Forest City Executive Examines Issues of Career Success, Mentors and Leadership

Women have many choices facing them as they enter the working world, not the least of which is "what do I want to do with my life?"

Charmaine Brown, Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Forest City Enterprises Inc., had sage advice for students in the "Women Leading in the 21st Century" class about how to answer that question, while at the same time discovering the careers that truly fulfill them. She was also honest about the difficulties of juggling work and family life.

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Parents: Please Join Us for 'National Catholic Schools Week' Mass

Parents, please save the date of Wednesday, January 29, at 1:30 p.m. and join us at a mass celebrating all who make the SJA community special—parents, students, Sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph, faculty and staff. The mass is part of the celebrations of National Catholic Schools Week, held from January 26 to February 1, 2014. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

SJÀ's celebrations include focusing on service on Monday; parent appreciation on Tuesday; the mass on Wednesday; student appreciation on Thursday; and on Friday, giving thanks for SJÀ's adult community.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP for the mass at rsvp@sja1890.org. For more information on the national celebration, including the daily themes, please go here.

Students: Midterm Test Schedule, Info

Attention all students. The schedule below is the finals schedule for the first semester. The Dining Hall and library will be open for students who need a
National Catholic Schools Week through February 1. Activities include a mass at 1:30 p.m. at the school on Wednesday, January 29. All parents invited to mass. Parents should reserve their spot at rserv@sj1890.org.

Parent Events:

January 20
School and office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Academy Parents’ second annual "Dining to Donate" fundraiser, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Applebee’s at Westgate on Center Ridge Road. 15 percent of each bill will be donated to the school. The attached flyer must be presented when dining, in order for the school to receive credit.

January 22
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

January 23, 24
First semester finals. An email will be sent to parents and students with more details. See schedule in this newsletter.

January 27
Parent meeting about the Math Club trip to New York City, 6:15-7 p.m., Dining Hall. Senior parents will be out in time to attend mandatory Senior Parent meeting at 7 p.m.

Mandatory Senior Parent meeting, 7 p.m., in auditorium.

January 29
Parent, please join us for a 1:30 mass at SJA in celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. Reserve your spot at rserv@sj1890.org.

February 5
Meet the Teacher Night, 7-9 p.m. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

Admissions Events:

January 31
Know someone interested in attending SJA? Now is the time to send in an application.
Contact Vice President of Enrollment & Marketing Diane quiet place to study. The Dining Hall is not open for breakfast or lunch on exam days. Please refer to the email from the school administration for other details on final exams.

Thurs., January 23
8-10:05 a.m. B Block Final
8-9 B1 Midterm
9:05-10:05 B2 Midterm

Fri., January 24
10:15 a.m.-
12:20 p.m. A Block Final
10:15-11:15 A1 Midterm
11:20-12:20 A2 Midterm

C Block Final
10:15-11:15 C1 Midterm
11:20-12:20 C2 Midterm

Seniors Embrace 'Silent Retreat'

The second annual Senior Silent Retreat is happening today, Friday (after school) through Saturday afternoon. Started last year at the impetus of CORE Ministry teacher Elizabeth Pillari, last year six seniors participated.

"This year, eight seniors signed up for the 24 hours of silence - and there was a wait-list!" shared Ms. Pillari. The students stay in a residential wing of the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph Center, which has limited space, thus the smaller numbers.

During retreat time, the students will listen to a few talks, but will not talk themselves, explained Ms. Pillari, who will be joining the seniors. "At various times during those 24 hours, we will walk across the street to the Poor Clares Monastery, where the Sisters have perpetual adoration open to the public, as well as Saturday morning mass. The students are also free to walk about the grounds of the Motherhouse.

"The Sisters were so amazing and supportive last year. They knew we were trying to observe silence, so they didn't really chat with the girls, but they were so excited that we were there. We got so many big smiles throughout the 24 hours of silence," she added.

Seniors participating are Emmy Ernst, Stephanie Gorsek, Emily Maxwell, Liz Millar, Caroline Mills, Alison Rogozinski, Shannon Stauffer and Alyssa Zieleniewski. Please hold them in your prayers.

SJA's Night at the Races Is March 8

Save the date for the always fun Night at the Races, sponsored by the SJA Boosters club. The event is on Saturday, March 8, from 6 p.m.-12 a.m. in The Academy Center. There will be the "luck of the Irish" contest, basket raffles, dancing, over/under wheels, dual-screen music videos and the chance to have fun with old and new friends!

Cost is $25 per person in advance; $30 at the door. Admission includes the food buffet, beer and soft drinks. This is an adults-only event. Tables of 10 much be paid in full by February 21.

For more information, please contact parent volunteer Mrs. Patty Finau at 216.548.4485.
SPOTLIGHT
Junior Verbally Commits to University of George Equestrian Team

Who: Junior Lexi Kim

What: Lexi has verbally committed to the University of Georgia, for a Division I scholarship to ride on the UGA Equestrian Team.

Fun facts: The UGA Equestrian team competes nationally and is one of the nation's top teams. Equestrian was designated an "emerging" sport for women by the NCAA, a label designed to promote more participation.

"I love being an equestrian and competing. I am thrilled to be able to compete for the University of Georgia," shared Lexi, who is undecided on her major.

In addition to equestrian pursuits, Lexi is an active volunteer at Laura's Home, which last year provided 67,350 meals and 47,409 nights of shelter to 669 women and 482 children in crisis. This past December, Lexi helped out at the home's first Holiday Fair by collecting more than 150 donated adult gifts.

'Undefeated' Again Available at Paw Prints Bookstore!

A limited number of the very popular "Saint Joseph Academy Football: Undefeated Since 1890" are again available in the Paw Prints Bookstore. This time, a long-sleeved shirt is being offered. Cost is $15 for the short-sleeved version and $20 for the long-sleeved one.

In addition to the regularly posted hours, the bookstore will also be open this Sunday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., if you want to shop over the weekend.

Act fast! The T-shirts sold out quickly during the Christmas season and there is only a limited supply available.

Help SJA By Signing Up for Shopping 'School Rewards' Program

Do you shop at Target, Giant Eagle, Heinen's or GFS? You may be able to support Saint Joseph Academy's students by simply doing your regular shopping, thanks to "school rewards programs" at these businesses. These program require you to sign up for a frequent shopper card at no cost. To find out how to sign up for the shopper cards, and help SJA, please click on www.sja1890.org/shop. Thank you!

SPORTS

Basketball

SJA defeated Shaker Heights 53-44. In the second and third quarters, the Jaguars outscored Shaker 35-11. Freshman point guard Gia DiMassa scored 14 points, including clutch free throws down the stretch. Junior Brittany Morrison added 10 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Hailey Grant contributed three key 3-point field goals during the Jaguar's big run. Senior Bethany Weisenseel also contributed two key 3-point field goals. Senior Nicole McManamon scored 3 points, and had 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Senior Greta Burry had 6 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 blocks, and 5 steals.

The Jaguars were defeated by Brunswick 57-38. Senior Nicole McManamon led the team with 13 points, including three 3 pointers.

The team defeated Painesville Riverside 69-24. Senior Nicole McManamon scored 19 points, including four 3 pointers, and added 6 steals. Senior Greta Burry had 16 points, 10 rebounds, and 5 steals. Sophomore Natasha Martinez had 13 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 steals. Click here for the full 2013-14 schedule.

Swimming/Diving

Click here for the full 2013-14 schedule.

Rugby

There will be a meeting on Thursday, January 30, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium for all those interested in playing on SJA's rugby team.

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