Printmaking Students Pay Homage to Matisse

Students in Visual and Performing Arts chair Mrs. Shelly Ahern’s Printmaking class dove into the world of printmaking this semester by creating large-scale collagraph prints that pay homage to the work of Impressionist artist Henri Matisse. Each print has at least three layers and some up to 10 layers. Students created a collagraph (cutting paper and printing an image) print and monotype print (using a painted application with stencils), with both prints being printed on the same paper.

“Using information learned from Matisse’s cutouts, the students applied the properties of positive and negative space using shape, texture and color. Students identified multiple approaches to creating collagraphs and the application of printing the collagraph plate using relief and intaglio printmaking processes,” shared Mrs. Ahern. “The composition of each piece was inspired by Matisse’s cut-outs.”

“Throughout my printmaking experience, I learned to let go of controlling the process. I had to understand that there are ‘happy mistakes’ and nothing is ‘ruined.’ There is this nice surprise you get when you see the finished product, I titled my piece ‘Straight up Juxtaposition,’” shared Claudia Stavole ’15.

“It was an exciting experience as I learned a new way to show color and value. The process was a difficult one and it was hard to grasp the concept until I made the work. The end result was worth it!” said Halle Groudle ’13.
Students Visit OSU’s World Media and Culture Center

On February 26, advanced World Languages students were able to visit the World Media and Culture Center on Ohio State University’s campus. The tour gave students a taste of what their futures may bring if they choose to pursue a world language degree. They saw a café where students can watch television shows in the languages they are studying, walked through a radio studio where students broadcast programs in their new languages, and enjoyed lunch in the Ohio Union.

For two years, the World Languages Department has been working with the Ohio State University’s Foreign Language Center, arranging visits and enabling students in Chinese II, Honors French III, or Honors Spanish III to take a test designed by professors at Ohio State. This test, called the CAAP, gives teachers and students invaluable feedback regarding students’ listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. The grades on the test indicate to students in which world languages class they would be placed if they were to begin world languages study at Ohio State. Many students were excited to learn that they would be placed in accelerated world language classes!

“Working with Ohio State has meant a lot to the World Languages Department,” shared department chair Mrs. Alison Morgan. “Their tests provide data to illustrate where Saint Joseph Academy students are compared to other students in the state. The time OSU professors dedicated to showing students the campus raised some excitement among students who are beginning their college searches. This interaction has greatly benefited our World Languages Program.”

Tour of Great Lakes Science Center Is Hair-Raising

Science students last week traveled to the Great Lakes Science Center and spent an exciting afternoon trying to squeeze in visits to the many fascinating exhibits! Among the experiences were constructing a 6-foot-high arch, trying their hand at a flight simulator, and exploring the properties of static electricity.

"Many of the principles we are discussing in class were illustrated in the exhibits," shared science teacher Mrs. Mary Ellen Foley Scott ’76. Other chaperones on this field trip, which was funded by a grant from Target Corp., were Intervention Specialists Ms. Courtney Coz and Mrs. Becky Goede McNulty ’96 and science teacher Mrs. Val Sanfilipo.

"It was more difficult than I realized to construct an arch!" shared freshman Christina Abdelshahid, who took on that task with fellow freshman Mary Peplin. Freshman Beth Goodill found the flight simulator at the Great Lakes Science Center particularly interesting. "I really felt like I was a pilot!," she shared. "The Science Center is a great, interactive experience."

College Corner

Location: Philadelphia, PA (8 hours from Cleveland). Metropolitan, Closed Campus.

Enrollment: 12,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Business, Economics, Bioengineering.

Fun Fact: At the end of the 3rd quarter of every home football game, students sing the Penn fight song. When they get to the "...here's a toast to dear old Penn..." they shower the field with burnt toast!

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L-R: Juliana Withers ’15 and Abby Yarcusko ’15.

Freshman Madison Perez, Alyssa Perez and friends explore static electricity at the Great Lakes Science center.
Ohio Graduation Test Information

The Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) will be given at Saint Joseph Academy during the week of March 11-15, 2013. All sophomores, as well as any juniors and seniors who have not yet passed one or more of the tests, will be tested.

We are adjusting the school day schedule on those OGT test days in order to provide students with an optimal testing environment. The school day schedule for these days will run as follows:

The OGT tests will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day of OGT week. Students testing should be in their assigned classrooms by 8:25 a.m. The OGT tests will run from 8:30-11:15 a.m. Students who took the test will have lunch, along with any other students who want to eat lunch, from 11:20-12 noon. There will be no Activity Blocks during OGT testing days.

All other students need not report to school until 12 noon. If students must arrive before noon because of transportation issues, they will be permitted to report ONLY to the Dining Hall. It will not be possible for students to go upstairs to lockers.

