Seniors Celebrate Their Future During National College Decision Day

On Thursday, 145 smiling and laughing members of the Class of 2014 gathered at the College Acceptances wall across from the Dining Hall and ceremonially placed a Jaguar paw sticker on the name of the college of their choice.

This acknowledgment of college choices signals the start of the seniors’ march to graduation. The event is held each year on National College Decision Day, May 1, the deadline for seniors across the nation finalize their college plans.

The Class of 2014 has been accepted to 106 colleges and universities. Some of the most popular selections The Ohio State University (14), Miami University (8), John Carroll University (7), and Baldwin Wallace University (7).

Students aiming for engineering degrees have been accepted into programs at the University of Akron, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

"I am so excited to start this adventure!" shared Erica Uhler, who will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

"The class of 2014 has carefully and wisely selected where to continue their education," shared College Counseling Department Chair Susan Emmerich. "From as close as Baldwin Wallace University to as far as the University of Wisconsin, these young women will continue to make a difference."

For the Facebook album, click here.

Engineering Students Already in the Christmas Spirit for Special Children

Students in "Introduction to Engineering" are already preparing to play Santa Claus next year to children with special needs! The students are "serving the dear neighbor" through a program called RePlay for Kids. This week, they pulled out the wire cutters, screwdrivers and soldering irons to start disassembling the internal circuitry of such toys as
Senior Prom, Windows on the River, 6-11 p.m.

May 20
Spring Sports Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Brennan's Party Center on Triskett Road.

May 21
Last regular school day for seniors.

May 22
Class of 2016, Josten's ring ordering, 11 a.m., the arcade.

May 26
Memorial Day! School and office closed.

"Earn Your Spots" 5K/1 Mile Race, 9 a.m., starting at the school. Registration at 7:30 a.m.

May 28
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

May 29
Juniors meet with Lifetouch Photography, 11 a.m., auditorium.

Tree Night, 6 p.m.

May 30
Farewell mass, alumnae induction ceremony, 12:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Church.

June 2
Awards assembly, 1 p.m., The Academy Center.

June 3
Walk of the Roses, 6:30 p.m., graduation ceremonies, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Church.

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.

May 7
STArts meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

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.

Under the guidance of Science teacher Mary Ellen Foley Scott '76, this is the second year engineering students have worked with RePlay for Kids. Last year, SJA donated nearly 100 toys to group.

"Over the last couple of years, RePlay has donated 1,400 adapted toys," shared Natalie Wardega, the organization's director of operations. "Last year alone gave away 826 toys."

Academy Chorale Earned Top Honors

The Academy Chorale received the highest rating, a Superior Rating of 1, at the Friday, April 25, Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) State Adjudicated Event in Medina. The event included performing three prepared pieces - one required and two selected by the teacher. The students also were required to sight-sing a piece they had never seen before. The program included "Sing For Joy!" (Handel), "My True Love Has My Heart" (Farnell), and "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" (spiritual arr. Rentz).

Academy Chorale members are: Karianne Stanton '14, Sam Velasco '15, Miranda Greenhill '16, Halli Grunder '14, Rose Sullivan '16, Lauren Osadczuk '17, Sydney Rexing '15, Elise Scullin '17, Morgan Clark '15, Erin Stefancin '14, Clare Panek '14, Natalie Wojisnet '14.

"I am so proud of how hard the Academy Chorale has worked this year and how much they have achieved!" shared Music teacher and Chorale Director Kathleen Cooper.

Last year, SJA's inaugural "Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K Race/1 Mile Walk brought nearly 400 friends to campus and netted more than $4,000 for scholarships! Please help us surpass last year's achievements and join us for the second annual race on Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day). The race/walk starts at 9 a.m. at the Academy. The route includes parts of both West Park and western Lakewood.

Cost is $20 online pre-registration through May 23 at 9 a.m., $15 for SJA students (pre-registration only). Race day registration is $25. For more information on the race or to pre-register online, go here. Or, mail and make checks payable to: Hermes Sports & Events, 1624 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114. Mail-in forms must be received by Wednesday, May 21. The first 300 registered participants will receive a free T-shirt.

Not interested in running or walking but still want to be part of the fun? Consider volunteering on race day! We would love to see you! For more information or to volunteer, please call 216.251.6788 x245 or contact Alumnae Director Mary Ann Fischer at maf@sja1890.org.

Come on! Earn your spots!
May 15
Class of 2016, Josten’s ring ordering, 11 a.m., arcade.

