Students Emphasize Sanctity of Life at Mass, Rally

Members of the Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice Club traveled downtown last week to attend Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and march to Public Square in support of October “Respect Life” month. A total of 39 students from SJA joined their peers from a dozen schools in the Catholic diocese at the rally.

Sophomore Clare Sonby delivered a moving testimonial about the sanctity of life to the gathering on Public Square. In addition, members of the SJA Liturgical Choir sang at the Mass.

“Your mother made a decision to nurture you, and your needs during this time. Because of that, now you are living, creating and changing things, and dreaming all the things of the future of the world,” shared Clare. “But you had potential for such opportunities long before you were born.”

To read all of Clare’s emotional and eloquent speech, please click here.

“It is such a privilege to be part of this every year,” stated Theology teacher Ms. Renee Brickman ’91, a member of the CORE Ministry team. “The students who attend learn how to utilize their own voice in speaking about their beliefs.”

The Academy Is Home to Some Amazing Students, Parents

The natural question when you meet new people is often “What do you do?” When I respond that I work at Saint Joseph Academy, they are inevitably curious about the school. I always point out what an amazing student body we have - future engineers, musicians, doctors, lawyers and academics. This week, we found out that senior Karen McGraw was named a National Merit Commended Scholar (see story page 2), joining four other seniors already named National Merit Semifinalists. I would like to offer my own congratulations to the chorus of kudos being sent her way!

There is an Academy Parents Potluck Social on Monday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the new dining hall. The event is a great opportunity for parents to socialize and meet other parents, as well as hear about student accomplishments! Mark it on your calendars!

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Senior Karen McGraw has been named a Commended Scholar in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. She joins SJA’s four National Merit Semifinalists - seniors Kelly Haller, Katherine Hutchinson, Julie Simmons and Caroline Speice - as being honored by National Merit.

The nationwide program represents the best of the best of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest-scoring percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. More than 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high school took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“I was so surprised and honored when I heard I was a Commended Scholar!” shared Karen.

Karen plans on studying engineering. She is looking at attending Lehigh University, Clemson University or The Ohio State University.

“Karen is a wonderful representative of SJA and we are so proud of her receiving this honor,” stated President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ‘71. Karen is the daughter of Brian and Mary Haas McGraw ’75.

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College Corner

Location: Erie, PA. (2 hours from Cleveland). Small city. Urban.

Enrollment: 3,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy.

Fun Fact: Presque Isle State Park is located within walking distance of the campus and is a popular destination for both study and play.

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The PSAT will be administered to all juniors (class of 2014) and pre-registered sophomores (class of 2015) on Wednesday Oct 17. The test will begin at 8 a.m. All other students will have a delayed start of 11:30 a.m.
Academy Parents Meeting - Join In!

Academy Parents is sponsoring a Parent Potluck Social on Monday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the new dining hall. The event is an opportunity for parents to socialize and meet other parents! If your daughter is a freshman or a sophomore, please bring an appetizer to share; if your daughter is a junior or senior, please bring in a dessert. Academy Parents will provide the beverages.

For more information, please contact Colleen Stanton Hecht at collecht@cox.net.

Blood Drive - a Success

The Academy Center was filled with students, faculty and staff Wednesday, October 10, all participating in the Key Club-sponsored blood drive, held in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

Two more are scheduled on Wednesday, December 12, and Wednesday, March 20.

Jaguar Jackpot

The next ticket acceptance deadline is October 24, 2012. All tickets and money should be returned to the Finance office, room 126, on or before this date to be included in the Grand Prize drawing on October 26, 2012.

Winners for October 11, 2012

Smith family sold by Mary Peplin – Ticket # 27344
Adeeb Jones sold by Alyssa Jones – Ticket # 24628
Monica Barber sold by Ann Marie Russo – Ticket # 28503
Eileen & Michael Biehl sold by Maggie Biehl – Ticket # 07974

Teen Read Week

The SJA Book Club and Nazareth Library are excited to celebrate Teen Read Week, a national event that promotes young adult books and encourages reading for enjoyment. The following is a list of reading activities.

Tuesday: Reading Time - The entire school will read for a half an hour during homeroom.

Friday: Book Bash - Everyone is encouraged to come to the Academy Center for Halloween activities and bring along a used book for book swap.

Admissions Director Named to Lake Forest College Athletic Hall of Fame

Admissions Director Ms. Diane Kanney is officially a Hall of Famer! Ms. Kanney was inducted last weekend into the Lake Forest College Athletic Hall of Fame, along with the school’s 2002 Softball Team. Ms. Kanney was the team’s head coach. Lake Forest College is located near Chicago. The athletes were the first LFC team, and the first ever Midwest Conference program, to play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship game.

