Senior Accepted to Highly Selective NEOMED Path Through Medical School

Senior Maureen Loftus has been accepted into the highly selective B.S./M.D. program of Northeast Ohio Medical University through Youngstown State University. The NEOMED program offers a combined degree that is one of only 18 accelerated programs in the nation. Maureen will earn a combined Bachelor and Doctor of Medicine degree.

"I had not seriously considered becoming a physician until I took Honors Anatomy my sophomore year," shared Maureen, who wants a medical career specializing in neonatal care. "Before I knew it, I was researching things like drug synthesis in the brain in my spare time."

Full Story

Ukrainian School Director Explains Volatile Politics

Ukraine is a country rich with culture, industry and ... political upheaval, according to Dr. Volodymyr Bodnar, director of Northeast Ohio's largest center of Ukrainian Studies called the Taras Shevchenko School.

Dr. Bodnar visited SJA to discuss and perhaps provide illumination to Social Studies students on his native country's history and the volatile situation that has grabbed international attention in recent months.

Full Story

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followed by brunch. RSVP form is here. Email parent volunteer Mrs. Mary Pat Ellert if you have questions. Cost is $15 for mother and daughter, $5 for each additional daughter. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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Spring Play, "Little Women," being performed next weekend, April 11, 12 and 13, at SJA. The production, starring senior Karianne Stanton as Jo, illustrates how a family of strong young women survive adversity and thrive by being true to themselves.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12; and at 2:30 on Sunday, April 13. Tickets are $10 General Admission, $5 Seniors and Students. Call 216.251.6788 x273 for more information. Send ticket requests to parent volunteer Mrs. Karen Valentino here. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

April 18, 21
No school, office closed.

Parent Events:

2014-15 Calendar
Here are the important dates for the 2014-2015 academic year. If you have questions, please email Dean of Women Marie Ciolek.

Now through April 5
April 8
Math Club trip to New York City.

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

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To all our young thespians ... break a leg!

Juniors Use Spring Break to Explore Ohio University Curriculum, Campus

Some 40 juniors got up before dawn last Wednesday - during spring break, no less! - for a school-sponsored trip to explore Ohio University and its programs and opportunities. The juniors were part of the first road trip organized by College Counseling to explore non-local colleges and universities. Accompanied by four chaperones, including College Counselor Susan Emmerich and Principal Jeff Sutliff, the group toured OU's hilly campus, enjoyed a presentation and lunch in one of the university's three dining halls, and had the opportunity to look at a dorm room.

The group had a surprise treat during their visit, meeting up with three former Jaguars! Emily Ginty '11 spent the afternoon with the students, answering questions and talking about her OU experiences. Also seen were class of 2013 alumnue Mikayla Liston, and Casey and Maggie Sudetic.

"This was a very informative visit. I'm glad we were offered the opportunity to travel as a group to a college," shared Bridget Stuart '15.

There will be more opportunities for future college trips. "We are hoping to do two trips per year, beginning in the fall of 2015," shared Ms. Emmerich. "One visit will be to a large public institution and one to a smaller, liberal arts school. The trips are free to interested students on a first-come, first-served basis."

Cleveland Clinic Executive Chief Nursing Officer Is Keynote Speaker at Women's Leadership Symposium

Award-winning and nationally respected health care leader K. Kelly Hancock, the Cleveland Clinic's Executive Chief Nursing Officer, will be the keynote speaker at the 7th Annual Women's Leadership Symposium, being held Wednesday, April 16, at the school. The daylong symposium provides students with "real world" advice from females in such professions as medical, legal, engineering, science, financial and philanthropic pursuits. Mrs. Hancock is the mother of Amanda Hancock '17.

"We are honored to have Mrs. Hancock speak to students about leadership, breaking corporate gender barriers and the rewards of pursuing a career in healthcare," said President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71.

In addition to Mrs. Hancock's keynote address, nearly 50 professional women are scheduled to speak to students in "Career Breakout Sessions." They represent careers as varied as doctors, nurses, allied health professionals,
also be purchased at the door.

April 14
"An Evening of Reflection for Women," 6-9 p.m. at SJA. Topic: "Sacred Wounds," led by Sister Phyllis DiFuccia SSJ, Vice President of Mission. Cost is $20 and includes supper. Email Alumnae Director Mary Ann Fischer '66 here for more information.

April 18, 21
No school, office closed

April 24
"A Touch of Classical" concert 7 p.m., at the school.

May 10
Visit the SJA booth at the fifth annual Hooley on Kamm's Corners, noon to 8 p.m! Bring the little ones to enjoy face-painting and balloon characters by SJA students.

Admissions Events:
April 11
Don't miss "Easter at the Academy" for girls in grades 2-5, 6-7:30 p.m. $5 fee per girl. Crafts, games ... and maybe a visit from the Easter Bunny or Josie the Jaguar?! For more information, go here.

April 13
Spread the word! SJA's Spring Open House is 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.

