Halloween Brings Out Creativity at SJA!

Creativity was evident everywhere in the halls of SJA on Thursday, as students, faculty and staff got into the spirit of the Halloween. Cruella De Ville, a.k.a. Dean of Women Marie Ciolek, gathered dalmatians at her side, as super heroes, entertainment stars, birthday presents, and even the Three Blind Mice enjoyed the day. Pictured above: l-r, "Glee" singers, seniors Jailine Villavicencio, Liyanna Chandler-Nieves (who made her costume entirely from duct tape) and Samara Allen. Please enjoy more pictures of the fun day from our Facebook album!

Admission/Scholarship Tests Are Tomorrow and November 9

The Saint Joseph Academy Admission/Scholarship test for 8th grade girls is tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 2 and again next Saturday, November 9, from 9-11:30 p.m. on both days. Parents, please join us at the same time for our 8th-grade Parent Forum to learn more about the Academy's history, academic curriculum, tuition assistance and admissions process. All are welcome!

For more information and to register online, please visit here.

Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Forms for 2014-15 Year Now Available

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance forms for the 2014-15 school year are now available. To access the form on our website, click here. The PSAS form must
November 6
Second quarter begins.

Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice meeting, 4-6 p.m. at SJA.

November 8-17
Fall Musical, “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” 7 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays; 2 p.m. on Sundays. Cost: $12 for reserved seats, $10 general admission, $5 students and seniors. Ticket questions: Contact Kate Valentino here or at 216.276.0942.

November 20
Early Dismissal Day at 2 p.m.

Parent Events:

November 2, 9
Attention parents with 8th-grade daughters! Admission/Scholarship Test and Parent Forum, held on those dates, 9-11:30 a.m. at the school.

November 4
Picture retake/senior picture day. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For all students wanting pictures retaken or who missed original picture day, and seniors who are NOT going to Woodward studios for Senior Portraits. This would be a last chance to get a mandatory and free Woodward senior portrait for yearbook.

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Environmental Science Class Explores Flora, Fauna in Chagrin Metroparks

More than a dozen students in Mrs. Maureen Becker’s Environmental Science Class explored the North Chagrin Metroparks Reservation last week, examining real-life samples of what they are studying in class. Full Story

Students pose under the root system of a tree toppled during last year’s Hurricane Sandy.

Five Students Chosen for Music Honors

Five SJA Instrumental Music students recently were selected for the Ohio Music Educators Association District IV & VII Honors Band. They will participate in the OMEA District IV and VII Honors Ensembles Festival on November 15 and 16 at Cleveland State University’s Waetjen Auditorium. They will perform at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 16. The students selected are (pictured l-r): Clare Panek ’14 (trumpet), Samantha Forrey ’15 (flute), Emily Hanes ’16 (bassoon), Halli Grunder ’14 (flute) and Abby Yarcusko ’15 (trumpet). Bravo!

'Wish List' To Help Students Dreaming of a Purple and Gold Christmas!

With the Christmas season fast approaching, the Paw Prints Bookstore is happy to help with your shopping needs. Beginning Monday, November 4, students will have two weeks to stop in the bookstore and complete a "Wish List." On that list, girls can write down items (indicating color and size) they

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SPOTLIGHT
Senior Was Chosen for National Rugby Team This Summer

Photo by Marianne Mangan

Who: Senior Ali DeCrane

What: Ali was named to the 2013 High School All-American Girls Rugby Team this past summer.

Fun Facts: Only 50 girls nationally were selected and only two girls from the State of Ohio were on the team! The team flew to Boulder, Co., for practice and then the Stars vs. Stripes game. The top boys and girls were selected from seven Regional All-Star Tournaments across the United States.

"I was really happy to represent Ohio Rugby at the camp, and I tried to show what a great job my coaches have already done to get me to this level of play," shared Ali, who will be on the SJA Rugby team again this year.

Ali plans on attending The Ohio State University, but is undecided on a major. She's also been contacted by rugby coaches at OSU, Denison University and the University of Notre Dame, but hasn't decided if she's playing rugby in college.

To watch the All-Star game, click here

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would love to find under the Christmas tree. The lists will be shared when loved ones come to shop! Parents, this is great way to ease the stress of finding "the right" gift, so please encourage your daughters to take a few minutes to fill out the form.

In addition, we will have special Christmas shopping opportunities in December, so be sure to check the website for our extended hours.

'Thoroughly Modern Millie' Musical Opens Friday, November 8!

Please join us for the Saint Joseph Academy production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," on November 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m., and November 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. at the school.

Cost is $12 for reserved seats, $10 general admission, $5 students and seniors. General Admission/Student/Senior tickets can be purchased the day of the show at the door. Reserved seats can be ordered by contacting STArts (Support the Arts) volunteer Ms. Kate Valentino at 216.276.0942 or at kvalent9@gmail.com. Advanced tickets should be ordered before Sunday, November 3 and may be picked up at the time of performance.

The evening promises to be full of wonderful entertainment!

Students Tour Cleveland Institute of Art

On Friday, October 25, about 50 students from Sculpture, Jewelry, Painting and Drawing, AP Art and Printmaking visited the Cleveland Institute of Art, learning about potential art and graphics careers. Full Story

Great Lakes Actors Theater Visit

What makes a person lie? What would you do to save someone's life? Those were just some of the interesting questions posed by Great Lakes Theater actors as they spent the week visiting American Literature and other English classes at SJA, analyzing and acting out scenes from such classics being studied by the students as "The Crucible" by Arthur
Miller.

During one of the sessions, held in English department chair Michelle Kelly-Flanagan's American Literature class, actors Tim Keo and Katelyn Cornelius brought in costumes and helped students stage scenes from the famous play. In addition, they acted out a short scene, bringing home the drama and impact of Arthur Miller’s words.

"The actors help the students understand the emotions and the depth of thought in classic literature," shared Mrs. Kelly-Flanagan.

**SPORTS**

**Cross Country - Headed to States!**

Two Jaguars qualified last weekend to compete in the Ohio State meet on Saturday, November 2, at National Trail Raceway in Columbus. At the Division 1 District meet on October 26, freshman Maggie Wagner and senior Alesha Vovk qualified by finishing in the top 16. The entire team came close to qualifying as a group with their 6th place team finish. The top 4 teams earn a qualifying spot to Columbus.

Maggie finished an impressive third-place overall with a personal best time of 19:10, which moves her to being 4th fastest in SJA history. Alesha, an individual qualifier to regionals last year, ran a personal best this year by 43 seconds and moved to 15th all-time on the SJA list with her 19:34.

Good luck, Maggie and Alesha, at tomorrow's state meet!

**Crew**

SJA Novice Rowers won three bronze medals on Saturday, October 25, at the Blake Haxton Fall Invitational Regatta in Columbus. The Novice 8+ finished second with 1:09, only three seconds behind first-place New Trier.

Congratulations to all for a great fall rowing season!

**Fall Sports Banquet**

The Fall Sports Banquet is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, at Brennan’s Party Center on Triskett Road in Cleveland. Contact Athletic Director Jennie Amodio for more information.

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