Student Athletes Selected To Play at College Level Are Honored at Lunch


Five student athletes were honored in a special ceremony Thursday for being selected to play the sport of their choice at the college level. Family members watched as Interim Athletic Director Tim Carras and Principal Jeff Sutliff lauded the seniors for their hard work and dedication to academics and athletics.

"The opportunity to compete at the next level is a gift and a privilege that you've earned through hard work," shared Mr. Carras.

Full Story

New Athletic Director Named

Saint Joseph Academy is pleased to announce the selection of John Manuszak as its new Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2014.

A longtime resident of Northeast Ohio, Mr. Manuszak's experience includes working as the Cleveland Cavaliers Basketball Communications Manager,
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. Alumnae should RSVP here by May 26.

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. Admission by ticket only.

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 20
Spring Sports Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Brennan's Party Center on Triskett Road. Reservations forms are due to Interim Athletic Director Tim Carras by today, Friday, May 16.

May 26
Memorial Day! School and office closed.

"Earn Your Spots" 5K/1 Mile Race, 9 a.m., starting at the school. More information and registration form here.

May 30
Farewell mass, alumnae induction ceremony, 12:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Church. Alumnae should coaching high school-level soccer and tennis, and serving as the Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations for Colorado State University. As a tennis coach at Loveland (Colo.) High School, Mr. Manuszak guided the No. 1 singles player to a 5A state championship and helped lead the team to a 6th-place finish in 2012, including a 3rd-place finish at No.1 singles and a 4th-place finish at No. 1 doubles. Full Story

2014 Summer Reading Selections Announced

As part of Saint Joseph Academy's mission to inspire a life of compassionate leadership in a global society, we have worked over the years to introduce your daughters to a variety of issues facing women in today's world. In our continuing commitment to align our school with the charism of the Congregation of St. Joseph (CSJ), we are developing an initiative to study modern forms of slavery.

That education begins with the 2014 Summer Reading Program. The book selected for rising Freshmen and Sophomores is "I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban," by Malala Yousafzai. The book follows the real-life account of Malala's experience in Pakistan, where she was targeted by the Taliban for encouraging the education of girls. The Taliban shot her on a bus as she was coming home from school. Malala recovered and is now an internationally respected spokesperson for female education, even being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Rising Juniors and Seniors will be reading "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn. The book relates life-changing experiences faced by young girls and women from around the world. These stories include those of a young girl who was sold into slavery, escaped and started her own business, and a mother surviving the injuries of childbirth and returning to school to become a doctor.

Students will be presented with the reading assignment, why the books were selected and will be given some guidance in how to read non-fiction titles at a class meeting this spring.

A letter explaining the book selection will be mailed to parents today. A copy of the Class of 2018 letter can be found here. The Class of 2017 letter can be found here. The Class of 2015 and 2016 letter is here.

Parents with questions or concerns may contact Principal Jeff Sutliff here or Nazareth Library Department Chair Rebecca Synk here.

Jazz and Cabaret Concert Was Enjoyable Evening Filled With Classics

SJA's annual Jazz and Cabaret Night was held Thursday, and a crowd of family and friends enjoyed performances of "Bye Bye Blackbird," "Skyfall," "Sweet Caroline" and "You Belong To Me," among other favorites.

**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. Admission by ticket only.

**Admissions Events:**

**Summer**
Looking for something for something fun to do this summer? Check out the SJA Summer Camps schedule [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1117339445968.html).

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Sophomore Excels on Rugby Team**

Who: Rachael Kean '16

What: Rachael is one of the stars of the SJA Rugby team, finishing her second year on the team.

Fun Facts: Rachael, who plays the position scrumhalf, has lettered in rugby both freshman and sophomore years. She was named Maiden of the Match (MVP) in the Hudson league game this year for scoring 4 tries. She was selected to play for the Ohio Elite Rugby Team. She has the record for most tries scored this season and second in total points scored.

