Unity Club 'Lock-In' Allows Students To Explore Diversity, Cultural Issues

Twenty-two members of SJA's Unity Club volunteered to spend a rather uncomfortable night last Friday "Locked In" at the school with the sole purpose of reaching out and learning more about their fellow Jaguars and what issues they may be facing in life.

Full Story

Students Examine Issues of Bullying, Harassment at Cleveland City Club

Each week during the academic year, students from schools across Northeast Ohio are invited to participate in the City Club of Cleveland Youth Forums. After the presentations, students are invited to meet with the speakers for a private question-and-answer session.

Full Story

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Ash Wednesday Mass focused on the beginning of the most solemn and holy season for Catholics. Students received ashes in a service officiated by Fr. Joseph Koopman, Assistant Professor of Moral Theology from Saint Mary Seminary & Graduate School of Theology. On right: CORE Ministry teachers Kristen Pungitore and Elizabeth Pillari help distribute ashes.

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**Annual 'Pi Day' Is Sweet Way to Remember Math Facts!**

Math teacher Paula Schuetz and Learning Intervention Specialist Mary Charlton Laco ’74 were up to their elbows in pies on Friday during the annual (and very sweet!) "Pi Day" celebration, sponsored by the SJA Math Club. Students had to memorize posted math facts, especially related to Pi (3.14159265 ..., well, you get the idea), in order to get a free slice of pie. "Pi Day" is usually held on March 14, but was moved earlier this year because of next week's scheduled Ohio Graduation Tests.

Students were lined up nearly the length of the hallway outside the Dining Hall, first answering math questions, then collecting their pie slice. Some 82 pies, ranging from cherry to key lime to apple, kept them well-fed and happy.

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**Parent-Teacher Conference Are Next Thursday, March 13**

**Parent-teacher conferences** are next Thursday, March 13, from 3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Parents, please set up your conferences via an online appointment system. If you feel you need more than the standard 10-minute slot, you are welcome to email your daughter's teacher(s) directly and set up a conference for another day.

To sign up for an appointment, please use this [link](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1116718909298.html). You will be asked to select a teacher and enter your information, including an e-mail address. Please sign up for your appointments by next Wednesday March 12.

If you do not have internet access or have any questions, please contact the Main Office at 216.251.6788.

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**OGTs Being Held Next Week; School-day Schedules Adjusted**

The Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) will be given at Saint Joseph Academy next week, 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.

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:

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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. Join us to learn more about Saint Joseph Academy. Guided tours of campus will be provided, as well as an opportunity to meet our faculty, coaches, and current students. All are welcome. Registration link is here.

SPOTLIGHT
Sophomore Loves Service Aspect of City Club Youth Forum Council

Who: Christina Abdelshahid '16

What: Christina is a member of the City Club of Cleveland Youth Forum Council and was a key player in arranging attendance at a recent forum on bullying.

Fun Facts: "I got involved with the City Club of Cleveland Youth Forum Council after attending a forum about Volunteerism. They had announced that the youth of schools in Northeast Ohio had created and organized the event, and I knew that I wanted to take part in the Youth Council. I approached the Director of Youth Programs, and asked him for an application. Not too long after that I was accepted as a member."

"My experiences have been nothing but positive," shared Christina. "Although I was nervous, the Council had been very friendly and inviting. I have learned about the importance of teamwork and communication in

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.

In the event of a calamity day(s), testing will continue as indicated above (i.e. Writing on Wednesday, Science on Thursday, etc.). Make-up information will be communicated to the students.

If you have any questions/concerns, please call Guidance Counselor Ms. Maryann Marek at 216.251.6788 or email her at mmarek@sja1890.org.

Tickets Available for 'Night at the Races' Tomorrow Night

Tickets are available at the door for the always fun "Night at the Races," sponsored by the SJA Boosters club and benefiting Jaguar athletics. The event is tomorrow, 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, dual-screen music videos and the chance to have fun with old and new friends!

Cost is $30 at the door. Admission includes the food buffet, beer and soft drinks. This is an adults-only event.

For more information, please contact parent volunteer Mrs. Patty Finau at 216.548.4485.

All Are Welcome at Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 15

Create memories that will last a lifetime at the upcoming Father-Daughter Dance, being held on Saturday, March 15, at Brennan's Party Center. The dance is 7-midnight and all are welcome! Activities include dancing, dinner and a DJ. Cost is $70 per couple, $15 for each additional daughter. Reservation deadline is next Tuesday, March 11. Here is a link to the reservation form. Questions? Call email parent volunteer Mrs. Roberta Price-Little here.

Scholarship Opportunity Available for Catholic School Students

Unity Federal Catholic Credit Union has a scholarship opportunity for Catholic school students. Information about the scholarship and application process can be found at www.unityfederal.com/scholarships.
order to achieve an initiative. The City Club of Cleveland is a center for not only Council Members to give their opinions about topics, but for youth all over Northeast Ohio to get information on vital topics that affect their lives.

In addition to working with the City Club Youth Council, Christina also volunteers at Fairview Hospital, the Cleveland Food Bank, and for "Care on the Square," a group that packages food for the needy and goes downtown distribute the packages.

"I want to work some day in the field of psychology and law, as a social justice worker and a human rights advocate. I aspire to become someone who speaks our for people who cannot speak for themselves." Her favorite subjects are Social Studies and English.

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.

**SPORTS**

Winter Sports Banquet

Winter Sports Banquet!, Tuesday, March 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Brennan's Party Center on Triskett Road. Please RSVP to Athletic Director Tim Carras here as soon as possible. Reservation forms are available in the office.

Basketball

Seniors Brittany Morrison and Greta Burry received "special mention" in The Plain Dealer's Division I Northeast Lakes All-District teams story. Congratulations!