Jazz and Cabaret Night, 7 p.m., in the auditorium.

May 26
Memorial Day! School and office closed.

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June 2
Awards assembly, 1 p.m., The Academy Center.

June 3
Walk of the Roses, 6:30 p.m., graduation ceremonies, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Church.

Admissions 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.

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.

Senior Mother-Daughter Video Available for Purchase
Seniors, do you want to have a treasured memento from this year’s Mother-Daughter mass and brunch? The video seen at this event is available for purchase. Cost is $10. The order form is here. Please return this form to the front office with cash or check, no later than next Monday, May 6. Mark the envelope “Mother-Daughter Video.” Please contact parent volunteer Ms. Mary Pat Ellert (216.533.1793 or here) if you have questions.

Birthday Party for William Shakespeare Involved Combat, Costumes and Cake!
Shakespeare Club members spent Sunday afternoon in mortal combat - and enjoying a scavenger hunt, dinner and, of course, cake! The group, joined by members of the Great Lakes Theater Co., were marking the 450th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare. The event was organized by Shakespeare Club members and English teacher Mel Kupchik. Full Story

Unity Fair Embraces Heritage, Diversity
It was a small, small world last week as the Unity Club held its cultural fair! Members set up different tables in the auditorium representing eight different countries and cultures, sharing pictures, food and the customs of the countries with visitors.

"Unity Club has held a fair since 1995," shared Math teacher Suzanne Smiley-Rozic, the club moderator. "I want the students to get a chance to really feel proud of their heritage. I want the fair to be a learning experience for the SJA community - and, of course, for everyone to have fun!"

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate different cultures," shared Destiny Evans ’15.

Distinguished Alumnae Honored With Mass, Special Ceremonies
This past Sunday, April 27, SJA was honored to name four accomplished and inspirational women as "Distinguished Alumnae." The accomplishments of the distinguished alumnae run the gamut of nursing education, the judiciary, and business enterprise. The honorees are: the Honorable Maureen O’Connor N’69, the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court; Joyce Mone Barra ’67, the Master
What: Sarah won third place in the competitive, 2nd Ohio K-12 Chinese Speech contest at Cleveland State University on April 27!

Fun Facts: The Chinese Speech competition was sponsored by the Confucius Institute at Cleveland State University and the Ohio Association of Teachers of Chinese. "I have been studying Chinese for three years and am currently in Honors Chinese III. I also have studied Japanese for five years and Korean for four years," shared Sarah.

"I choose to study Chinese because I enjoy learning Eastern Asian Languages. I like to write in characters, and learn the cultures of the languages I speak. I also enjoy Eastern Asian popular culture."

"The competition was a great experience for me as a Chinese student since I was able to practice my speaking and pronunciation in a competitive atmosphere, and was able to hear other Chinese students' speeches."

Sarah is hoping to become an international attorney. In college, she plans on pursuing a double major of Eastern Asian Languages and Political Science, with a minor in Economics.

Sarah is a member of the Unity Club and has played harp for numerous school events, including the fall musical, “Thoroughly Modern Millie.”

Congratulations, Sarah!

Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon Is Next Wednesday, May 7

Alumnae, there’s still time to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends, while also enjoying lunch and taking advantage of the opportunity to win raffle baskets. Oh, and it’s all for a good cause that benefits SJA students! That rite of spring called the annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon is right around the corner, on Wednesday, May 7, at the Westwood Country Club, 22625 Detroit Road, Rocky River.

All proceeds are directed to scholarships. Today, 65% of our students receive tuition assistance, so your help is greatly appreciated!

Cost is $40, or $50 to be a ticket sponsor. For more information, call Ms. Betty Hjort at 216.251.6788 x245 or email her.

See you there!

Paws For Pride Day Celebrates School Spirit, Jaguar Camaraderie!

Paws For Pride Day was celebrated on Friday, May 2. What does that mean? Lots of cheering, games, friendly (but intense) competition and, of course, rewarding a year’s worth of effort to earn Paws for Pride points.

And the overall Paws for Pride winner for the 2013-2014 academic year is ... the Senior class!! Seniors also won for their cheer, that at times brought the audience to tears. Juniors ruled for their hallway decor with its Hollywood (a.k.a. Juniorwood) theme carried to perfection, including clever movie posters renamed to fit SJA, such as the movie “The Notebook” becoming “The Chromebook.”