"Rachael started as the JV Flyhalf, but her potential was noticed by her coaches and she became the starting scrumhalf last year at the National "

"The students did an excellent job," shared Music teacher David Mumford.

The Academy Chorale entertained audience members with renditions of "Brave," "Beauty and the Beast" and "For the Longest Time."

The Concert Choirs sang, among other numbers, "Halo" and "I Will Wait." As a special tribute to the seniors, the choir performed "Like an Eagle."

For a complete list of the Jazz Band, Concert Band and Academy Chorale performers, and the musical numbers, please go [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1117339445968.html).

Please click [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1117339445968.html) for Facebook album of the evening.

**Chinese Language Students Visit Cleveland Museum of Art**

On Wednesday,
* Chinese I, Honors
* Chinese III and AP
* Chinese students were able to experience the grandeur and sophistication of Chinese culture, thanks to a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Students specifically visited the exhibit
* "Beijing: Contemporary and Imperial: Photographs by Lois Conner."

"The exhibition featured a vast visual tour of historic and contemporary Beijing, inviting the viewer to reflect on China's rising power in the context of its history and cultural landscape," shared Chinese teacher Megan Hsiao. "The students also had a chance to see the Asian collections at the museum, including Chinese calligraphy and other historical artworks."

The art museum's Chinese art collection spans more than 5,000 years and includes jades, bronzes, lacquer, sculpture, paintings, calligraphy, furniture, and bamboo carvings.

"The artistry was amazing," shared Clare Fibbi '15.

**Senior Prom Is This Weekend**

The Senior Prom is this Saturday,
* May 17, from 6-11. The students and their dates will stop first at SJA for pictures. They will be arriving around 4 p.m. Buses leave for the prom location, Windows on the River, at 5:30 p.m.

All friends and family are welcome to come to the school and wish the students a wonderful prom!

**SADD Reminds Seniors of Consequences of Bad Decisions**

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Championship Tournament," shared Rugby Coach Jaime Cleary. "Rachael is quick at adapting to her environment and a true leader on the field."

"I started playing rugby freshman year and I consider the highlights of my career to be our team winning the state championship my freshman year, and being able to compete at nationals. We will also be going on May 16 to compete at the Midwest tournament," said Rachael. "I love rugby!"

In addition to rugby, Rachael has played for two years on the basketball team. "I really enjoy that, too!"

Her favorite subject is math, and while she is unsure what she may study in college, she has been thinking of something very apropos to her athletic career. "I am considering sports medicine!"

As seniors anticipate their Senior Prom this weekend, they also were reminded Thursday about the importance of making wise life decisions, thanks to speaker from SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Last spring, speaker Ms. Mel Mason was a 20-year-old college student with few worries other than finals, she shared. As she was driving near her school, her car was hit by a 34-year-old drunk driver. "I don't remember the impact," she said.

Ms. Mason, an avid runner, suffered from two badly broken legs and a broken right arm. The drunk driver was not injured.

"It took me a month to recover in the hospital," shared Ms. Mason. "I started running again in October, but I still feel the effect in my legs."

"My life had changed as a result of one person's selfish, unwise choice," she shared with seniors. "Have a great prom, but choose to act wisely."

"The students seemed to really appreciate Ms. Mason's message," shared Dean of Women Marie Ciolek.

SPORTS

Crew

At the Midwest Championship, crew faced off against 50 teams, 500+ entries, and more than 1,500 athletes. The team had all 12 of its entries advancing from the time trial heats to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, the crew advanced 8 entries (Freshman 8+, Junior 8+, Novice 4+, Novice Lightweight 4+, Lightweight 2x, Junior 4+, 3rd Varsity 8+, 2nd Varsity 8+) to Sunday's Grand Finals. Varsity 8+ advanced to the Petite Final.

