Junior To Attend Presidential Inauguration

Junior Caroline Mills is set to have the adventure of a lifetime this weekend as she attends the inauguration of President Barack Obama in Washington, D.C.! Caroline is flying to Washington, D.C. today (Friday) as part of LeadAmerica’s President Inaugural Leadership Summit. She will participate in a weekend of activities culminating with the inauguration on Monday, January 21.

The LeadAmerica organization offers college immersion programs designed to better prepare high school students academically and emotionally for the transition to college life and beyond. Caroline first became involved with the group last summer when she was chosen to participate in the program’s 10-day Medicine and Health Care Conference at Johns Hopkins University, her dream school. Earlier this month, LeadAmerica invited a group of its program alumnae, including Caroline, to its Presidential Inaugural Leadership Summit.

“I am beyond excited to meet hundreds of other young leaders dedicated to our great country. We will learn and grow together through lectures on diverse topics and group workshops. Highlights include hearing from Retired General Colin Powell, attending the 2013 Presidential Inauguration (standing in the National Mall area), and enjoying our own Inaugural Ball!” shared Caroline.

Caroline will be sharing her experiences in a blog. Please follow her adventures at http://presidentialinauguration2013.blogspot.com/. Congratulations, Caroline!

Save the Date for Two Important Upcoming Events!

This week, students completed the final examinations of the first semester. It's time to look ahead to the rest of the school year! There are two events in particular that Academy Parents would like their fellow parents to "Save the Date!" Mark your calendars now for the ever-popular Father/Daughter Dance, being held on Saturday, March 9. In addition, there's the annual Mother/Daughter Mass and Breakfast, set for Sunday, April 14. More details on these events will follow. Here's to a wonderful second semester!

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Meet the Candidates for Principal

After a thorough process, the Principal Search Committee has completed its work for the principal position at Saint Joseph Academy. The professional search firm of The Carmon Group assisted in identifying and sorting through the initial group of over 20 interested candidates. Eight were invited to interview with the search committee. Ms. Emily Hanson ’99, our current assistant principal, and Mr. Jeff Sutliff, the assistant principal for academics at Saint Martin de Porres High School, have been identified as the two candidates to continue to the next round, which will involve the broader SJA community. Each will spend time meeting with students, the SJA Leadership team, faculty and staff, and parents. Parents are invited to hear from the candidates on Thursday, January 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Each candidate will have the opportunity to present their qualifications and explain why they are interested in this position, as well as take questions. One candidate will present at 6:30 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. All present will be invited to complete a feedback form. This is an opportunity for parents to share their thoughts about the two candidates. Please RSVP by email to Mrs. Kathy Gentile-Klein at kgentileklein@sj1890.org by Wednesday, January 23 if you plan on attending. The session will be held in the auditorium. All are welcome!

Late Arrival, Early Dismissal Times

Please take note of time and schedule changes for next week.

Monday, January 21 is a day off due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Tuesday, January 22 is the start of the new semester. School will start at 9:30 a.m.; dismissal is at the regular time of 3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23 is the regularly scheduled monthly early dismissal at 2 p.m.

Friday, January 24 is a Pep Rally day. It will be held at 2:30 p.m. for Winter sports athletes.

Student Wins Tri-C High School Rock Off Competition

Alexis Brunk ’13, a student in Visual and Performing Arts teacher Mrs. Beth Pleban’s Graphic Design II class, totally rocked one particular assignment! Her T-shirt design, created as part of a class project, was chosen as the winning entry – from hundreds submitted! – by Live Nation for the Tri-C High School Rock Off being held at the House of Blues. Students from across Northeast Ohio submitted designs for a T-Shirt, cd cover and a poster. “I couldn’t believe when my design was chosen. I am so excited!” shared Alexis. The T-shirts with Alexis’ design are being sold for $10 at the Rock Off band competition, being held now through February 9 at the House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave., in downtown Cleveland. For more information on the competition, go to www.houseofblues.com.

“Alexis’ design is graphically interesting and very well executed. It conveys the spirit of the event, while also including all the pertinent information such as the name and date of the Rock-Off. She did an excellent job,” shared Mrs. Pleban proudly.

College Corner
University of Notre Dame

Location: South Bend, IN (4 hours from Cleveland). Suburban.
Enrollment: 8,400 undergraduates.
Strongest Programs: Finance, health sciences, pre-professional programs.
Fun Fact: In addition to its famous Golden Dome and "Touchdown Jesus," the University of Notre Dame earned recognition in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest 5-on-5 basketball tournament! www.nd.edu

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Alexis Brunk ’13 shows off her winning Rock Off T-shirt design.

Weekly Lunch Menu

January Bookstore Hours
"Mass for Life" Is Set for Tuesday, January 22

A "Mass for Life" is being held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Richard G. Lennon will be the Celebrant and Homilist.

The Mass is being held on the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. In the United States, it is observed as a Day of Penance for Violations to the Dignity of the Human Person.

All are invited to gather with the Bishop to pray that all people may grow in the love and respect of every human life. Free parking is available in the Cathedral Garage on the SE corner of Rockwell Avenue and East 9th Street.

The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist is at East Ninth Street & Superior Avenue NE

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.

Ballpark

Mandatory Meeting for Senior Parents

Attention parents of the Class of 2013! There is a meeting on January 29 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Wine and cheese will be served as presentations are held on graduation dates and information, prom, academic and financial information, details on the transition from high school to college, and alumnae information.

Please RSVP (regrets only) by Thursday, January 24, to Mrs. Judy Case at 216.251.6788 x250 or jcase@sja1890.org. One parent or guardian is required to attend.

Basketball

On Wednesday, January 9, Varsity defeated the visiting Padua Bruins by a score of 64-40 and improved their record to 13-0. The Jaguars were led by Greta Burry ’14 with 15 points, Ann Conroy ’13 with 13 points and Katie Battaglia ’13 with 7 points and 7 assists. Sarah Schwind ’13 provided a spark with excellent defense and 12 rebounds.

JV won 51-27

Freshman won 48-29

On Saturday, January 12, the Jaguars defeated the visiting Glenville High School Tarblooder by a score of 73-52. Katie Battaglia ’13 had 4 three pointers in the first quarter to finish with 16 points. Senior Ann Conroy had 13 points and junior Nicole McManamon had 10 points. Sophomore Brittany Morrison had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

JV won 55-2

Freshman won 48-29

Swimming & Diving

On Saturday, January 12, Jaguar Swimming & Diving team took on Eastlake North High School and Mentor High School. The Jaguars lost a close meet to Mentor by 12 points. They went on to beat Eastlake North by 52 points. Jaguars got the win thanks to such efforts as Julianna Spinazze ’13, who took second in the 500m; Sarah Sofish ‘14 who took first in the 500m; Annmarie Russo ‘15 who took second in the 200m Individual Medley; and Maddie Zimmerman ‘14 who took first in the 50m free and second in the 100m breaststroke.

Great job, everyone!

Nicole McManamon ’14