Raising Awareness of Sexual Assault, Rape Prevention

This past week, freshmen, sophomores and juniors learned vital prevention techniques and ways to recognize and stop sexual harassment thanks to classroom visits from a representative of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. The visits by Mr. Brian Dodyk, prevention specialist at the CRCC, were arranged by Guidance Counselor Ms. Maryann Marek. He will be visiting senior classes in early November.

Mr. Dodyk spoke on different topics for each grade level, adjusting the message for his audience.

“This is all about awareness,” stated Mr. Dodyk to a freshman Health class. “Sixty percent of all rapes go unreported. The reasons vary, everything from shame, fear, guilt and self-blame, to the fear of not being believed.”

“Sexual assault is all about control and power,” he added. “If you have a friend who confides in you about an incident, here’s how you can help: First, listen to her. Let her control the situation. Believe and support her. Don’t judge. Make sure you say ‘I’m sorry. I believe you and it’s not your fault.’ Call us if you need help dealing with the situation. We are here for you and the survivors.”

“I was surprised that one in four girls will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18. That was really shocking,” shared Kyrielle Williams ’16 at the end of the class.

Opening Students’ Eyes to STEM Career Opportunities

A big challenge facing educators every day, especially those teaching juniors and seniors, is fostering an awareness of exciting career opportunities waiting for students. One area of growing options for young women involves STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. Today (Friday, October 27), I am honored to accompany Science teacher Ms. Mary Ellen Foley Scott ’76 and 18 students on a field trip to the 2nd GE Annual STEM Conference for Women. We’ll have a report on the conference in next week’s e-newsletter, but I think you can assume there will be some eye-opening information shared with our students!

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Sophomore Representing SJA at Young Scholars Program Celebration

Sophomore Yvette Vargas will represent SJA this weekend at a very exciting event! She is traveling to Columbus as the SJA Young Scholars Program (YSP) representative at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the program. YSP is sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at The Ohio State University.

As part of this celebration, scholars will be hearing presentations by U.S. Gen. Colin Powell, former Secretary of State and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In addition, one of the speakers will be famed actor Danny Glover, who will provide the keynote address at the luncheon.

The Young Scholars Program is a comprehensive pre-collegiate and collegiate program designed to enhance the academic, personal, and career development of its Scholars. Founded in 1988, YSP annually identifies and serves hundreds of academically talented first-generation college students from economically challenged backgrounds.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information Available for 2013-14 School Year

Applications for scholarships and financial aid are now available on our website www.sja1890.org for the 2013-14 school year. You may click on “Parents” and “Scholarships and Tuition Assistance” to access the PSAS form and scholarship applications.

The PSAS form must be completed and postmarked by November 21, 2012. Scholarship applications are due by December 3, 2012. Please contact the Finance Office with any questions.

“Beauty & the Beast” Starts Nov. 9

The fairy tale classic “Beauty and the Beast,” a story about a strong woman who teaches a beast/man that arrogance and being a bully are wrong, will come alive on the SJA stage in early November!

Showtimes are Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10, both at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 11 at 2:30 p.m.; Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17, both at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Reserve tickets are $12. General admission is $10. Students and seniors are $5. It is being performed in the Academy’s auditorium.

For ticket information, please contact STArts member Ms. Kate Valentino ‘08 at 216.276.0942.

College Corner/Bowling Green State University

**Location:** Bowling Green, OH (2 hours from Cleveland).
Small city. small town.

**Enrollment:** 17,000 undergraduates.

**Strongest Programs:** Business, education.

**Fun Fact:** BGSU was the first practice site for the Cleveland Browns while Municipal Stadium was being built.

www.bgsu.edu
Testing Information
Attention Parents of 8th Grade Girls:
If you are considering enrolling your daughter at SJA, she must take one of our Scholarship/Placement Tests on either Saturday, October 27, or Saturday, November 3, beginning promptly at 9 a.m. Register online at www.sja1890.org/admissionevents.

Swimming & Diving Tryouts
Attention aquatic athletes!
Swimming & Diving Tryouts are Friday, November 2, at 3:30 p.m.. Transportation to the pool is provided by SJA.

Jaguar Jackpot
The $25,000 Grand Prize winner is ....

Thomas O’Malley
Sold by Gina Shaver ‘16
Ticket # 29082

The winner will receive the Grand Prize of $25,000 and Gina will receive a tuition credit of $5,000 towards next year’s tuition.
Congratulations!