On Sunday, the Freshman 8+ (Maggie Sullivan '17, Molly Miller '17, Emily Barni '17, Emily Essi '17, Anne-Marie Crawmer '17, MaryGrace Millar '17, Mary Clare Corrigan '17, Sophia Leonard '17, and coxswain Emma Gassman '17) took second behind New Trier High School (Illinois). The Novice 4+ (Maggie Sullivan '17, Molly Miller '17, Emily Barni '17, Emily Essi '17, and coxswain Maia George) won first place, 7 second over Ann Arbor Pioneer (Michigan). The Lightweight 2x (Kelsey O'Donnell '14 and Annie Grove '14) won the team's first Midwest gold medal for the Varsity squad. The 3rd Varsity 8+ (Teresa Kelly
'16, Annemarie Brady, Kelsie Brinker '16, Annmarie Crawmer '17, Abby Brunori '15, Teresa Reardon '17, Sadie Frohnapple '16, Claire Tirpak '16, and coxswain Brittany Hegeman '15 took third place. The Varsity 8+ (Kerry Jamieson '15, Brooke Kahl '14, Sarah Johanek '15, Audrey Rieran '15, Hannah Smith '14, Sammie Scott '15, Ashley Santora '14, Julia Herrel '15, and coxswain Mackenzie Schoenherr '15) finished 3rd in the Petite Final. The team finished fourth in overall women's team points at the regatta.

The team sends three crews to the Stotesbury Cup Regatta (Freshman 8+, Junior 4+, Senior 1x) in Philadelphia, Penn., this weekend. Next weekend, both the Freshman 8+ and Lightweight 2x will travel to West Windsor, N.J. to compete in the 2014 SRAA National Championship Regatta.

Good luck!

The 2013-14 schedule can be found [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1117339445968.html).

**Track & Field**

On Saturday, Varsity finished 5th out of 13 teams at the Woodridge Wrap Up meet, despite being short-handed. The team of Monica Hahn '16, Lauren Zawie '17, Gab Leon '14, and Jenea Adams '15 won the 4 x 100 meter relay, setting a new meet record and breaking a 12-year-old school record. Senior Alesha Vovk was the winner in the high jump with a jump of 5' 0''. She came back to help the 4 x 800 meter relay team earn second place. Vovk, along with fellow seniors Rachel McGuire and Maddie Zimmerman and freshman Katie Pellegrino, ran the team's best time of the season.

Monday, some JV athletes competed in a last-chance meet and survived the rain and storms to bring home some awards. Top 4 in each event won T-shirts. SJA came home with a few, including a 1st-place finish and meet record in the 300 hurdles by junior Bridget Roche. Also winning T-shirts for their efforts were junior Sarah Reardon (3rd in 100 hurdles, 4th in high jump), junior Anna Farris (2nd in 400m dash), freshman Alana Vovk (4th in 800m run), and junior Dina Rini (4th in pole vault).

This weekend, the team will be competing at the All Catholic meet being held at Villa Angela-St. Joseph.

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**Rugby**

Undefeated! This week clinched Varsity rugby's accomplishment of an undefeated league season with a 6-0 record, earning them a ranking of 6th in the country!

It started Sunday, when Varsity won 35-0 in its first every shut-out against longtime rival Lakewood High School. Scoring for the Jaguars included Annie Rolf '17, Grace Mullen '14, Katie Basalla '14, Emily Pellegrino '14, Rachael Kean '16 and Amanda Burns '15. Emily Pellegrino '14 played one of her best career games and was awarded Maiden of the Match.

On Wednesday, Varsity beat Parma 37-0. The field may have been a swamp, but the Jaguars were able to slide in 7 tries. Scores were completed by Amanda Burns '15, Alex Strasser '15, Rachael Kean '16, Mary Hirzel '16, Maria Kouns '15 and Annie Rolf '17. Casi Manusczak '15 was named Maiden of the Match.

The Jaguars travel to Pittsfield, Mass., this weekend to compete at the Girls National Championship Tournament.

Good luck Jaguars!

**Softball**

All games were cancelled this week due to inclement weather and soaked fields.

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