Senior Named National Merit Commended Scholar

Senior Anna Grusenmeyer has been named a Commended Student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. She joins two other SJA students, seniors Emily Rouse and Sara Hurley, who earlier this month were named National Merit Semifinalists. Congratulations, Anna!

Commended Students are among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the competition by taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"I am so honored to be named a Commended Student," shared Anna, who lives in Fairview Park and is the daughter of Jeffrey and Monica Grusenmeyer.

Anna is considering a career in psychology or psychiatry. Her top colleges under consideration are Otterbein, Butler, Hillsdale and Washington & Jefferson universities.

Go Team! Seniors Officially Welcome Freshmen Class to SJA!

A service opportunity! John Carroll University is sponsoring a walk/run tomorrow to raise money to feed Cleveland families during the holiday season. Contact CORE Ministry teacher Kristen Pungitore for more information.

October 2
The Upperclass Induction Ceremony for the junior class is being held from 2-3

Yeah, team SJA! Using a sports theme, seniors officially welcomed the Class of 2017 to SJA today, Friday, September 27, following in...
p.m. in The Academy Center. Junior 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.

October 10
There will be a Mass and a March from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist to Public Square in support of October "Respect Life" month, from 9:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

October 23
The all-school test day is being held on this date. For specific information on rooms and times, please click here.

Attention Students: If you would like to earn service hours by serving a meal at Laura's Home, please sign up outside the Core Ministry Office. Laura's Home serves women and children who are in-crisis by providing safety, food and shelter.

Parent Events:

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 the footsteps of their sister students-filled day topped off by an hour of skits and laughter. The day began with the seniors, sporting "team jerseys" with the number "14," lining The Academy Center arcade as freshmen arrived, sporting their own "jerseys" with the number "17." "Team managers" (also known as senior class moderators Science Teacher Fred Kieser and Intervention Specialist Lisa Gregorski) helped put freshmen through the "drills." For a gallery of photos of the celebration, please click here.

Hailey Mertes '14, middle, with her Japanese classmates.

Junior Year in Japan Was Exciting, Eye-opening Experience

Spending her junior year living in Japan and attending high school there was an adventure of a lifetime for Hailey Mertes '14.

During the 2012-13 academic year, Hailey attended Kano Senior High School, located in Gifu Prefecture in central Japan. She lived with five different host families. "I would change every two to three months. I liked that I had the chance to see how different families lived. Each of my host families taught me so much about Japanese culture." Full Story

Art Students Participate in Chalk Festival at Cleveland Museum of Art

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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.

The **all-school test** day is being held on this date. For specific information on rooms and times, please click [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1115022122701.html). Parents, **special arrangements** may have to be made for transportation.

**Admissions Events:**

**October 17**

The **SJA Basketball Team is hosting its annual "father/daughter basketball night."** The 5th & 6th Grade session is from 6-7:30 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. Any caring adult can be substituted in the absence of a father. Register by emailing SJA Varsity Basketball coach Maggie Ferrando at mferrando@sja1890.org.

**Nine art students continued a tradition last weekend that can boast of origins in 16th-century Italy. The students, along with dozens of other budding artists, families and children participated in the Chalk Art Festival sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Art. Full Story.**

**Science Club Members Create 'Hovercrafts' During Their Lunch Break**

What do you get when you combine a CD, glue, plastic tops and some balloons? Well, as students in the **Science Club** discovered last week, you can get a pretty awesome hovercraft that can float across the surface of a table.

The students, working during an Activity Block, learned how to fashion a hovercraft using those basic materials. The scientific principles used were as simple as making an object float thanks to a cushion of air. Full Story.

**Volunteers Needed for Convención Hispana 2013**

Parents and students, do you want to help empower Cleveland's Hispanic community? Now is your chance! Organizers of the **Convención Hispana 2013** - being held October 19 at Saint Ignatius High
SPOTLIGHT

Summer Program Provides Senior a Unique Musical Experience

Who: Clare Panek '14

What: Clare was selected for a prestigious two-week summer program at Baldwin Wallace University to study music in the BW Conservatory. She was one of three trumpets chosen based on audition tapes.

Fun Facts: During the summer program, Clare took classes and performed in a professional-level orchestra. Her private trumpet teacher was a musician with the Cleveland Orchestra.

Clare is applying to the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cincinnati Conservatory and Juilliard School of Music. "I hope to major in Trumpet Performance," she shared.

SJA Board of Directors member Felicia Soto ’89, also a member of the Hispanic Roundtable Community Programs organization, is working with World Languages Department Chair Alison Morgan to ensure current SJA student volunteers serve vendors in the areas of education, empowerment, health, and workforce/economic development.

For more information on how to become involved, contact Mrs. Morgan at amorgan@sja1890.org or Ms. Soto at feliciamsoto@yahoo.com. Field trip permission forms for the event are available in Room 340.

Blessing of the Boats for Jaguar Navy

Crew athletes were joined by friends, parents and other supporters for the annual Blessing of the Boats held on the shores of the Cuyahoga River. Two new boats were added this year, receiving a special blessing, along with a third boat that was purchased last year. The new boats were christened the MACD '71, named after SJA President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis, a 1971 graduate; the Dottie, named in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Gore, mother of Crew supporter Mr. Jim Grove and grandmother of Annie Grove '14, a Crew athlete; and the Alisa, named in honor of Mrs. Alisa Smith, mother of Hannah Smith '14, who lost her battle with cancer spring 2012. The blessing was conducted by Sr. Joan Ockuly '57 and Sr. Joan Lang, aunt of Mrs. Colleen Lang Rouse '81 and crew athlete Charlotte Rouse '15.

