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

Tree Night, Baccalaureate Mass Start Good-byes for the Class of 2014

Emotions were high Thursday night among the 145 members of the Class of 2014 as they celebrated Tree Night and the Baccalaureate Mass, following in the footsteps of thousands of SJA women before them.

The evening began with the graduates processing down the front steps of the Academy to Quintet for Clarinet and Strings in A by Mozart. Before a packed crowd of family and friends, President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 welcomed the guests, and Sisters Virginia Coldren, CSJ and Joan Lang (great-aunt of graduate Emily Rouse and Charlotte ’15), the Prayer & Presence Partners for the Class of 2014, provided the opening prayer.

Senior Melissa Johnson’s reading of The Three Trees (author unknown), carried the lesson that no matter what life throws you, God will always be with you, giving meaning and purpose to your life's journey.

The Senior Leadership Team of Gabriella Koussa, Caroline Mills, Julianna Minich and Sidney Ruebensaal performed the ceremonial planting of the class tree, symbolizing that the soon-to-be alumnae will always have roots at SJA.

The ceremony ended with the singing of the Alma Mater on the front steps.

After the students removed their caps and gowns, the Baccalaureate Mass followed in The Academy Center. Presiders were Father Allen F. Corrigan, pastor of Saint Victor Parish in Richfield and uncle of senior Emily Ernst, Father Joseph K. Piskura, great-great uncle of Emily, and Father David G. Baugh, in residence at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Wickliffe and great uncle of senior Margaret Biehl.

Also participating in the mass were Mr. Timothy & Mrs. Elizabeth Colborn, parents of Katherine ’10, Veronica ’12 and Elizabeth ’14, and Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Ann Fox Stefancin ’80, parents of Megan ’09, Sara ’11 and Erin ’14.

Enjoy the evening’s events through this Facebook album.

Senior Farewell Mass/Alumnae Induction Held Today; Walk of the Roses, Commencement Are Next Week
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Admissions Events:

Summer
Looking for something for something fun to do this summer? Check out the SJA Summer Camps schedule here.

SPOTLIGHT
Freshman Is Standout Volunteer, Rugby Player

Who: Maya Cundiff ’17
What: Maya is a talented singer and standout freshman athlete on the SJA rugby team. She is also being honored as the Volunteer of the Month at Youth Challenge (along with her sister Kendra Cuniff ’16).

Fun Facts: “If you attend a Jaguar rugby game, you may have heard the National Anthem performed by Maya,” shared Rugby Coach Jaime Cleary. “Maya started rugby as a freshman has already earned her Varsity letter. She played when the team won 7th in the nation at the National

The days leading up to commencement on June 3 have been filled with activities and events, including this week's Tree Night (story above), as well as the Senior Farewell Mass and Alumnae Induction today. (See photos.) Next week’s activities include the Honors Convocation & Senior Brunch on Monday, June 2, the Walk of the Roses at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, and Commencement (tickets only) at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church. Read the full schedule and dress code regulations.

Sweet! Cupcakes!

Every student and the faculty and staff received a delicious present Friday for a fabulous year of hard work and dedication - cupcakes!

Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery, a cupcake food truck, paid a special visit to the school, surprising everyone with such offerings as Triple Chocolate, Red Velvet, White Wedding, Orange Creamsicle, Gluten Free Carrot Cake and Salted Caramel.

The cupcakes came as a total surprise … kept secret until the truck literally arrived in St. Joseph Circle.

“This is fabulous,” shared Emily Pellegrino ’14, who had a Salted Caramel cupcake. “The cupcake was delicious.”

Enjoy the pictures from this delicious party! Here is a story and slideshow of the delicious treat by The Plain Dealer's Michael K. McIntyre and PD photographer John Kuntz.

The second annual “Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K/1 Mile Walk,” held on Memorial Day, was a wonderful day of athleticism, school spirit and enthusiasm.

Some 335 friends, students, staff and avid runners and walkers attended the event, enjoying a fun day and at the same time raising nearly $5,000 for SJA scholarships!

Race winner was Science Teacher Fred Kieser, who came in first with a time of 17:01.7 and a pace of a 5:29 mile. Mr. Kieser is SJA’s Track & Field and Cross Country coach, too.

“We are very grateful for all who attended our race,” shared Alumnae Director
Championship Tournament recently. At that game, she earned field experience against some of the biggest and fastest teams in the country.”

In addition to rugby and singing, Maya plays the alto saxophone in the Jazz Band and Concert Band. She wants to be either a psychologist, a musician, or work in a behavior analysis unit.

