Students Raise Awareness of Kidnapped Nigerian Students by Wearing Red

The hallways were a sea of red on Friday - for a good cause! Students wore red shirts, socks ... even headbands! ... to both raise awareness of the plight of the kidnapped Nigerian girls, as well as raise money for film producer Gerry Straub as he tries to raise awareness about poverty and poor living conditions for the children around the world. The cost of being "out of uniform" was a $1 donation, with the donations being sent to Mr. Straub, who moved students with his mission goals during a visit in March.

"The plight of the Nigerian girls is especially poignant considering we are an all-girls school and the Nigerian girls were kidnapped as punishment for pursuing an education," shared Vice President of Mission Sister Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ.

"I think the whole situation is just heart-wrenching!" said junior Brittany Morrison. "Those girls who are desirous of having an education are being prevented from pursuing their dreams. I sympathize with these girls from Nigeria. By wearing red, I want to show those girls that they are not forgotten and that we love them and are here spiritually supporting them."

It's not too late to join us for our second annual "Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K Race/1 Mile Walk" being held this coming Monday, Memorial Day, starting at SJA. Same-day registrants are welcome at the event that last year brought nearly 400 friends to campus and netted more than $4,000 for scholarships. Please help us surpass last year's achievements!
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Farewell Mass,
Alumnae Induction
Ceremony, 12:30 p.m., Our
Lady of Angels Church.
Alumnae should RSVP here by

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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 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 29
Tree Night and
Baccalaureate Mass, 6:30 p.m. at SJA. All are welcome. Mass seating on first-come, first-served basis.

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Admissions Events:

Summer
Looking for something for something fun to do this

Prom 2014: A Night to Remember
summer? Check out the SJA Summer Camps schedule here.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Junior Softball Captain Is Team Leader

Who: Marianna Caraballo '15

What: Marianna is a three-year starter on Varsity softball. She is a team captain this year. Coach Darrin Radatz calls her a "quality player who can hit for power and plays infield letting it all hang out, and is not afraid of diving for a ball and getting dirty."

Fun Facts: Marianna can also catch if needed. She is a team leader and was voted one of the Captains by her teammates. "Marianna always takes the lead and is responsible for the team wear, pictures and other items the team may need," shared Coach Radatz. "Marianna took the lead for Senior Night festivities and is not afraid of calling out one of her teammates if they are not performing."

Marianna started in 25 games this year and batted .299, with a .388 SLG percentage, 20 hits, 1 1B, 2 2B, 1 3B and 1 HR. She is a quality player and friend to her teammates.

She plans on continuing her SJA sports career her senior year.

Marianna is interested in pursuing Criminal Justice in college.

Congratulations, Marianna, on a season well-played!

More than 125 seniors and their dates celebrated that rite of spring, the senior prom, last weekend. After first gathering at SJA for pictures - something parents certainly appreciated! - the students traveled to Windows on the River for an evening of dancing and friendship. For a look at the evening's festivities, click here for the Facebook album.

**Be a Part of the 'Walk of the Roses'**

Please join the many family, friends, alumnae and West Park neighbors who will line Rocky River Drive to cheer on the Class of 2014's "Walk of the Roses" on Tuesday, June 3! The walk begins at 6:30 p.m. at SJA, heading to Our Lady of Angels for commencement.

Make the day even more special by supporting this walk with a gift of $50 that will allow you to dedicate a message to a specific senior, or simply provide a note of best wishes and encouragement to a graduate. You can donate online by visiting [www.sja1890.org/donations](http://www.sja1890.org/donations) or mail your gift to the Development Department at 3470 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111, with the notation "Roses." Deadline is June 1. Thank you!

**Class of 2014 Enjoys Its Senior Parade**

The march to commencement is well underway, as the Class of 2014 celebrated its last day of class Wednesday with a parade from Kamm's Corners to the school. Announcing themselves with honking horns and cheers, the seniors were greeted at the school by the rest of the student body, faculty and staff.

We will miss you, Class of 2014! Here is link to the Facebook album of the parade.

**Seniors Honored at Spring Sports Banquet**

Spring athletes were recognized at the Spring Sports Banquet on Tuesday at Brennan's Catering and Banquet Center.

Pictured are the four-
SPORTS

Crew
Crew's introduction to the historic Stotesbury Regatta in Philadelphia was not how anyone envisioned the day. Torrential and constant rains on Friday, May 16, made for miserable rowing (and viewing) conditions for the regatta. Despite the elements, the Freshman 8+ took seventh place (out of 40 boats) in the initial head races, and the J4+ took 13th (out of 61 boats) to have both boats make semi-finals. Weather conditions cancelled the semi-finals and further racing for the J4+ event. Saturday saw sunnier weather and had the Freshman 8+ advance to the finals, where they finished with an impressive 5th place in a packed field of talented competition. Congratulations to all who braved the trip!

