Self-Portrait Assignment Showcases Artistic Skills

Students in Visual and Performing arts teacher Mrs. Sydney Kalnay’s Digital Photography class devoted dozens of hours over the last few weeks photographing themselves in the hope the resulting pictures would be both artistic and – perhaps more importantly – an accurate representation of their personalities.

“Our students are extremely talented,” shared Mrs. Kalnay. “Not only have they produced some very advanced personal statements through their work, they took great care to constructively critique the work created by their peers in our open feedback forum.”

The Digital Photography course introduces digital photographic equipment, theory and processes. Students learn to successfully expose, digitally manipulate and print a well-conceived composition. In addition, they explore how digital photography impacts visual literacy and how to analyze and interpret photographs. “We explore the basics of composition, motion, light and the aesthetics of the medium, as well as explore the cultural phenomenon of photography and how the photograph is perceived by society and our culture,” added Mrs. Kalnay.

The self-portraits are fascinating in that they truly reveal personalities, including a love of soccer, laughter, friendships … even shopping! “I loved this assignment and I found the other self-portraits interesting and really well done,” shared Dianne Williams ’14.

Academy Parents Is Sponsoring Night Out at Applebee's

The Academy Parents group helps our young women in so many ways! Now they are asking us to help in their efforts to raise money for such school events as the Father-Daughter Dance and the Mother-Daughter Mass by having lunch or dinner next week at Applebee's at Westgate. Please see the story on Page 2 (and print out the needed flyer).

Also, this is a reminder that students will be taking final exams on Thursday and Friday of next week. The schedule can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter. Please make sure your daughter studies, is well-rested and has a healthy breakfast on those days. And, of course, good luck to all our young women on their tests!

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Students Visit Sisters at Regina Health Care Center

On December 28, four seniors traveled to Regina Health Care Center with CORE Ministry theology teacher Mr. Dan Guion to visit Sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Senior Caroline Goodill said, "We had a wonderful time visiting the sisters while we were able to enjoy Mass and lunch with them. They were so excited to hear all about Saint Joseph Academy and we learned so much about them. It was a great way to celebrate the Christmas season and the true meaning of sharing joy with others."

L-R: Seniors Caroline Goodill, Patricia Kay, Juliet Corrigan, Sharlo Bayless with Genevieve Lane, CSJ and Betty Herris, CSJ.

Save the Date for an Academy Parents Event!

Give yourself a vacation from cooking and help support Academy events! Tuesday, January 15 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. is the Academy Parents' first "Dine to Donate" fundraiser at the Applebee's in the Westgate Shopping Center. Fifteen percent of each bill will be donated to the school. Please present the attached flyer when dining. Thank you!

L-R: Seniors Caroline Goodill, Patricia Kay, Juliet Corrigan, Sharlo Bayless with Genevieve Lane, CSJ and Betty Herris, CSJ.

Former Ohio State Supreme Court Justice Is Keynote Speaker at the Annual Women's Leadership Symposium

Groundbreaking lawyer and family activist Justice Yvette McGee Brown, the first African-American woman to serve as an Ohio Supreme Court justice, will be the keynote speaker at the Sixth Annual Women’s Leadership Symposium being held Wednesday, February 6, at the school. The daylong symposium provides students with "real world" advice from females in such professions as medical, legal, engineering, science, financial and philanthropic pursuits.

“We are extremely honored to have Justice Brown visit and talk to students about following their dreams and boldly breaking barriers,” said President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71.

In addition to Justice Brown’s keynote address, nearly 50 professional women are scheduled to speak with students in “Career Breakout Sessions.” They represent careers as varied as doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, accountants, attorneys, educators and engineers.

Justice Brown is a first-generation college graduate born to a single, teenage mother. She was the first African-American woman elected to the Franklin (Ohio) County Common Pleas Court. She was the first African-American woman to serve as a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court, appointed by former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland in December 2010.

Justice Brown recently joined the Columbus office of the law firm Jones Day as a partner in the business and tort litigation group.

The keynote address will start the day’s activities that will also include a panel discussion titled “Advocacy for Women and Children,” as well career sessions and financial and safety advice for college-bound seniors.

Students will be able to sign up for career sessions the last week of January. For more information, contact Guidance Counselor Ms. Maryann Marek at 216.251.6788 x211 or mmarek@sja1890.org.

Justice Yvette McGee Brown

College Corner

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Location: Oxford, OH (5 hours from Cleveland). Rural, small town.

Enrollment: 15,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Business, Science, Education.

Fun Fact: The campus has been used to film many movies, including one last year starring George Clooney!

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Students, Parents: Please Take Note of the Final Exam Schedule

Skinny Electives do not have a final exam. World Language Level 1 courses, Honors Algebra/Algebra 1 and AP courses will have a midterm. Yearlong classes have one-hour of exam time. Students will not be dismissed early from an exam block. If students do not have a final exam, they do not need to report to class. This means they may come in a little late or leave early. The dining hall and library will be open for students who need a quiet place to study. The dining hall will not be serving breakfast or lunch on exam days.

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Help Support SJA Softball

Support the SJA Softball team by coming out to P.J. McIntyre's, 17119 Lorain Road, on Sunday, January 20, from 2-5 p.m. Tickets are $20 pre-sale and at the door. For tickets or more information, call parent volunteer Mrs. Patti Finau at 216.548.4485 or Coach Darrin Radatz at 216.647.4269.

Swimming & Diving

On Friday, January 4, the Jaguars met up with the longtime rival Magnificat. The Blue Streaks were too deep for the Jaguars to pick up a win. Sarah Sofish ‘14 had strong swims in the 200m freestyle and the 100m backstroke and had the only first-place finish for the Jaguars.

Divers Kaleigh Macalla ‘13 took second and Autumn Bragg ‘15 took third in her first meet ever!

Basketball

Varsity is now ranked as a Top 10 team by the AP poll for the state of Ohio. Congratulations, players!

On Wednesday, January 4, the No. 4-ranked Jaguars defeated the Maple Heights Mustangs 59-23. The Jaguars were led by the energized play of senior Layla Leon, who had 6 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists. Contributions were made by junior Grace Mullen with 7 rebounds; junior Nicole McManamon with 7 rebounds and 5 points, sophomore, Hailey Grant with 4 rebounds and 2 steals; and an aggressive floor game from junior Caroline Becker.

JV won 57-7

On Saturday, January 5, the Jaguars defeated the scrappy Notre Dame Cathedral Latin Lions by a score of 61-43. The Jaguars were led by senior Ann Conroy with 14 points and 10 rebounds and sophomore Brittany Morrison with 16 points and 6 rebounds. JV lost 39-36; Frosh won 49-29

On Wednesday, January 9, Varsity beat the Padua Lady Bruins in a 64-40 triumph.