Fall Sports Banquet
Reservations are being accepted for the Fall Sports Banquet, being held Tuesday, November 6 at Brennan’s Party Center, 13000 Triskett Road, Cleveland. Cost is $20 for each guest. Athletes are free. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, October 30. Checks should be made payable to Saint Joseph Academy.
All athletes attending must RSVP, with or without guests. This event is mandatory for all athletes. Reservation forms are available at www.sja1890.org/athletics.

Retreat Information
Spiritual Retreat Being Offered: Saint Joseph Academy and Saint Ignatius High School are partnering to provide 7th & 8th grade boys and girls a spiritual retreat. It will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at SJA. Register online at www.sja1890.org/admissionevents.

Add Your Light to Ours ... by Shopping at Target, Giant Eagle and Heinen’s!
Your financial support for SJA ensures that the Academy can continue to empower young women from all over Cleveland to transform their communities - and our world - through a life of compassionate leadership and service. By following a few simple steps, a percentage of your sales from regular shopping at Target, Giant Eagle and Heinen’s will be donated to Saint Joseph Academy!
As we approach (yes, that is happening!) the holiday season, this could be of significant help to our diverse student body. The process will not add any extra cost to your shopping bill, so it is a simple, easy way to help out. For more information on how to participate, please visit www.sja1890.org/shop. Thank you!

Golf
On Thursday, October 12, the team celebrated its senior night at Big Met Golf Course. Congratulations seniors Patricia Kay, Alex Mills and Katie Battaglia for a successful season!

L-R: Seniors Alex Mills, Katie Battaglia, Patricia Kay
Cross Country

On Saturday, October 20, at the district meet at Strongsville High School, Varsity ended the season with a sixth-place finish of 13 teams. Finishing as SJA’s top runner and qualifying for the Tiffin Regional meet next Saturday was junior Alesha Vovk, who placed 15th place in the race. Sophomore Mallory Fahey finished second for the Jags and 25th overall - her best effort of the season. The rest of the competitors for SJA were: senior Jill Bresnahan, 29th; junior Rachel McGuire, 30th; senior Mel Ward, 41st; junior Maddie Zimmerman, 42nd; and senior Jessica Bresnahan, 43rd.

JV ended its season at the Walsh Warrior classic on Monday, October 22. Runners were split by age groups. While no team scores were kept, individuals were awarded sweatshirts if they finished in the top 25 in their grade level. A majority of the SJA runners earned a sweatshirt for their efforts. The top SJA finisher in the freshman/sophomore race was freshman Rachel Cogar, who was second in her race after having led for much of the way. In the junior/senior race, senior Helen Steve competed for the lead for much of the time, but settled for a third-place finish. Three personal records were set by Tori Roberts ‘16, Corinne Baker ‘16 and Julia Kemer ‘15.

Soccer

On Thursday, October 18, the third-seeded Jaguars played the fourth-seeded Valley Forge Patriots at North Royalton in the second round of the District tournament. With 19 seconds left in the second half of sudden death overtime, sophomore Amanda Burns scored the winning goal. The final score was 2-1. Amanda also had an assist on senior Nikki Mikolcic 26th goal of the season. Senior goalie Chelsea Hirzel had 14 saves. It was an all-round team victory!

On Tuesday, October 23, the 2012 season ended for the Jaguars with a loss to North Royalton in the third round of the District tournament.

Congratulations to Varsity for finishing with a 9-6-3 record. JV also had a successful year finishing 9-4-3.

Crew

Last weekend, Crew participated in the 48th Annual Head of the Charles Regatta (HOCR) in Boston, MA. Nicknamed the “Fall Rowing Festival,” the HOCR is the largest two-day regatta in the world. This year, the regatta featured more than 6,000 athletes competing for more than 650 teams and 21 countries. The Jaguar Navy competed in two of the largest events of the weekend, the Women’s Youth 4+ and Women’s Youth 8+, which featured 85 total entries respectively. The Varsity 4+ rowed the course in a time of 20:50.6, 1:26 off of the first-place finisher from California. The Varsity 4+ finished 31st of 85 and earned the Academy’s first automatic bid to the Head of the Charles for 2013.

The Varsity 8+ raced later in the day Sunday in another field of 85 teams. The Women’s Youth Varsity 8+ event was tightly contested from start to finish. Varsity 8+ finished the day in 81st place.

Crew wraps up the 2012 Fall Season on Saturday October 27, when the team travels to Zanesville for the Lake Dillon Halloween Sprints.