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Students Wow Judges and Sweep Top Prizes in Goodyear "Tire of Tomorrow" Engineering Competition

Want a tire for your car that can easily traverse mountains, streams, hills and valleys in rain or shine? Picture the mobility of a Komodo dragon, with his gripping toes and wide traction. That ability to efficiently travel in different terrains was the inspiration for a team of 46 engineering students, presented on April 12 at the "Tire of Tomorrow" challenge held during the 14th Annual Engineering Career Day sponsored by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. The idea, which the SJA students named "KomodoTrac," proved to be the winning concept! The SJA team swept the competition, held at The University of Akron, surpassing 150 other schools and garnering the top prize of $7,500 - and lots of accolades. The team won best video presentation, best STEM challenge, best participation and overall winner. The prize money is going to be used to create an engineering camp for younger girls, with SJA students being the camp leaders.

[Here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1117071362052.html) is a link to the video students created to showcase their design.

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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.

April 18, 21
No school, office closed

April 23
"A Touch of Classical" concert 7 p.m., at the school.

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This week, SJA proudly announced the creation of a Health Sciences Honors Program, starting in the 2014-15 academic year.

The Health Sciences Honors program will challenge and inspire students interested in health care careers, ranging from physicians, biomedical engineers, pharmacists, occupational and physical therapists and everything in between. The program is the result of several years of preparation and planning, and will integrate and leverage the rich resources available in Northeast Ohio, home to the internationally renowned Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals and countless healthcare experts. It is in response to an increasing national demand for health care professionals, as well as in an effort to expand the opportunities for students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. Here is the link to the video describing the program. Full Story

Cleveland Clinic Executive, Women Leaders Share Advice at Women's Leadership Symposium

"It is important to look at leadership with three key points in mind. Leadership comes from social influence and the empowering of others. Results are realized through the entire team, as success depends on the followers just as much as the leader. And, leadership is focused on a goal or a vision, with everyone working together to achieve success."

Those were the key points on Wednesday from award-winning and nationally respected health care leader K. Kelly Hancock, MSN, RN, NE-BC, the Cleveland Clinic's Executive Chief Nursing Officer. Mrs. Hancock was the keynote speaker at SJA's 7th Annual Women's Leadership Symposium. The daylong symposium provided students with "real world" advice from females in such professions as medicine, law, engineering, science, finance and philanthropy. Mrs. Hancock is the mother of Amanda Hancock '17.

Coordinating with theme of the Women's Leadership Symposium, the Saint Joseph Academy Health Sciences Honors Program, starting in the 2014-15 academic year, was also announced. (See accompanying story in this newsletter.)

In addition to Mrs. Hancock's keynote address, students were able to benefit from the life experiences of nearly 50 professional women who participated in

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**Events:**

**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](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1117071362052.html).

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**Senior Anticipating Career in Musical Performance**

Who: Karianne Stanton ’14

What: Fresh off playing Jo in the spring SJA production of “Little Women” last weekend, Karianne truly is a thespian extraordinaire at SJA!

Fun Fact: Karianne has performed in seven of the eight SJA shows since she was a freshman. “I have had the lead role in both the musical and play this year,” she shared. “I love performing!”

In addition to acting, Karianne has been a member of the a cappella group Academy Chorale (formerly Cecilia’s Song) since her freshman year.

“I had many friends in Academy Chorale coming into SJA, and they encouraged me to audition my freshman year. I’ve loved "Career Breakout Sessions." The women represented careers as varied as doctors, nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, accountants, entrepreneurs, educators, bankers, scientists, marketing experts and professional artists. [Full Story](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1117071362052.html)

**Student Wellness Survey to be Conducted on Thursday, April 24**

Because Saint Joseph Academy recognizes the need to care and educate the whole student, we will be conducting a Student Wellness Survey on April 24, Principal Jeff Sutliff announced last week.

“The data from this confidential survey will be very helpful in identifying areas of student and school community concerns, resiliency and need, including the role and influence of spiritual, moral, family and community supports in our students’ lives,” shared Mr. Sutliff.