Schedule for OGT Testing Days

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We hope this schedule will provide students with the best possible testing conditions. In the event of a snow day(s) during this week, testing will continue as indicated above (i.e. Writing on Wednesday, Science on Thursday, etc.); make-up information will be communicated to the students. If you have any questions/concerns, please call Ms. Maryann Marek, Guidance Counselor, at 216.251.6788.

City Club Forum Addresses Human Trafficking

Eight students traveled to the City Club of Cleveland Youth Forum presentation on human trafficking last week by the Honorable Teresa Fedor, state representative for the Ohio House District 45. One of Rep. Fedor's landmark legislative victories relates to human trafficking. "Traffickers have walked away from the halls of justice," she told students.

Rep. Fedor is active in this fight due to Toledo, her area of representation, being a hotbed of trafficking because of its proximity to the Canadian border and international airports in Cleveland, Toronto and Chicago.

The students were accompanied by Vice President of Mission Sr. Phyllis DiFuccia SSJ, and CORE Ministry teacher Mr. Dan Guion. "The presentation was very eye-opening," shared Abby Gonzalez ‘15.

RSVP Now for Father/Daughter Dance

The Academy Parents’ Annual Father/Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Brennan's Party Center on Triskett Road in Cleveland. All Saint Joseph Academy students and their fathers are invited to enjoy an evening of fun, dinner and dancing! Registration deadline is this Monday, March 4. Forms are on this link or pick up your order form in the main office.

"Saving for College" Seminar Next Week

On Thursday, March 11 from 7-8 p.m., a presentation will be held in the SJA Board Room on how to best plan to finance college. Mr. Kenneth Robinson, an experienced financial planner, will provide insight into ways to prepare for future costs. The presentation is geared to freshmen and sophomore parents.
Basketball

On Thursday, February 20, the Jaguars defeated Normandy 76-48 in a second round state playoff game. The Jaguars blew the game open with a dominating 33-6 third quarter. The Jags were led by the determined play of junior Greta Burry, who had 18 points and 6 rebounds and senior Daija Jones with 11 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals. Junior Nicole McManamon added 9 points and sophomore Brittany Morrison had 13 points and 5 rebounds. Senior Sarah Schwind registered 6 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists and 4 steals. Senior Paige Heneghan added positive energy off the bench with 5 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals.

Students Attend Rowing Camp at the University of Pennsylvania

Mackenzie Schoenherr '15 and Allie Pallotta '15 had the opportunity to attend the Quaker Girls’ Rowing Camp at the University of Pennsylvania last weekend. Both girls are members of the Varsity Jaguar Crew. They were among 22 high school rowers and 6 high school coxswains from across the United States who were in attendance. They enjoyed working in small groups and one-on-one settings with University of Pennsylvania's Ivy League coaches to improve their skills and techniques both on the indoor training equipment and on the water. They also attended nutritional lectures given by the Penn Athletics Nutritionist, were able to hear about specific opportunities as rowers to increase their chances of attending an Ivy League school, and they were able to row out of Philadelphia's famous and historical Boathouse Row.

"It was an incredible experience!" shared Mackenzie.

Winter Sports Banquet

The Winter Sports Banquet for Swimming & Diving and Basketball will be held on Tuesday, March 19. Banquet reservation forms are due on Tuesday, March 12. Click here to download the form.

Spring Mixer Is Coming Soon!

SJA’s Spring Mixer is planned for Friday, March 22. Tickets are $8 each and will be sold in advance and at the door. Paws for Pride points will be awarded, and $1 of every ticket sold to a senior or her guest will be donated to the Senior Class prom and after prom fund. More details will be coming soon.

Tryouts/spring sports starting dates

All athletes must have a current OHSAA physical on file in the athletic office. Please go to www.sja1890.org/athletics to download the form.

Crew

The Crew season has begun and the roster has been set for the upcoming spring season. If you would like some information for the 2013-2014 school year, please contact Coach Rob Zdankiewicz at rzdankiewicz@sja1890.org.

Track & Field

Outdoor track & field practice start March 11 at 3:15 p.m. Athletes should prepare to go outside for practices. Please bring appropriate clothing. For more information, please contact Head Coach Fred Kieser at fkieser@sja1890.org or visit www.sjatrackandfield.blogspot.com.

Rugby

Pre-season conditioning has begun and tryouts will be held on Monday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 20, from 6-8 p.m. at SJA. For more information, please contact Head Coach Jaime Cleary at jcleary@sja1890.org.

Softball

There is a Mandatory Parent Meeting for Track & Field and Softball only on Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. This meeting is mandated by the State of Ohio. Attendance is required by softball & track & field athletes and parents.