Sophomore Excels in Northeast Ohio Shakespearean Competition

An SJA sophomore was a standout last weekend among the students from 29 area high schools competing in the annual English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition. Held at the Idea Center in Playhouse Square, the goal of the competition is to increase the awareness of the works of William Shakespeare and the richness of the Bard’s native tongue.

After performing a prepared monologue and sonnet, SJA's Kristen Deering ’16 was chosen to be one of only six finalists! These students were given a nerve-wracking 45 minutes to prepare sight-unseen monologues, and then perform these along with prepared monologues and sonnets.

Full Story

Visitors Provide Clarity on Importance of Black History Month

Thirty-one students were able to learn some of the secrets of success from Northeast Ohio women who have broken barriers, overcome adversity and become community and business leaders. The luncheon was held as part of Black History Month.

Full Story

Honors World Languages Students Visit Via Skype with Spanish Family

L-R: D'Avian Scruggs '17, Sister Juanita Shealey, CSJ, Britani Harris '17 and Kyrielle Williams '16.
Registration deadline: Monday, March 10. Cost is $70 per couple, $15 for each additional daughter. Contact parent volunteer Mrs. Roberta Price-Little here for more information. All girls are welcome and encouraged to attend!

April 6
Don't miss the Mother-Daughter Mass & Brunch, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Mass in the auditorium, followed by brunch. RSVP form is here. Email parent volunteer Mrs. Mary Pat Eller if you have questions. Cost is $15 for mother and daughter, $5 for each additional daughter. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

April 6
On Monday, Honors Spanish IV students connected via Skype with an SJA graduate studying abroad in Madrid, Spain. Students spent the class talking first with Emily DeGidio '12, and then with Emily's host in Spain, Anna. Emily's sister Elise DeGidio '15 is in the Spanish IV class. Anna and Emily are pictured on the screen.

Students discussed - in Spanish, of course! - Madrid in general, and also specifically about the meal Anna was in the process of preparing. She was making carne and said she frequently makes tortilla española for la cena. Anna said she was making it tomorrow, continuing that she often makes paella, the traditional dish of Spain.

Full Story

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

Parent Events:

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.

March 13
Second semester Parent/Teacher conferences, 3:30-8 p.m. Information about signing up for conference appointments will be sent out via email in the coming days from Dean of Women Marie Ciolek.

March 15
Spend some quality time with your father at the Academy Parents' Annual Father/Daughter Dance, 7 p.m.-midnight, Brennan's Party Center on Triskett Road. Registration deadline: Monday, March 10. Cost is $70 per couple, $15 for each additional daughter. Contact parent volunteer Mrs. Roberta Price-Little here for more information. All girls are welcome and encouraged to attend!

April 6
Don't miss the Mother-Daughter Mass & Brunch, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Mass in the auditorium, followed by brunch. RSVP form is here. Email parent volunteer Mrs. Mary Pat Eller if you have questions. Cost is $15 for mother and daughter, $5 for each additional daughter. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Full Story

'Urban Plunge' Retreat Was Eye-Opener for Students

Ten seniors spent 24 hours "serving the dear neighbor" last week during an "Urban Plunge" retreat. Students left on Thursday afternoon and spent time at various sites throughout the Ohio City neighborhood of Cleveland. The Catholic Worker house, located next to St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Bridge Avenue, served as their base, and was where they spent the night.

Full Story

Plans Underway to Celebrate Shakespeare's 450th Birthday

A group of students are very fond of a man called Will .... so much so that they want to throw him a birthday party. The man in question, of course, is William Shakespeare, and 2014 marks the 450th anniversary of his birth. SJA Shakespeare Club members are inviting other area students who have participated in the English Speaking Union's in-school Shakespeare Competition, their teacher-coaches, as well as anyone who loves Shakespeare, to a very special birthday party for the bard on Sunday, April 27, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. at SJA.

Full Story

OGTs Being Held the Week of March 10; School-day Schedules Adjusted

The Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) will be given at Saint Joseph Academy during the week of March 10-14, 2014. All sophomores, as well as any juniors and seniors who have not yet passed one or more of the tests, will be tested.
April 11, 12, 13
Spring Play, "Little Women," 7:30 p.m. on April 11 and 12; 2:30 matinee on April 13.

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
Open House, noon-2 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT
Sophomore Believes in Volunteer Efforts at Youth Challenge

Who: Kendra Cundiff '16

What: Kendra has volunteered for three years at Youth Challenge, and is currently on the organization's Board of Trustees as a student intern.

Fun Facts Youth Challenge brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers who participate one-on-one in adapted sports and recreational activities. Currently, there are more than 160 children, ages 4-18, with physical impairments such as cerebral palsy who participate in the programs. Kendra and other teen volunteers work with the children in some 300 activities.

"At Youth Challenge, I am paired with children and teens with physical disabilities. We do adapted recreational activities such as art and dancing, and sports such as basketball, swimming, and hockey. It's loads of fun! I am also a vice president on the volunteer committee at Youth Challenge, a

We are adjusting the school day schedule on those OGT test days in order to provide students with an optimal testing environment. The school day schedule for these days will run as follows:

The OGTs will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day of OGT week. Students testing should be in their assigned classrooms by 8:25 a.m.

OGTs will run from 8:30-11:15 a.m. Students who took the test will have lunch, along with any other students who want to eat lunch, from 11:20 a.m.-Noon. There will be no Activity Blocks during OGT days.

All other students need not report to school until Noon on OGT days. If a student must arrive before noon because of transportation issues, she will be permitted to report ONLY to the Dining Hall. It will not be possible for students to go upstairs to lockers.

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.

SPORTS

Swimming & Diving
Diver Kayla Gartin was the featured Athlete of the Week this week on Channel 5. Here is the link

Basketball
The Jaguars lost this week to North Royalton High School 60-47 in the District semifinals.
Season Record: 15-8
Congratulations on a great season!

Winter Sports Banquet
Winter Sports Banquet!, Tuesday, March 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Brennan's Party
group that meets about twice a month to plan activities. I am also the student intern on the 2014 Board of Trustees. As the student intern, I work more 'behind the scenes,' especially helping with raising money and sharing my experiences as a volunteer with potential donors. One of my fundraising ideas for summer is a walk-and-roll-a-thon that is being held in August!"

Kendra’s favorite subjects are theology and English. Her other extracurricular activities include working on the school newspaper, and the sign language club. Her sister Maya also attends SJA. She is a freshman.

STAY CONNECTED

Saint Joseph Academy * 216.251.6788 * http://www.sja1890.org
3470 Rocky River Drive * Cleveland, OH 44111

Copyright © 2012. All Rights Reserved.