For more information on how Crew performed in last Saturday’s Head of the Cuyahoga race, please look at the sports highlights below.

Friday, October 4, Is the First Jaguar Jackpot Drawing
Friday, October 4, is both the drawing and deadline for our **Jaguar Jackpot**. If you are participating in our October 10 raffle, please make sure to bring your tickets and money by Friday, October 4, to the Finance Office in order to be included. That day is also the first drawing for tickets turned in by today, September 27.

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.

**SPORTS**

**Soccer**
On Wednesday, September 18, Varsity lost 1-2 against the North Olmsted Eagles, with a goal from Senior Ali DeCrane and an assist by junior Isabella Morini. Goalie Courtney Kuntz ’14 had eight saves for the day. On Saturday, September 21, Varsity won 3-2 against Padua High School. All three goals were scored by senior Ali DeCrane and assisted by junior Jackie Harter. Senior goalie Courtney Kuntz had six saves.

JV lost 3-0

**Volleyball**
Varsity lost on September 19 to Magnificat. At the Independence Tournament on September 21, Varsity defeated Geneva 25-17, 24-26, 25-17, but lost to Amherst and Tuscarawas Valley. Amber Petras ’15 and Mary Beth Keck ’15 lead the team with 15 kills each for the week. Jordan Kortowich ’15 led the team in digs with 58 for the week. Alison Rogozinski ’14 had 68 assists to lead the team. Ashley Petras ’15 recorded a total of seven blocks for the week.

JV went 2-0 this week, beating Archbishop Hoban 25-10, 26-24 and Magnificat 13-25, 25-11, 26-24. The Freshman Team was 1-2 this week, winning against Vermilion 25-10, 25-20, but losing to Archbishop Hoban and Magnificat.

**Golf**
On Tuesday, September 17, Varsity defeated Bay High School 164 to 202. It was the team’s best match score this season. Kaitlin Rose ’15 shot a 39 with a birdie and 5 pars. Lindsey Keefe ’14 shot a 41 with 5 pars as well. Alicia Abele ’16 shot a 46 and Lauren Zawie ’17 a 48. JV defeated Bay 215 to 221. Clare Tirpak ’16 shot a 51 with 17 putts.

The North East Ohio Championship was held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club on September 18. The Jaguar team of Kaitlin Rose ’15, Lindsey Keefe ’14, Alicia Abele ’16, Lauren Zawie ’17 and Clare Tirpak ’16 shot a 398 score, good for 6th place on a very tough golf course. The highlights of the day were two eagles by Kaitlin Rose ’15 on the 2nd and 18th holes.

**Tennis**
Varsity dropped a pair of matches against strong opponents last week, falling 3-2 to Bay and 4-1 to Solon. In the loss to Bay, Colleen FitzGerald ’16 got the Jaguars on the board with a 6-2, 6-0 win at third singles. Missy Wallos ’14 rallied back from a set down at first singles to pull out a tough 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 win to get the Jaguars their second court of the match. The Jaguars also played well on other courts, but came up just short in a pair of three-hour matches. In the 4-1 loss to Solon, Colleen FitzGerald ’16 was victorious again at third singles with a 6-3, 6-0 win.

JV won a pair of matches last week, with a 4-1 win over Bay and a 5-0 win at Gilmour Academy. In the win over Bay, Angela Cicero ’17 rallied back from a set down to pull out a 1-6, 7-6, 10-8 victory. Abigail Riley ’15 continued her strong play this season, with a 6-4, 7-5 win at third singles. Brittany Hegeman ’15/Shaiakara Stephens ’14 added a 6-2, 7-5 win at first doubles and Clara McGlynn ’14/Grace Hendryx won 6-1, 6-2 at second doubles. In the victory at Gilmour, Molly McAfee ’15 got the Jaguars off to a great start with a 6-1, 6-0 win at first singles. JV is now 10-3 on the season.

**Cross Country**

The Cross Country team spanned the state last weekend in two different meets. The top seven runners traveled to Dayton for the Midwest All-Catholic Championships, where they finished an excellent 4th in a field of 21 teams. The rest of the team competed at the Valley Forge Invitational at Tri-C West, finishing 3rd out of 11 teams.

In Dayton, the top three Jaguars finished 7th, 8th, and 11th to pace the team's score. Maggie Wagner '17 was the first across the line and the first Jaguar to break the 20 minute barrier in three years. Seniors Rachel McGuire and Alesha Vovk both ran tremendous races to support Wagner's lead. Junior Lauren Marconi ran the best race of her career to finish 4th and sophomore Katie Butterfield rounded out the top 5 scorers for SJA.

At Valley Forge, the second seven runners for SJA competed against other schools' Varsity teams and still finished in 3rd place, ahead of seven other teams. Senior captain Maddie Zimmerman had her best race of the season.

Lauren Marconi was named athlete of the meet at the All-Catholic meet, while freshman Grace Kanary earned that recognition for the squad at Valley Forge.

The team competes at Gilmour Academy today, Friday September 27.

**Crew**

Jaguars Rocked the Head of the Cuyahoga (HOTC) race! Crew had its best HOTC ever on Saturday, September 21. The wet and muddy day brightened considerably when the Jaguar Varsity 4+ boats finished 2nd and 7th in a field of 32 boats. The Varsity 8+ boats finished 4th and 17th. The Jaguar novice rowers, however, put the icing on the cake by seizing the bronze medal in the 4+ event and the gold medal and 9th place in the 8+ race!! Congratulations to all our rowers on a great day! The season looks very promising.

Tomorrow, Saturday, September 28, Crew will compete in the Frogtown Regatta in Toledo.

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