Senior Inspired by Rhode Island School of Design Pre-College Experience

Senior Nina Ripich spent this summer living her dream, thanks to being selected for a prestigious six-week Rhode Island School of Design Pre-college Program. The residential program offers high school students a comprehensive introduction to the college art school experience. Students follow a college-level studio curriculum and live in RISD residence halls, in a full-immersion encounter with art and design education.

Full Story

Nazareth Library Offers eBook Service

The Nazareth Library now offers a free reading service through OverDrive eBook.

"The OverDrive collection is an extension of Nazareth Library's physical library, only it's
All students: Don't forget that there is an Early Dismissal at 2 p.m.!

A Freshmen Retreat is being held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. across the St. Joseph Circle in the St. Joseph Center. Students will meet at 8 a.m. in The Academy Center. Please contact CORE Ministry teacher Elizabeth Pillari for more information.

Following the retreat, there is a Retreat Leader Meeting from 2:15 to 4 p.m. at SJA.

September 27
Freshman Welcome! This is the day when seniors officially welcome freshmen to Saint Joseph Academy! Contact Dean of Women Marie Ciolek at mciolek@sja1890.org for more on this fun and community-building day.

October 2
The Upperclass Induction Ceremony for the junior class is being held from 2-3 p.m. in The Academy Center. Parents are welcome!

October 3
The Key Club is holding a Blood Drive from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the auditorium. Please contact Intervention Specialist Courtney Koz for more information.

Parent Events:

September 24
There is a Rugby Parents meeting from 7-8 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

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. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Senior Year Kick Off Party a Success

SJA seniors hosted a successful "Kick Off to Senior Year Party" last Sunday on the SJA campus. The event, conceived and organized by Caroline Mills '14, was attended by about 140 students from SJA, Saint Ignatius, Magnificat and St. Edward high schools. A total of $500 was donated to the Cleveland Courage Fund. Full Story

Weekly Prayer Service Open to All

All students, faculty, staff and parents have the opportunity to share a prayerful reflection, thanks to the initiation of a Weekly Prayer Service being held on Thursdays from 7:40-7:55 a.m. in the Chapel. "Our theme this year, working with the Sisters from the
September 25
Love organizing parties? Want to help raise scholarship money for Saint Joseph Academy students? Please join us for the first meeting for parent volunteers for the 2014 Celebrate the Academy gala, being held at 7 p.m. in the first-floor Board Room at SJA. Refreshments will be served.

October 2
The Upperclass Induction Ceremony for the junior class is being held from 2-3 p.m. in The Academy Center. Junior parents are welcome!

October 8
Academy Parents is holding a meeting at 6 p.m. at the school. Please join this group of dedicated parents working to coordinate such events as the Father/Daughter Dance and the Mother/Daughter Mass!

October 17
This is the first day of two days available for Parent-Teacher conferences. On this day, conference times are available from 3:30-8 p.m. Meetings are by appointment only. More information will be available closer to this date.

October 20
Academy Parents is holding a "Terrace Tailgate" party at 3:30 p.m. on the Howley Terrace. RSVP by Wednesday, October 16, to: Colleen Stanton Hecht, Maryann Violand or Annmarie Pahler. Adults only, please.

October 23
This is the second day of two days available for Parent-Teacher conferences. On this day, conference times are available from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Meetings are by appointment only. More information will be available closer to this date.

Writing Center Is Open for Students Needing Input, Extra Assistance

The Writing Center is officially open for business! During both activity blocks, teachers will be available to help students with all writing assignments, from essay questions to research papers to college application essays. Students also will receive assistance generating ideas and even proofreading.

The Writing Center coordinator is Intervention Specialist Becky Goede McNulty ’96, who started the program in the 2007-08 school year to help students improve their writing and editing skills through one-to-one consultations.

"All students need to do is sign up outside Room 222 before school for either activity block," shared Intervention Specialist Courtney Koz, who is currently handling the center during Mrs. McNulty’s maternity leave.

"This is a wonderful resource for our students whether they need extra help or just want to improve their writing skills," stated Principal Jeff Sutliff.

Congregation of St. Joseph, is 'Building a Caring Community.' The best way I know to do this is to gather people in prayer," shared Vice President of Mission Sr. Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ. Full Story
Admissions Events:

October 17
The SJA Basketball Team is hosting its annual "father/daughter basketball night." The 5th & 6th Grade session is from 6:30 p.m., and the 7th & 8th grade session is 7:30-9 p.m. The clinic is $20 and all participants will receive an SJA basketball T-shirt. Although the event is called "father/daughter," any caring adult can be substituted in the absence of a father for the night. Please register by emailing SJA Varsity Basketball coach Maggie Ferrando at mferrando@sja1890.org.

'Special Ribbing Cutting' Debuted This Week with Highlights of Innovative Changes at SJA

If you haven't seen the "virtual tour" of SJA's new era of technological upgrades and capital improvements completed this year and last at SJA, please visit www.sja1890.org/virtual. The interactive video debuted this week. To visit the school to see the changes in person, please call Mrs. Kate Vinciquerra, our Campaign Officer, at 216.251.6788 x263, or kvinciquerra@sja1890.org.

The improvements are exciting and we are glad we are able to share them!

First JaguarJackpot Deadline is Next Friday

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, from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Make sure to wait for a receipt!

