Students Awed by World-Class Cleveland Orchestra

Students had the opportunity to attend a concert by the world renowned Cleveland Orchestra last week. The concert was part of the Friday matinee series at Severance Hall and the Orchestra invited high school students from all over the city to attend! "This was an excellent opportunity to hear one of the top orchestras in the world and to see one of the outstanding concert halls in the United States," shared music teacher Mr. David Mumford.

The concert was conducted by Herbert Blomstedt, a Swedish conductor and currently Conductor Laureate of the San Francisco Symphony and Honorary Conductor of the Bamberg Symphony, as well as the Danish National Symphony Orchestra.

The music featured on the program included Mozart’s Symphony No. 40 in G minor. Written in 1788, this symphony is one of Mozart's most greatly admired works, as evidenced by the awed reaction of the students. The concert concluded with Dvorak’s Symphony No. 9 in E minor, popularly known as the New World Symphony, composed in 1893.

“The concert was a great experience and showed me what possibilities I could have with a lot of practice,” exclaimed Kaitlynn Mandola ’15.
Students Fundraising To Buy Books to Soldiers

All week, volunteers from The Book Club and Academic Jaguars sponsored a monetary collection for the "Books for Soldiers" program outside the dining hall during the Activity Blocks. All money raised will go toward purchasing books that soldiers are specifically requesting. You can find out more information at booksforsoldiers.com.

Please consider finding student members of those clubs to donate any extra change!

An Evening of Reflection for Women

Watch and Pray: Accompanying Jesus on the Path to Easter

Sister Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ, Vice President of Mission
Join us for supper and a lively discussion of what can we learn from the women who stayed with Jesus during his journey toward Easter. This evening of input, reflection and conversation is always fulfilling!

Prayer and inspiration to renew the spirit.

College Corner

Location: Ashland, OH (1.5 hours from Cleveland). Small town.
Enrollment: 3,100 undergraduates.
Strongest Programs: Education, Social Work, Toxicology.
Fun Fact: Besides boasting school colors of purple and gold, Ashland's dining halls are consistently ranked as among the best in the nation!

www.ashland.edu

Calling all Talented Jaguars (and Wildcats)!

Do you have a song, dance, instrument, joke, skit, clever trick, or unique talent that you have been dying to perform? Well, start practicing!

The Student Council is sponsoring the first-ever joint Saint Joseph Academy/Saint Ignatius High School Talent Show on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at SJA. Some of the talents needed include: Individuals, duets, teams, classes, teachers... all are welcome and invited to participate.

We will be partnering with Saint Ignatius for this event and hosting their talent as well, so students may feel free to collaborate with Wildcat friends or siblings for an act!

Space is limited, so informal auditions will be held the week after Spring Break if necessary

Please email Caroline Speice '13 at cspeice@sjastudents.org by Thursday, March 28 with your name(s) and thoughts for an act.

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Weekly Lunch Menu

March bookstore hours
RSVP Now for Father/Daughter Dance

The Academy Parents' Annual Father/Daughter Dance will be held this 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! Download a form here or pick up your order form in the main office.

"Saving for College" Seminar Next Week

On Monday, 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, father of Rebecca '13 and an experienced financial planner, will provide insight into ways to prepare for future costs. The presentation is geared to freshmen and sophomore parents.

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.

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.
Winter Sports Banquet

The Winter Sports Banquet for Swimming & Diving and Basketball will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at Brennan's Party Center at 6:30 p.m.

Banquet reservation forms are due on Tuesday, March 12.

Download reservation form here.

Basketball

The SJA Jaguars basketball season ended with a 41-33 loss to North Royalton in the District Semi-Finals at Valley Forge High School.

Senior Ann Conroy led the Jaguars with 13 points, 8 rebounds; Senior Dajia Jones had 12 rebounds and 4 steals.

The Jaguars experienced some injuries that hurt their chances of a victory over the North Royalton Bears. However, despite these obvious hurdles, Coach Maggie Ferrando had high praise for the intense effort and toughness of her Jaguar team. Coach Ferrando also congratulated North Royalton on a fine performance.

The Jaguars finished their season with an outstanding record of 22-3, the best record in the history of Jaguar Basketball!

Congratulations to all the athletes! Well done!

Softball/Track & Field

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.

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.