The survey will be comprised of about 100 multiple choice questions and is based on the Independent School Health Check, in collaboration with partners from the National Coalition of Girls’ Schools. About a third of the questions on the survey are identical to questions asked in the Youth Behavior Risk Survey being administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to public school students.

"Some of the topics to be addressed will be charism of Saint Joseph Academy, prayer life, academic pressure, academic achievement, homework and multi-tasking, sleep, internet use, and attitudes about school, teachers and parents," he added.

"Please be assured that the survey responses are all confidential and anonymous," stated Mr. Sutliff. "Privacy is of utmost concern. Every student can be assured that her privacy will be protected and that she can never be identified as individuals."

"We hope that every parent will choose to allow her or his daughter to participate, but parents may choose to have their daughter not participate. If you do not want your daughter to participate in the survey, please notify Guidance Counselor Maryann Marek at mmarek@sja1890.org by Friday, April 18. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Ms. Marek or call me at 216.251.6788," said Mr. Sutliff.

**Group 'Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice' Hold Mini-Summit to Discuss**
being a member!” she shared.

Karianne plans to earn a degree in Musical Theater and pursue career onstage. She will be attending Baldwin Wallace University in the fall.

"I will miss the welcoming and nurturing environment at SJA. I will be leaving with wonderful, close friends who I have no doubt will remain my best friends for life! I will always be grateful to SJA for the opportunities it has provided in helping me in pursuit of my life's dreams."

**Tragedy of Human Slavery**

SJA's chapter of "Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice" (CSPJ) this week hosted representatives from 13 other Catholic high schools for a mini-summit on modern forms of slavery. Issues discussed included human trafficking, fair trade and labor practices (or the lack thereof), and immigration/refugee challenges.

"The purpose of the mini summit was two-fold,' shared CORE Ministry teacher Cathy Lanning Knittel '67. "First, it was to start preparations for a summit on this topic, to be held in spring of 2015. More than 1,000 Catholic high school students will be in attendance at that meeting. Second, we hope to encourage schools to spread the word on these vital social issues."

Workshops held during the day included a presentation on labor and trade issues, a discussion on migration, and a panel presentation by members of the Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking.

"SJA is in the planning stages of offering information on this topic to various groups within our school community," shared CSPJ member Melissa Waltos '14.

"We were honored to have Sister Rita Ann Teichman, CSJ, at the meeting. The Congregation of St. Joseph provided a grant to make this day possible," added Mrs. Knittel. Sister Rita, a member of the Congregation's Leadership Team, is pictured above with Mrs. Knittel and the participating students.

**Academy Chorale To Sing National Anthem at Indians Game on May 6**

Please join fellow Jaguars in cheering for the Academy Chorale as they perform the National Anthem at the Indians vs. Minnesota Twins game at Progressive Field on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are $20 ($26 face value). Proceeds benefit the performing arts at SJA. For the ticket form, please click here, or contact parent volunteer Mr. Matt Walsh at 216.906.3068 or here. Paid ticket orders must be received no later than May 1.

**Senior Overnight Emphasizes Service**

Last week, 20 seniors traveled to Camp Cheerful in Strongsville for 24 hours of contemplation, prayer and reconnecting with God. They were accompanied by CORE Ministry teachers Kristen Pungitore and Elizabeth Pillari. "It was a nature retreat with an emphasis on 'Walking with God,' " shared Ms. Pungitore. "We hiked in the Metroparks, spent time in silence outside, built a campfire, and ended the retreat with a mass at Saint John Neumann's Catholic Church."

"We enjoyed getting away from our busy senior year for a day to spend time together and with God in creation," said Liyanna Chandler-Nieves '14.

**Spring Play 'Little Women' Was Crowd-Pleaser**

SJA's spring presentation of the classic "Little Women" drew praise from crowds impressed with the emotional
telling of the story about a family overcoming adversity, as well as a set worthy of any Hollywood production!

"One and all, the actors and stage crew were wonderful," shared director Anne Chriszt.