May 9
Learn to be a leader while having fun! Let friends and family know about Leadership, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 6th & 7th grade girls spend a day at the Academy learning what it takes to be a strong leader in today's world. $10. Lunch included. Register here.

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Jesuit College Fair Is Coming to SJA
Fourteen Jesuit college representatives will be visiting SJA on Wednesday, April 9, from 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Some of the colleges represented will be John Carroll, Xavier, Detroit-Mercy, Spring Hill, Saint Louis, Canisius and Wheeling-Jesuit universities. Representatives will provide information on programs and admissions.

Please email College Counselors Maria Mueller or Susan Emmerich if you have questions.

Ensuring Safe Prom, Graduation
Saint Joseph Academy, St. Edward High School, Magnificat, Walsh Jesuit High School, Beaumont and Saint Ignatius High School are jointly supporting graduation season does not include alcohol, illegal underage drinking, car accidents or hotel/motel parties. The schools have united to get the word out graduating students and their families about the "Keg Law," which holds individuals responsible for underage drinking on property under their control.

To see the letter being sent to parents and guardians, please click here.

"It is vital that parents and students be aware of the law. SJA and the other schools want to know that our students are safe and enjoy their senior year events," shared Principal Jeff Sutliff.

Paw Prints Bookstore Spring Sale!
Get ready for next year and visit the Paw Prints Bookstore for special deals on winter accessories! Now is the perfect time to pick up a new pair of gloves for next year ... or those chilly spring sport outings!

Speaking of spring sports, the store has plenty of rain ponchos and umbrellas for parents and spectators caught in April showers. A purple poncho is a great way to display your Jaguar pride!

Due to popular demand the bookstore is now carrying sport-specific T-shirts. All sports are represented and the shirts are a unisex style so that mom, dad or brother can wear them. Cost is only $15. Are you more of a performing...
SPOTLIGHT
Sophomore Using Volunteer Time to Help Others

Who: Samantha Jammal ’16

What: Samantha had been looking for a volunteer project to feel passionate about and recently found it when she heard about the newly forming club, "Girls Go Red," being sponsored by the American Heart Association. Samantha immediately recognized the need to raise awareness among women of the dangers of heart disease, and is helping take the lead in the teen organization.

Fun Fact: "I am involved in 'Girls Go Red' because after speaking to Amanda Rowe of the American Heart Association, I learned that heart disease is a large threat to women. I think that it will be important to inform not only our peers, but all the women in our lives of the simple ways to fight off heart disease. Also many women that have breast cancer have an extremely high risk of developing heart disease. I am going to work very hard to help make 'Girls Go Red' a National Organization.

In addition to working on that project, Samantha is on the Jaguar swim team.

"I don't know what I would like to do yet careerwise, but I am leaning towards law or psychology," she shared.

Finally, Easter Extravaganza has arrived! Starting this Sunday, April 6, and running until Thursday, April 17, the bookstore is holding its annual Easter Sale. Select items are marked down, including T-shirts, headbands, keychains, and picture frames. They would make great Easter basket stuffers!

Visit the website for special store hours.

SPORTS

Crew
Tomorrow, Saturday April 5, the Jaguar Navy will compete in the Cleveland City Championships starting at 9 a.m. on the Cuyahoga River. Good luck!

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

Track & Field
The Jaguars won Tuesday at a dual meet with Martin Luther King Jr. and Villa Angela-St. Joseph high schools, winning 13 of 17 events. Final scores were: SJA 128, MLK 26, VASJ 19.

Brittany Morrison ’15 won shot put and discus, Monica Hahn ’16 won the 100m hurdles and 300m hurdles, and Alesha Vovk ’14 won the high jump and 3200m run. The following students won one event: Dina Rini ’15 won the long jump, Bridget McGuire ’16 the pole vault, Katie Butterfield ’16 the 1600m run and Maggie Wagner ’17 won the 800m run.

The Jaguars also brought home wins in the following relays: 4 x 800 meter relay team of Katie Butterfield ’16, Mary Hyland ’17, Olivia Battistoni ’17 and Maggie Wagner ’17; 4 x 100 meter relay team of Monica Hahn ’16, Sarah Stoffner ’15, Gab Leon ’14 and Jenea Adams ’15; and the 4 x 400 meter relay team of Bridget McGuire ’16, Maggie Wagner ’17, Bridget Roche ’15 and Katie Pellegrino ’17.

Congratulations on a great start to the season!

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

Rugby
The season is off to a great start! The Jaguars were the champions in March at the 34th annual Ruggerfest. Jaguar MVP of the Tournament was Tayler Valentine ’15. The Jaguars scored victories against teams from Indianapolis, Ind. (46-0), Greenbelt, Md. (43-0), Ontario, Canada (27-10), and Indianapolis, Ind. (17-7) on their road to victory.

The Jaguars also won against Hudson High School on Thursday 69-0.

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

Softball
The weather hasn't been kind to Jaguar softball players, with multiple game cancellations.

On Wednesday, Varsity lost to Lake Catholic 3-2.

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.