The Freshmen's theme of Harry Potter, Sophomores' “Adventure Is Out There,” Juniors' Hollywood and Seniors' princess theme were all well-planned and creative!

To enjoy moments from the day, here is the Facebook album of pictures.

Go Jaguars!

SPORTS

Crew

Crew had a strong showing at the 2014 Dillon Lake Invitational Regatta held on April 26. First-place finishes were earned in: the double sculls (Kelsey O'Donnell ’14 and Annie Grove ’14), Freshman 8+ (Maggie Sullivan ’17, Molly Miller ’17, Emily Barni
'17, Emily Essi '17, Annmarie Crawmer '17, Mary Grace Millar '17, Mary Clare Corrigan '17, Sophia Leonard '17, and coxswain Emma Gassman '17); Novice 4+ (Maggie Sullivan '17, Molly Miller '17, Emily Barni '17, Emily Essi '17, and coxswain Maia George '16); and Second Varsity 8+ (Hannah Simmerly '16, Charlotte Rouse '15, Sammie Scott '15, Becca Gentile '15, Bridget Koehl '16, Allie Pallotta '15, Kelsey O'Donnell '14, Annie Grove '14, and coxswain Sara Koussa '16).

Second-place finishes were earned: by the Varsity 4+ (Brooke Kahl '14, Ashley Santora '14, Hannah Smith '14, Olivia Kellogg '16, and coxswain Mackenzie Schoenherr '15); and Junior 4+ (Kerry Jamieson '15, Julia Herrel '15, Sarah Johanek '15, Audrey Rieman '15, and coxswain Mackenzie Schoenherr '15).

The team's next competition is the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association Championship Regatta, May 10-11, at Dillon Lake in Nashport, OH.

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

**Track & Field**

Jaguars defeated Gilmour Academy on Monday, April 28. Event winners include: Brittany Morrison '15 in the shot put and discus; Monica Hahn '16 in the 300 hurdles; Bridget Roche '15 in the high jump; Kye Williams '16 in the long jump; Jenea Adams '15 in the 100m dash; Kathleen Meyer '17 in the 400m dash; the 4 x 100m relay team of Hahn, Lauren Zawie '17, Maria-Christina Coreno '15, K. Williams '16; the 4 x 200m relay team of Emily Pellegrino '17, Audrianna Farris '15, Maddie Zimmerman '14, Rebecca Sedlak '14; and the 4 x 400m relay team of Rebecca Sedlak, Sarah Stottner '15, Gab Leon '14, and Jenea Adams.

The 2013-14 schedule can be found here.

**Rugby**

Junior Varsity and Varsity both finished in third place last week at the Midwest Championship Tournament in Elkhart, Ind. On Saturday, Varsity beat Plainfield, Ill. 10-0, with scores by Erin McGinty '15 and Jackie Harter '15, but lost 12-7 against the No. 4 team in the nation, Catholic Memorial High School from Wisconsin. Varsity then played Ohio rival Lakewood High School on Sunday, winning 17-4 and earning the Midwest Division II third-place team title. Annie Rolf '17, Ali Decrane '14, Grace Mullen '14 and Marie Kouns '15 scored. Claire Reddy '14 was honored by her coaches as Varsity Tournament MVP.

JVs bracket began with a 32-0 win over Livingson, MI. Scoring for the Jaguars were Becky Tent '15, Karlee Trickett '17, Gabby Schubert '14, Molly McAfee '15 and Shauna Slezak '15. JV's next game was against the ultimate winner of the Division II bracket, Oak Creek HS from Wisconsin. Ashley Kocian '15 was the only Jaguar to score in this 5-26 loss. Sunday's 63-0 victory over Berkley, MI., was the last of the tournament weekend. Scoring in this game were Katie White '15, Yassmine Valentine '17, Becky Tent '15, Tori Fabrizi '17, Veronica Riedel '15, Kerry Reddy '16 and Shauna Slezak '15. Gabby Schubert '14 was named JV Tournament MVP by her coaches.

**Softball**

The Jaguars played at the Keystone Tournament on Saturday and pitcher Brenna Heffernan '15 picked up her third win - a score of 4-3 against Hudson High School - giving up 4 hits and striking out seven batters. Elizabeth Enovitch '16 went 2-3 in the game with an RBI and a stolen base.

The second game of the day was a 7-1 loss. Taylor Funnari '16 had an RBI single in the game.

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