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Congratulations, Class of 2014!

The 145 members of the Class of 2014 experienced both happiness and nostalgia-tinged sadness on Tuesday, June 3, as they graduated to their new life as SJA alumnai! The evening began with the "Walk of the Roses" from SJA to Our Lady of Angels Church, a tradition begun in 1942, the year after the church was constructed. They were led by President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71 and the Commencement speaker, Mrs. Rebecca Dessoft Bennett '91.

"You may not realize it, but each of you has a bright light glowing inside of you," shared Mrs. Bennett. "This light is loving and kind. Listen to it. It will guide you. It will always be there for you. Maya Angelou spoke of this inner light in her last tweet to the world, about 10 days ago. She tweeted: 'Listen to yourself, and in that quietude, you might hear the voice of God.' All of us today - your parents, family, teachers, your Jaguar sisterhood - are so proud of you. Be proud of being a Jaguar."

Sara Hurley was the class Valedictorian. (Her sister Kara Hurley was Valedictorian for the Class of 2012.) Sara will be attending Fordham University and is majoring in biology and physics. Emily Rouse was the Salutatorian. She will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall, pursuing an accounting degree. Among their many activities and honors, both Sara and Emily were National Merit Finalists, with Sara earning a National Merit Scholarship.

Caroline Mills, who will be attending Denison University, received both Phi Beta Kappa and the Outstanding Student Award for the Class of 2014. She is undecided on her major, considering either pre-law or pre-med. Caroline also was a very active and accomplished student, participating in such organizations as Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice.

After the conferring of the diplomas, the class first performed "Joseph Father,"
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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 Senior Receives Manus Christi Award

Who: Liyanna Chandler-Nieves '14

What: Liyanna was presented with the Manus Christi Award at the Honors Convocation on Monday, honoring her commitment to the mission of Saint Joseph Academy and devotion to the church and community.

Fun Facts: The Manus Christi Award (or Hands of Christ) Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated an exceptionally outstanding devotion to service in the church, the community and at Saint Joseph Academy.

"During her four years at Saint Joseph Academy, she has been devoted to the Arrupe Summer Program and

Students Donate Re-Configured Toys for Special Needs Children

Pre-engineering students have spent the last couple of months reconfiguring the circuit boards of remote-controlled toys, all in the effort to make Christmas a little brighter next December for children with special needs. In all, the students reconfigured 48 toys, including cars, a Mickey Mouse, Elmo and even a blue dinosaur.

The toys were donated to RePlay for Kids, a non-profit organization of volunteers who repair and adapt toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities in Northeast Ohio. RePlay provides these services at no cost for non-profit organizations that provide medical, educational, or recreational resources for children with disabilities.

RePlay Director of Operations Natalie Wardega picked up the reconfigured toys on Wednesday. "Last year we donated about 800 toys, including nearly 100 from SJA," she said. "This year, I think we will be donating close to 1,000 toys total."

Only a few high schools other than SJA are able to rework the toys' circuitry. "The toys are donated mostly by students at colleges such as Case Western Reserve University, the University of Akron, Cleveland State University and the College of Wooster," said Ms. Wardega.

"Our students love reworking these toys to help children," shared Science Teacher Mary Ellen Foley Scott '76.

Reminder: Here Are the 2014 Summer Reading Selections

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,
Homework Club at Saint Ignatius High School," shared CORE Ministry teacher Grace Gutoskey Ogonek ’80. "She will be a counselor again this summer for Arrupe, even though she has graduated. Determined to serve the people of El Salvador, Liyanna embraced opportunities the end of her sophomore year and then during Easter vacation of her junior year to travel to El Salvador to serve others. When she returned, she said the experience changed her life, for she learned that people who have few material possessions taught her how to live a faith-filled life."

In addition to her service work, Liyanna served as a student ambassador. She graduated this week with honors.

Liyanna will be attending Miami University of Ohio in the fall to explore her many interests.

Congratulations, Liyanna, on receiving this award and for graduating with honors. We were blessed to have had you at SJA for the last four years.

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.

A letter explaining the book selection was mailed to parents several weeks ago. 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 or Nazareth Library Department Chair Rebecca Synk.

Championship Rugby Shirts Available; Bookstore Has Summer Hours

The Varsity rugby team members are the State Champs - again! The team captured the title by winning 86-7 against Hudson High School on Saturday, May 31. To honor the team's accomplishments, championship T-shirts are now available in the Paw Prints Bookstore for $20. They won't last long, so don't miss out!

As the school year comes to a close for the summer, please note the bookstore will continue to be open!

Hours will be as follows:
Monday, June 9 - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday, June 10 - 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
June 11-13 Closed
 Tuesdays and Thursdays through the summer - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 30 - July 2 Closed for Inventory
Friday, August 29 (Orientation Day) - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The bookstore will resume our regular hours beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 2

SPORTS

Crew
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!!

Track & Field - Regional Champs ... On To States!
The track team won the Division I Amherst Regional meet on Friday, May 30, with 55 points! SJA will have athletes competing in six different events at the OHSAA State Championship Track Meet today and Saturday, June 6-7, at The Ohio State University. Brittany Morrison ’15 qualified in both the shot put and the discus, and Jenea Adams ’15 qualified in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Also qualifying were Alesha Vovk ’14 in the 1,600 and the 4x100-meter relay team of Adams, Gab Leon ’14, Lauren Zawie ’17 and Becca Sedlak ’14. Go Jaguars!

Rugby - State Champs!
Varsity Rugby captures another state title! With a score of 86-7 against Hudson High School, the Jaguars showed they are the dominant team in Ohio on Saturday, May 31. Scoring for the Jaguars were Rachael Kean ’16 with two tries, Ali DeCrane ’14 with two tries and eight conversion kicks, Casi Manuszak ’15 with a try, Amanda Burns ’15 with three tries, and Jackie Harter ’15 with a remarkable five tries. Jackie Harter ’15 was awarded the game ball and announced as Maiden of the Match for her speed.

Also on Saturday, JV lost in a post-overtime kick-off against Brunswick High School. With a final score of 27-24, this was the first league loss for the JV team this season. Scoring for the Jaguars included Kerry Reddy ’16 with three tries, Mary Timmons ’14 with one try, and Becky Tent ’15 with two completed conversion kicks. The Jaguars fought hard and should be extremely proud of taking second place in the state. Because Saint Joseph Academy has so many rugby players, JV plays in Division 2, which for other schools, including Brunswick, is their varsity team. Kerry Reddy ’16 earned Maiden of the Match for her ability to read the field and lead the team.