Stars of the performance were Grace Davis '17 as Meg; Karianne Stanton '14 as Jo; Nora Bonifas '15 as Beth; Laurel Slawinski '17 as Amy; Marley Yarian '14 as Marmee; Molly Walsh '15 as Aunt March; and Julia Ford '17 as Hannah. Students from Saint Ignatius and St. Edward high schools rounded out the rest of the cast. Erin Weimels '14 was the student director.

Students, SJA Community Rally to Provide Books for Impoverished School

The SJA community this week collected $500 and 150 books for the school in a poor area of Mississippi where an alumna teaches!

Emily Tennant '09 and a graduate of The Ohio State University, currently teaches 9th grade English in Greenwood, Miss., through the Teach for America Program.
The Teach for America's mission is to "provide an excellent education for children in low-income communities."

Full Story

Happy Easter
Wishing you joyful Easter blessings!

SPORTS

Crew
Crew traveled last weekend to Marietta, Ohio, for the 2014 Lindamood Cup Regatta. The Jaguar Navy dominated field of competition, winning 8 of 10 races. With a total 170 points, the Saint Joseph Academy Crew won the overall Women's Points Trophy edging out second place Marietta High School (149.5 points) and third place Fox Chapel HS (74 points). This was the team's first overall point's victory in the team's four-year history.
Every rower medaled in the regatta! Click here for complete race results.

The Jaguar Navy next travels to Nashport, Ohio, on April 26 for the Dillon Lake Invitational.

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

**Track & Field**
Both Varsity and JV defeated Magnificat at a meet Wednesday hosted by SJA at St. Edward High School. The final scores were Varsity 77.5-50.5, and JV 86-42.

In Varsity, wins were: Ky Williams '16 in the 100 hurdles, Maggie Wagner '17 in the 1600, Monica Hahn '16 in the 300 hurdles, Jenea Adams '15 in the 200 dash, Alesha Vovk '14 in the high jump, and Bridget McGuire '16 in the pole vault. SJA won three relays including the 4 x 800 team of Maddie Zimmerman '14, Vovk, Rachel McGuire '14, and Wagner; the 4 x 200 team (Lauren Zawie '17, Sarah Stottner '15, Gab Leon '14, Becca Sediak '14); the 4 x 100 team (Hahn, Stottner, Leon, Adams).

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

**Rugby**
Rugby is having a very successful season!
On April 13, Varsity won against Hudson, 55-0 and JV won against Highland 22-5. On April 14, JV won against Amherst 52-0.

Against Hudson, Varsity tries were completed by Anne Rolf '17, Marie Kouns '15, Ali Decrane '14, Rachael Kean '16 and Jackie Harter '15. Ali DeCrane completed four conversion kicks and Rachael Kean '16 completed one conversion kick. Jackie Harter '15 was awarded Maiden of the Match.
JV's win over Highland was their first league match of the season. Tries were completed by Kerry Reddy '16, Becky Sullivan '15, Alex Strasser '15, Becky Tent '15 and Mary Therese Boepple '16. Maiden of the Match was awarded to Alex Gribble '16.
JV took the field again after about 24 hours of recovery, this time against Amherst. The Jaguars controlled the whole game. Kerry Reddy '16 started the scoring trend with a quick tap off a penalty, catching Amherst off guard and resulting in a try. Other scores completed by Mary Timmons '14, Alex Gribble '16, Becky Tent '15, Katie Fanta '15, Shauna Slezak '15, Mariah Rodriguez '16 and Gabby Schubert '14. Captain Mary Timmons '14 was awarded Maiden of the Match.

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

**Softball**
Although most of the week's games were cancelled due to weather, there was a double-header last Saturday against Holy Name. Sydney Whitaker '17 hit a 3 run home run in 7th inning in the first game, to give Jaguars a 7-4 win. Macy Yuhasz '15 got her first win pitching. Jaguars lost the second game 3-1. Pitcher Brenna Heffernan '15 had 10 strike outs for the Jaguars and was 2-3 at the plate with a double.

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