow and Solon and losing to Lake Catholic in the finals. Freshman beat Olmsted Falls.

Golf
On Tuesday, September 3, the team played Beaumont and Laurel at the Manakiki Golf Course. The Jaguars split the match, losing to Beaumont and beating Laurel with a 199 total score. Senior Lindsey Keefe was the medalist for the day with a score of 45 and Alicia Abele ’16 captured low putts with a total of 15. On Wednesday, September 4, the team took on Magnificat and Padua high schools at Sweetbriar Golf Course. They lost to Magnificat and beat Padua. Kaitlin Rose ’15 had a score of 46.

Tennis
Varsity won both doubles matches in a 3-2 loss to Magnificat this week. Emily Rouse ’14/Sidney Ruebensaal ’14 won at first doubles and Allison Saracina ’15/Molly McAfee ’15 won at second doubles. In Friday’s match against Shaker Heights, Rouse/Ruebensaal were victorious again.
On Saturday, September 7, Varsity finished in 5th place at the Triway Invitational. Colleen FitzGerald ’16 finished as the runner-up in the third singles bracket.

**Cross Country**
The Jaguars finished 18th out of 34 teams at the Tiffin Carnival, the largest cross country meet held in Ohio. Twenty-two SJA athletes achieved all-time personal bests. In Varsity, Maggie Wagner ’17 led the way for the second week in a row with a solid 20:07 time. Seniors Rachel McGuire and Alesha Vovk also performed well, running 20:36 and 20:59 respectively. Varsity B team finished 15th out of 33 teams in their race. First to the line for the Jaguars was senior captain Molly Moore, who ran a personal best of 22:04. For her effort, as well as last week's effort, Molly was named the team's athlete of the meet.

In the open race, there were more than 600 finishers. Senior Maeve Kroeger finished 16th in that huge field to lead the Jaguar runners. In the process, she broke 22 minutes and earned a Varsity letter. As a team, the Jaguars were 9th of 37 teams in the race.

Tomorrow, the cross country team will participate at the McDonough Invitational in Cleveland Heights.