The players finished as national runners-up with an overall record of 34-12. Head Coach Ms. Kanney was named 2002 MWC South Coach of the Year and was joined by two assistants on the NFCA Division III National Coaching Staff of the Year.

“It was such an honor being named with the team to the Hall of Fame. It was a magical year and one I will never forget,” shared Ms. Kanney. Congratulations, Hall of Famer!

Crew

Crew traveled to Pittsburgh, PA., on Saturday, October 6, for the Head of the Ohio Regatta – a competition first for the team. The Navy had a strong performance. The Novice squad competed for the first time this season, finishing 7th in the Novice 8+ and 12th in the Novice 4+ event.

In the High School Varsity 8+ event, the crew of Maggie Sudetic ’13, Kerry Jamieson ’15, Audrey Rieman ’15, Casey Sudetic ’13, Kayla Moore ’14, Kristin Hegeman ’13, Annie Grove ’14, Kelsey O’Donnell ’14 and coxswain Mackenzie Schoenherr ’15 finished 2nd overall.

The SJA crew of Julia Herrel ’15, Hannah Smith ’14, Karen McGraw ’13, Sarah Johanek ’15, Allie Pallotta ’15, Brigid Reynolds ’15, Nicole Hegeman ’13, Elizabeth Essi ’15 and coxswain Nina Ripich ’14 won 3rd place in the High School Second Varsity 8+ race. Finishing the day was the High School Varsity 4+ race. The crew of Julia Herrel ’15, Hannah Smith ’14, Karen McGraw ’13, Sarah Johanek ’15 and coxswain Nina Ripich ’14 finished second, edging out the crew from Oakland Catholic (Pittsburgh, PA) by one second. Crew will travel to Columbus for the Speakmon Memorial Regatta on Saturday, October 13.
Soccer
On Saturday, October 6, Varsity defeaed the Wellington High Dukes 5-2. Senior Nikki Mikolcic scored two goals and had one assist, Junior Caroline Becker, junior Nicole Rave and sophomore Amanda Burns each had one goal. The Jaguars are ranked 10th in the Greater Cleveland Coaches Poll. Varsity is 8-3-2 for the season.
JV shut out 3-0 the visiting Kirtland Hornets on Saturday, October 6. Sophomore Grace Reinhold scored two goals, Sophomore Allie Hippler scored a goal and an assist. Sophomore Sarah Stottner also had an assist. Junior Courtney Kuntz and sophomore Becky Tent shut out the Hornets in goal. The JV record is 8-2-3.

Tennis
Varsity picked up pair of victories last week over Beaumont and Amherst, improving to 11-7 on the season. JV fell to Beaumont on Monday, October 1, to drop to 7-6 overall.
Varsity also competed at the Oberlin sectional, with both doubles teams advancing to the quarterfinals of the doubles bracket and Missy Drapac ’14 winning two matches to advance to the Round of 16 in singles.

Golf
On Tuesday, October 2, the team participated in the sectional golf tournament at the Legacy Golf Course. For the first time in history, the Jaguars qualified to advance to the Girls Division 1 District Golf Tournament at The Legends of Massillon golf course being held this week.
Congratulations to Kaitlin Rose ’15, Alex Mills ’13, Alicia Abele ’16, Lindsay Keefe ’14 and Patricia Kay ’13 for an excellent season and for participating in Districts!

Cross Country
The cross country teams traveled to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds last weekend to compete in a flat, but muddy competition called the Legends Invitational in which “legends” of running from the Northeast Ohio area are honored and can mingle with the athletes. This year’s legends were Marc Hunter and Jenny Morgan. Varsity finished 6th out of 13 teams and a Varsity “B” team was 9th in the same race. Two of the teams ahead of SJa were last year’s division champs Brunswick and the best team in the state this year St. Vincent/St. Mary’s. Senior Emily Bauer returned to her early season form with perhaps her best finish of 14th place. The other top four scoring runners were junior Alesha Vovk, senior Jill Bresnahan, junior Rachel McGuire and senior Jessica Bresnahan.
JV lost a close battle to Brunswick, but in reality it was Brunswick’s B team vs. SJA’s C team. Freshman Emma Stalder was the top SJA finisher in the open race with her 4th place effort. The team has one more weekend invitational at Massillon’s Ohio Independent championship.

Volleyball
Freshman also attended the Magnificat Tournament on Saturday, October 6, going 2-1 with wins against Padua and Holy Name.