Congratulations, Maya, on your accomplishments and good luck to the rugby players on Saturday!

Mary Ann Fischer ’66. “Everyone had a good time and helped raise money for an important cause, SJA scholarships!!”

Try and spot SJA friends in the Facebook album.

Rugby Players to Defend State Titles

Varsity and Junior Varsity Rugby players will be defending their 2013 State Championship Titles this Saturday, May 31, at Lavelli Stadium in Hudson. JV will play at 1 p.m. against Brunswick; Varsity will face Hudson at 5:45 p.m.

These games will be airing on the Buckeye Cable Sports Network at 10 a.m. on Sunday. DVDs of the games can be purchased from www.bcsn.tv. Time Warner will be airing the feed, also. Details on channels and playback time can be found at www.rugbyohio.com.

Lavelli Stadium is located behind Evamere Elementary School at 65 North Hayden Parkway in Hudson. There is an entrance fee of $5/adult and $3/student.

Junior Breaks SJA Record in Shot Put

On Wednesday, junior Brittany Morrison became the first shot-putter in school history to qualify to the Ohio State Track and Field tournament. Brittany's throw of 40 feet and 1 inch earned her a third-place at the regional meet and broke the old school record by almost 2 feet!

Congratulations, Brittany, and good luck in Columbus!

Good luck to all Track & Field athletes competing at the regionals in Amherst tonight! Go Jaguars!

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SPORTS

Crew

Crew had two top10 finishes at Nationals! Both the F8+ or the Ltwt 2x boats faced stiff competition this past weekend from seasoned East Coast schools. This is crew’s second straight season of advancing boats to Nationals, held annually on Mercer Lake outside of Princeton, NJ. Although neither boat advanced beyond their semi-final races, the crew improved on its finishes at SRAA Nationals from last year with both boats placing in the top 10 for overall times on the course. The Ltwt 2x had its best time of the season and finished 8th overall. The F8+ took second place in a dramatic photo-finish in its preliminary heat on Friday to advance to the semi-finals on Saturday, where the boat finished 10th overall against a talented field.

Good luck to Annie Grove ’14 and Kelsey O’Donnell ’14 as the Ltwt 2x prepares to row at USRowing’s Youth National Championship on Lake Natoma, outside of Sacramento, Calif., on June 13! Go Jaguars!!

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District Champions include: junior Brittany Morrison, who won both the shot put and discus; sophomore Monica Hahn, who won the 300 hurdles; senior Alesha Vovk, who won an exciting 1600m run; junior Jenea Adams, who won both the 100m and 200m dashes in school record times; and the 4 x 200m relay team of Adams, Lauren Zawie ’17, Gab Leon ’14 and Becca Sedlak ’14.

Also at the meet, sophomore Bridget McGuire tied the school record in the pole vault and the 4 x 100m relay team of Hahn, Zawie, Leon, and Adams reset the school record again.

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The regional competition at Amherst High School began on Wednesday, May 28. On that day, Brittany Morrison became the first shot putter in school history to qualify to the state meet when she threw 40’ 1” and broke the old school record by 2 feet!

Congratulations to Brittany and good luck to the rest of the Jaguars as they battle today for spots to Columbus for the state meet!

Rugby
In the State Semi-Finals on Saturday, May 24, Varsity won over Parma 58-0 and JV won over Amherst 43-0! Varsity set the stage for the day with the win over last year’s No. 2 team in the state, Parma High School. Scoring for the Jaguars were Katie Basalla ’14, Emily Pellegrino ’14, Claire Reddy ’14, Rachael Kean ’16, Ali DeCrane ’14, Sam Sweeney ’14, Jackie Harter ’15, Ashley Kocian ’15 and Mary Grace Lenehan ’15. Teammates Claire Reddy ’14 and Jackie Harter ’15 were both named Maidens of the Match.

JV proved its worth by shutting out Amherst. Scores in this game included Mary Therese Boepple ’16, Kerry Reddy ’16, Becky Tent ’15, Angelica Simpson ’17 and Mary Timmons ’14. Teammates Kerry Reddy ’16 and Mary Therese Boepple ’16 were named Maidens of the Match.

The State Championship will be played tomorrow, Saturday, May 31, 2014 at Lavelli Stadium in Hudson. JV will face Brunswick at 1 p.m. and Varsity will kick off against Hudson at 5:45 p.m. Both teams are set to defend their 2013 State Championship Titles!