Two boats of Jaguar Crew, the Freshman 8+ and Lightweight 2x, are competing today at SRAA Nationals in New Jersey. The latest results: Lightweight 2x with the seniors Kelsey O'Donnell and Annie Grove rowed their fastest time of the season! The two have only been rowing together in a 2x for one season (the first ever 2x at SJA). Although they are not advancing to semi-finals, it is impressive that they made it all the way to a national venue!

Also today, the Freshman 8+ boat came in 2nd place in their qualifying heat, which place them in the top 12 in the entire country! They will race in the semi-finals tomorrow morning, in which the top three finishers in each race will go on to finals tomorrow afternoon. The races live stream via SRAA Nationals here.

As an additional honor for such a young team, Kelsey O'Donnell and Annie Grove have been invited to compete in California this summer.

Go Jaguars! With only three Varsity seasons under their belt, the Jaguar Navy proves they are dedicated, top athletes!

Track & Field
Last Saturday, the track and field team participated in its final regular season meet - the All-Catholic Championships at Villa Angela-St. Joseph. While team scores were not kept, Jaguars were dominant across the board. The day started with 4 x 800m relay team of seniors Maddie Zimmerman, Rachel McGuire and Alesha Vovk, and freshman Maggie Wagner setting a meet record on their way to victory. Sophomores Kye Williams and Monica Hahn finished 2nd and 6th in the 100 meter hurdles. The 4 x 200m relay team of Jenea Adams '15, Lauren Zawie '17, Gab Leon '14 and Becca Sedlak '14 won with a season's best time. In the discus, Brittany Morrison '15 and Morgan Schauer '17 were 2nd and 4th. Sophomore Bridget McGuire finished 2nd in the pole vault as did Wagner in the 800 meter run and the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 meter relay teams. Zawie and Adams finished 3rd and 4th in the 200m dash while Leon collected a 3rd in the 100m dash.

This past Wednesday, the District preliminaries were held at Lakewood High School. SJA is the two-time defending champion of the Lakewood district, but new teams this year make the district much more challenging. Three final events were contested on Wednesday, in which the top 4 qualify to the regional meet next week at Amherst. Brittany Morrison '15 won the shotput, Kye Williams '16 finished 2nd in the high jump, and the same 4 x 800m relay team finished 2nd as well. All the sprinters and hurdlers qualified to Friday's finals. After the first day of competition the Jaguars had a narrow lead with most of the events still to be contested Friday.

Rugby
Jaguar Rugby Ranked 7th in the Nation!
This past weekend, Jaguar Rugby traveled to Pittsfield, Mass., to earn a spot among the top rugby teams in the nation. The seniors sent their encouragement with the underclassmen as they stayed in Cleveland to attend prom. The team first faced No.3-ranked Sacramento, Calif. Amazons. The Jaguars fell just short of a victory, with a final score of 19-12. Scoring for the Jaguars included Jackie Harter '15, Rachael Kean '16 and Casi Manuszak '15. The Amazons awarded Marie Kouns '15 and Rachael Kean '16 as MVPs of the Match. The Jaguars were pretty banged up after that first game, but took the field later against Dansville from Northern California. This team proved to be a greater adversary, as they beat the Jaguars 22-0. Dansville voted Tayler Valentine '15 and Alex Strasser '15 as MVPs of the Match. The girls finished their Saturday games with two heartfelt losses. On Sunday, in the battle for 7th and 8th place, the team defeated North Bay, Maryland, with a score of 25-15. Scoring for the Jaguars included Marie Kouns '15, Annie Rolf '17, Jackie Harter '15 and Alex Strasser '15. North Bay awarded Marie Kouns '15 and Rachael Kean '16 as MVPs of the Match and honored Annie Rolf '17 with team gear for her field performance. The Jaguars return home as the 7th ranked national team and prepare to defend their Division 1 and Division 2 State Championship Titles starting May 24.
Softball
The Jaguars faced Lakewood on May 16 in the first district game. The game was tight at 1-0, with Lakewood leading in the 5th inning, when the Jaguars broke the game open with 5 runs on 6 hits to take a 5-1 lead. In the inning, Sydnie Whitaker '17 would have a double scoring Elizabeth Enovitch '16 and Shannon Scaggs '14. In the 6th inning, the Jaguars scored 6 more runs on 6 hits to win the game 11-1. Elizabeth Enovitch '16 had a triple and Shannon Scaggs '14 had a double. Senior Pitcher Rachel Chokan got the win.

The Jaguar softball season came to an end on May 19 with a 8-1 loss to North Royalton, knocking the Jaguars out of the district competition.

Congratulations on a hard-played season!