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February 19
Freshman Retreat, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

February 20
Senior Urban Plunge Retreat, 3 p.m. February 20 through 3 p.m.
February 21. Contact CORE Ministry theology teacher Ms. Elizabeth Pillari at epillari@sja1890.org for more information.

February 21
Winter Mixer, 7-10 p.m., at SJA.

Student Musicians Excel at OMEA District Solo/Ensemble Competition

More than 30 SJA vocal and instrumental students received numerous honors recently in the OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) District 4 High School Solo and Ensemble contest. The competition, held on February 1 at the Parma campus of Cuyahoga Community College, involved 34 school and about 850 performers.

The more than 2,000 guests watched as 19 SJA students received a "superior rating,” and 14 received an "outstanding" rating.

"I am so proud of our vocal and instrumental music students,” shared Visual and Performing Arts teacher David Mumford. "They are dedicated to their music and it showed."

Full Story

Freshman Wins Statewide Video Competition on Digital Learning!

Wednesday turned out to be quite a happy day for freshman Greta Noeth. On the tail of winning two awards in the Ohio Music Educators Association competition (see story above), Greta found out that her "I Am a Digital Learner" video won the top prize in the State of Ohio Higher Ed video contest of the same name.

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Parent Events:

February 8  "Celebrate the Academy," 6-11 p.m., LaCentre Banquet & Conference Center, Westlake. Benefits scholarship initiatives. For more information, click here.

February 17  School, Office closed for President’s Day.

February 19  Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

STArts meeting, the parent group for SJA’s performing arts, 6:30 p.m.

March 8  "Night at the Races" sponsored by the SJA Athletic Boosters, 6 p.m.-midnight in The Academy Center. Cost is $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Call volunteer Mrs. Patty Finau at 216.548.4485 for more information.

April 11, 12, 13  Spring Play, "Little Women," 7:30 p.m. on April 11 and 12; 2:30 matinees on April 13.

April 6  Mother-Daughter Mass & Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. at school. RSVP with parent volunteer Mrs. Mary Pat Ellert at 216.533.1793 or mpellert13@gmail.com

Admissions Events:

April 11  "Easter at the Academy" for girls in grades 2-5, 6-7:30 p.m. $5 fee per girl. For more information, go to www.sja1890.org/admissionevents.

April 13  Spring Open House, noon-2 p.m. All are welcome!

Radio Personality Jimmy Malone Provides College Advice for Juniors

Juniors were treated to pizza and a lot of good advice this week, thanks to the generosity of WMJI Majic 105.7 radio personality Jimmy Malone.

Jimmy Malone, who is known for his philanthropy in awarding college scholarships to Northeast Ohio students, visited the school to speak with juniors about the importance of higher education and the steps they should be taking right now to make that journey a little easier.

Full Story

SJA Awarded Second Grant from Diocesan Campaign

Saint Joseph Academy has been awarded $20,000 from the Expanding the Educational Landscape portion of the Diocese’s "Rooted in Faith-Forward in Hope" Campaign in support of our Expanding Minds ~ Building Futures ~ Raising Leaders capital campaign. This is the second grant that the Academy has received from this program in seven months. In May, we received a grant for $50,000 for the campaign.

"We are grateful for the gifts from the Diocese for this critical effort to help provide a safer, healthier and more stimulating learning environment for our students," shared President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71. "These needed upgrades are critical given the size and age of the building, which makes the second grant all the more significant."

However, as with any old home, there are still a number of final projects on the punch list that need to be addressed to bring Saint Joseph Academy's campaign to a close. You can help us achieve success and raise the final $650,000 by making either a one-time gift, or a more meaningful pledge that can be paid over a period of up to 5 years.

To learn how you can get involved, please contact Vice President of Institutional Advancement Constance Sipple, CFRE, at 216.671.0166.

Scholarship Opportunities Available for Catholic School Students

Unity Federal Catholic Credit Union and the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union both have scholarship opportunities for families to assist them in their Catholic Education costs. Unity Catholic is offering five $1,000 scholarships for students at the high school level. The scholarship deadline is April 1, 2014. For additional information, please visit www.unitycatholiccu.org.

The Ohio Catholic Credit Union (OCFCU) is offering thirty-five $1,000 scholarships for students in grades 1-12. All applications must be completed online at OCFCU’s website. The deadline is February 28, 2014.
Who: Mrs. Mary Smetana Kolick ’83 P’15 and Mary Ellen Prunty Kraus ’75, P’11 & ’14.

What: A very special "Thank You" to Mrs. Kolick and Mrs. Kraus for all their hard work and dedication as co-chairs of "Celebrate the Academy," SJA's annual gala to provide funding for scholarship and academic initiatives.

Fun facts: "Celebrate the Academy" is being held tomorrow, Saturday, February 8. It will feature dinner, entertainment, and nearly 100 items in live and silent auctions. As "Celebrate the Academy" co-chairs, Mrs. Kolick and Mrs. Kraus have done a little bit of everything, including helping to solicit those auction donations. Auction items range from vacation packages to sports memorabilia.

Mrs. Kraus has worked on the event for a total of seven years. She was originally attracted to volunteer because of "the generous spirit of so many donors who have enhanced the lives of our students." Mrs. Kolick, who shared chairing duties last year with her husband Don, also was drawn to help because of how the gala benefits students.

A big "Thank You!" to both women for their tireless efforts on behalf of SJA students. Your work is truly appreciated by our community!

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Basketball

On Friday, January 31, the Jaguars lost 70-51 to Mentor High School. Seniors Greta Burry and Nicole McManamon had 13 and 10 points, respectively. Junior Brittany Morrison added 12 points. Freshman Ariana Gray made her season debut and finished with 7 points and led the team in rebounding with 7 boards in limited action.

On Saturday, February 1, the Jaguars defeated Avon Lake 69-31. Senior Greta Burry had 14 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 steals. Freshman Gia DiMassa added 14 points, including four 3-pointers.

On Tuesday, February 4, the Jaguars beat Medina Highland 48-44. The Jaguars were led by senior Greta Burry, who had 21 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Brittany Morrison contributed with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Nicole McManamon had 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

Click here for the full 2013-14 schedule.

Swimming/Diving

On Tuesday, February 4, two of SJA's divers, Kayla Gartin ’15 and Autumn Bragg ’15, excelled in the Diving Sectionals. Kayla, who had a great season that included breaking the school record by 20 points, placed 15th at the meet, which qualified her to compete in the District Finals on Tuesday, February 11. Autumn also had a great season, finishing 23rd at sectionals. Congratulations to all the divers on a great season and good luck to Kayla at Districts!

Click here for the full 2013-14 schedule.