Students Travel to Washington, D.C. for Social Justice, Advocacy Retreat

Senior Caroline Mills, junior Emily Keller, senior Melissa Waltos and junior Abigail Gonzales. Pictured center is CORE Ministry teacher Kristen Pungitore.

Last weekend, four students and CORE Ministry teacher Kristen Pungitore traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice. The theme was "Illuminating the Horizon of Hope," offering global and local perspectives to faith and justice issues. The Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice is an annual gathering for members of the Ignatian family (Jesuit institutions and other Catholic groups) to come together in the context of social justice and solidarity to learn, reflect, pray, network and advocate together.

Full Story

Instrumental Students Perform at CSU

Five SJA Instrumental Music students participated last weekend in the OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) District IV and VII combined Honors Bands. Students were selected for the honor from bands across northern Ohio, from Amherst to Mentor. SJA was represented by Halli Grunder ’14, flute; Samantha Forrey ’15, flute; Clare Panek
Juniors Reflected on Faith and Life Goals at Kairos XXVII

On November 7-9, 50 juniors led by a team of eight seniors experienced Kairos XXVII at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. The senior leadership team all made their Kairos retreat last year. The adult team was comprised of five teachers, two staff members and one administrator. This is the 11th year that SJA juniors have attended Kairos retreats, an experience designed to deepen their faith as they are on the cusp of adulthood. Reflections for KairoXXVII focused on the messages found in the retreat's theme song, "Brave" by Sara Bareilles. Full Story

Prayer & Presence Luncheon Brings Students, CSJ Sisters Together

Last week, Sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph joined more than a dozen SJA students and adults in the Nazareth Library at the first Prayer & Presence luncheon of the academic year. The Prayer & Presence program pairs each grade at the Academy with two CSJ Sisters who pray for them and share the spirit of charism throughout the year in various ways. The Sisters also are partnered with faculty and staff.

Attendees included Donna Hawk, CSJ ‘N60, Jane Ockully, CSJ ‘57, our Sister on Campus Marietta Starrie, CSJ ‘49, Kathleen Carey, CSJ ‘49, Madeline Lammermeier, CSJ ‘44, Joan Lang, CSJ, and Virginia Coldren, CSJ ‘45.

Postmark Deadline Is Today for Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Forms for 2014-15

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance forms for the 2014-15 school year are now

http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1115732380922.html
November 23
Spiritual Retreat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., for 7th & 8th grade boys and girls. In collaboration with Saint Ignatius High School. Theme is “Building a Caring Community.” Walk-ins welcome! Register by 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium. $20 fee payable at the door.

December 7
Super Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at SJA, 5th-8th grade girls, in collaboration with the Great Lakes Science Center. $15 fee per student. Register here.

December 13
Christmas at the Academy, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 5th-8th grade girls. Register here.

SPOTLIGHT
Senior Signs Letter of Intent with University of Akron

Who: Senior Greta Burry
What: SJA star basketball player Greta Burry is one of five girls who have signed national Letters of Intent to join the University of Akron basketball team for the 2014-15 season. The other players hail from Saint Louis, Mo., Waterford, Mich., Novi, Mich. and Austintown, Ohio.

Fun Facts: Greta is a 6' 1" forward on SJA’s Varsity Basketball squad. She is a northeast Ohio native. She has started on the Varsity team in each of her four years at SJA, averaging 8.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game as a junior.

Fundraiser for Transitional Housing Starts Monday

Academy Parents is holding its annual Advent Night fundraiser to benefit Transitional Housing Inc. Starting on Monday, November 25, students are asked to bring in toiletry and other items needed by the residents of Transitional House, which works to end the cycle of homelessness by providing homeless women with a safe environment, programs and services that promote self-sufficiency and independence. The drive continues through Thursday, December 5, when, starting at 7 p.m., volunteers will gather at SJA to put the items in gift bags. Bins will be set up at the Main Office and throughout the school. Items needed include chapstick, tooth paste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, small packs of tissues, deodorant, body lotion, body wash, nail polish, nail files, perfume, after-shave, coloring books, crayons, pocket-size notebooks, pocket-size, calendars/planners, pens and razors.

All students attending the December 5th wrapping session will receive Service Hours.

Dress Down Day For Typhoon Victims

The effects of the devastating typhoon earlier this month in the Philippines will felt by residents for years. Daily life is still a struggle, as they work to clean up and help those injured by the record-breaking storm. Students at SJA and 19 other area Catholic high schools want to help. On Monday, November 25, students may pay $2 for a full dress-down day. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Relief Services to help those affected by the typhoon. In honor of the residents, students are being asked to wear one or more of the colors of the Filipino flag, which are red, blue or yellow.

Available. To access the form on our website, click here. The PSAS form must be postmarked by today, November 22, 2013 and all other scholarship applications are due by December 2, 2013. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the Finance Office at 216.251.6788 x252.

National Honor Society Collecting Canned Goods for Foodbank

Members of the National Honor Society are sponsoring a canned food drive for the Cleveland Foodbank. The group will be collecting nonperishable food items outside the Dining Hall and in The Academy Center arcade. Check your emails for more information and thank you in advance!

Student Directory Information

SJA will be publishing a student directory to give to all families. This directory will list each student's name, student's grade, parent/guardian names, home address, home phone number and parent/guardian e-mail. If you choose not to be included in this directory you must complete the form linked below. If you do not complete the form, your information will be included in the directory. The deadline to complete the opt out form is Wednesday November 27. If you have any questions please contact Dean of Women Marie Ciolek at 216-251-6788 x 203. You will find the online form to opt out here.

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Burry has received attention from The Plain Dealer throughout her prep career, recognized as a Top-25 Player to Watch, Player of the Week, and postseason Honorable Mention.

Greta has also played volleyball for three of her four years at SJA. Her sister Hannah Burry graduated in 2011.

"I am very excited at the thought of attending the University of Akron and playing basketball on the college level," shared Greta, who plans on studying biomedical engineering.

Congratulations, Greta! Good luck to Greta and the other Jaguars in their first game of the 2013-14 season tomorrow, Saturday, November 23, in an away game against Lakewood High School at 2 p.m.

Money will be collected during second-block classes. Extra donations will be accepted at this time as well. The school that raises the most money will win a prize!

If you have any questions, please see seniors Emily Pellegrino or Alison Rogozinski. Thank you!!

**Senior Parents: After Prom Committee Seeks Emails**

Attention Senior Class Parents: In an effort to efficiently communicate important dates and activities, the 2014 After Prom Parent Committee would like to communicate directly to each senior class parent via personal email. Because parent emails are protected by the SJA privacy policy, senior class parents wanting to share their emails may go to this link to provide the committee their name and emails. Private emails will only be used for the exclusive communication of relevant After Prom details and activities. This list will not be shared with any other school-related committee or outside organization.

Please note: Failure to sign up may result in missed updates for After Prom activities and deadlines. Thank you!

**SPORTS**

**Basketball**
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**Swimming/Diving**
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