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

Help SJA By Signing Up for 'School Rewards Program'

Do you shop at Target, Giant Eagle, Heinen's or GFS? You may be able to help support Saint Joseph Academy and its students by simply doing your regular shopping, thanks to "school rewards programs" at these businesses. These programs

SPOTLIGHT
Senior Awarded Cleveland Heroes Run Scholarship

Who: Kaitlyn Poschner

What: Kaitlyn is one of three recipients this year of a $2,000 West Park Cleveland Police & Fire Memorial Walkway merit scholarship, awarded from proceeds of the
Fun Facts: Kaitlyn is the daughter of Cleveland Police Officer Norbert Poschner and Heidi Poschner. Kaitlyn is applying to Kent State and Baldwin Wallace universities. She hopes to pursue a degree in American Sign Language and interpretive studies.

"I am so honored to have been chosen for this scholarship," she shared.

Parent Volunteers Needed for the 2014 'Celebrate the Academy' gala

If you have a love of planning parties and also want to help raise scholarship money for Saint Joseph Academy students, now is the time to get involved with the annual 'Celebrate the Academy' (CTA) gala. The first meeting for parent volunteers is being held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, at SJA. Refreshments will be served.

'Celebrate the Academy' is being held February 8, 2014 at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility in Westlake. This year's theme is "Building a Foundation for Success." If you have any questions, please contact the co-chairs of the gala, Mrs. Mary Smetana Kolick '83 P'15 and Mrs. Mary Ellen Prunty Kraus '75 P'11 and P'14.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact Development Director Geoff Powers at 216.251.6788 x229 or gdpowers@sja1890.org.

SPORTS

Soccer
On Saturday, September 14, the team played Lakewood High School. Varsity played a tough match but fell short of a win losing 4-0. Junior Varsity ended in a tie 1-1. Kayla Tomm '17 scored for the JV Jaguars, was assisted by Katie Donovan '17.

Volleyball
Varsity went 1-1 this past week, beating Hathaway Brown 25-18, 25-21, 27-25, but losing to Holy Name in a tight match 26-24, 25-23, and 25-19. Amber Petras 15' led the team with 11 kills for the week. Jordan Kortowich '15 led the team in digs with 37 for the week. Alison Rogozinski '16 had 39 assists to lead the team. Junior Varsity went 3-0 this week, beating Walsh Jesuit 25-19, 25-20, Hathaway Brown 25-5, 25-8, and Holy Name 25-23, 25-10. The Freshman team was 1-1 this week, losing to Walsh Jesuit 20-25, 20-
25 and beating Holy Name 25-12 25-6.

**Golf**
On Monday, September 9, Varsity came in 8th with a score of 398 in the Canterbury Golf Tournament. Lindsey Keefe ’14 was the team medalist with a score of 95. The second event of the week was a match against Kent Roosevelt at Big Met. The Kent team is one of the top teams in the state and they scored 159 to our 191. The Jaguar top scorers were Kaitlin Rose ’15 and Alicia Abele ’16, both shooting a 45.

**Tennis**
Varsity played opponents from Amherst, Mayfield and Chagrin Falls high schools last week. At Amherst, Grace Powers ’14/Allison Saracina ’15 led the Jaguars with a 7-5, 6-0 win at second doubles. Sidney Ruebensaal ’14/Emily Rouse ’14 lost a close 6-4, 6-4 match at first doubles and Colleen Fitzgerald ’16 moved up one position due to an injury and played well in a 7-5, 6-3 loss at second singles. In a 4-1 loss to Chagrin Falls on Thursday, Brooke Kahl ’14 was victorious 6-2, 6-2 to lead the Jaguars.

Junior Varsity was victorious in both of their matches this past week, beating Amherst 4-1 on Monday and Mayfield 5-0 on Tuesday. In the victory over Amherst, Abigail Riley ’15 and Halli Grunder ’14 had singles victories. In the win over Mayfield, Angela Cicero ’17 and the doubles team of Ciara McGlynn ’14/Grace Hendryx ’15 contributed individual wins.

Over the weekend, JV competed in the Avon Quad and finished in third place. Shaikara Stephens ’14 and Brittany Hegeman ’15 teamed up at second doubles and won all three of their matches to win the second doubles flight championship. Abigail Riley ’15 also had a great day, going 2-1 overall and finishing in a three-way tie for the third singles championship.

**Cross Country**
While saving the top runners for the weekend and sitting a few others for injuries, Cross Country had some younger runners emerge at the McDonough Invitational hosted by Villa Angela-Saint Joseph. With a split squad in the Varsity race, SJA "A" finished 10th and SJA "B" finished 11th out of 19 teams. Katie Butterfield ’16 and Lauren Marconi ’15 were the first Jaguars across the line with a personal best times of 21:45 and 21:46 respectively. Not far behind were freshmen first-time Varsity runners Alana Vovk (21:58) and Mary Hyland (22:01). Second year runner Maeve Kroeger ’14 and Claire Fibbi ’14 wrapped up the Top 6 in 22:08 and 22:21.

In the open race, freshman Maggie Carroll was the top runner for SJA, with a personal-best time of 23:53. In the reserve race, senior Maddie Zimmerman returned to the line up with a 5th place time of 22:21. Katie Butterfield ’16 was named the team’s Athlete of the Meet for her efforts.

Tomorrow, Saturday, September 21, the top seven runners will compete in the Midwest All-Catholic Meet in Dayton, while the reserves go to the Valley Forge Invitational at Tri-C West.

**Crew**
The Blessing of the Boats for Crew is being held today, Friday, September 20, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Rivergate Boathouse in Cleveland. Crew is adding two 4+ boats to the Jaguar Navy.

The Jaguar Navy will compete in the Head of the Cuyahoga race tomorrow, Saturday, September 21, joining some 2,000 rowers and 425+ boat entries from more than 50 clubs from around the country. HOTC is a challenging 4,800-meter course with five major river turns for both medals. Races start at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m..

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