Seniors Make Choices Official on "College Acceptances" Wall

The 161 members of the Class of 2013 followed the SJA tradition on Wednesday and placed paw print stickers on the card with their college or university of choice on the "College Acceptances" wall. The ceremony was tied into May 1st being recognized as National College Decision Day.

The wall is covered from ceiling almost to the floor with the white cards printed with seniors' names and the approximately 120 colleges and universities that have sent them acceptance letters. Students, most of whom were wearing a shirt from their soon-be-academic home, excitedly scanned the wall, looking for that single card with their name. Incoming Principal Mr. Jeff Sutliff, visiting the school in anticipation of starting on July 1, helped by holding the ladder for the ones whose names were too high to reach from the floor.

"We are so proud of all our seniors for their academic achievements and serious thought given in selecting a university. This is a huge step for many of the young women who may be the first in their families to pursue a college degree. Congratulations to all the seniors and thank you to the faculty who prepared them for this big step!" shared President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis '71.

"I am very excited at starting this next chapter in my life," added Amanda Moore, who will be attending John Carroll University in the fall. "I love looking at all the universities listed and where all my fellow classmates will be going to college!"

Academy Parents Sponsoring Uniform Resale Drive

The end of the school year is looming and with it - as our seniors are discovering - comes the joy and sadness of closing one door as another one opens. We are already starting to miss the Class of 2013!

As you start your spring cleaning, the Academy Parents group asks that you join our Annual Uniform Resale by donating your daughter’s gently used blouses, skirts, sweatshirts, sweaters and spirit wear. Please drop off the donated items in the office. Thank you for your generosity! Please contact parent volunteer Mrs. Mary Ann Nagel with questions or donations at Maracts@aol.com.

Meanwhile, as we recover from another fun-filled Paws For Pride celebration, let's enjoy this wonderful spring weather! ~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Intro to Engineering Students Have Elmo Dancing for Joy for Special Needs Children

Thirty-six toys, including nearly a dozen Elmos donated to the school, are being electronically reconfigured this week by Intro to Engineering students to enable special needs children to work the switches activating the toys. The reconfiguration is not easy - students must find the circuit boards, remove them and then figure out how to execute the rewiring to larger, user-friendly switches.

All this work is made possible thanks to a $500 FirstEnergy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education Grant awarded SJA last fall. This is the second round of toy adaptations. Students worked in November and December to prepare Christmas presents for use by children with disabilities who might have limited resources.

"The grant enabled us to buy the equipment needed to reconfigure the circuitry. It is a gift that keeps on giving," shared science teacher Mrs. Mary Ellen Foley Scott '76.

Freshman Christine Abdelshahib was working on an Elmo doll who, when his hand was pressed, danced the Hokey Pokey. "This is complicated, but it is fun and very interesting," she said. Christine was sitting next to Morgan Clark '15, who was working intently with a soldering iron, fusing circuitry for another dancing Elmo.

"We are so happy these toys will be used by special needs children who might not otherwise be able to play with electronic toys," stated Morgan.

In addition to Mrs. Scott, the students were also assisted in the work by engineer Mr. John Mago, father of Emily Mago '15.

Graphics Students Receive Top Awards for T-Shirt Designs

Members of the O*H*I*O Swim Masters Club know now to look to SJA for stellar graphic designs! For the second time in three years, an SJA Graphic Design student has created the winning entry in a contest to design a T-shirt for the 300-member club to hand out during its open water swim at Edgewater Park each summer.

The winning design was created by Nina Ripich '14. Rounding out a trio of talented design students who submitted stellar designs are Delaney Bak '14 (runner-up) and Alexis Brunk '14 (honorable mention).

The O*H*I*O (Old Hearts Inspiring Others) Masters Swim Club is the largest masters swim club in Ohio. The club’s representative, Mr. Dave Barberic (father of CORE Ministry theology teacher Ms. Alison Barberic ’01), came to the school on Tuesday to personally notify students of their wins.

“We were very impressed with all the entries and were happy to award first-place to Nina Ripich,” he shared.
Calling all SJA students and families! Are you ready for summer, with all its outdoor activities, to begin? Well, celebrate the start of that season with the inaugural Saint Joseph Academy race/walk, being held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. The “Earn Your Spots Jaguar 5K Race/1 Mile Walk” supports the Saint Joseph Academy Scholarship Fund. Cost is $20 for pre-registration, now through Friday, May 24 at 9 a.m.; Saint Joseph Academy students are being offered a discounted price of $15, pre-registration only; race day registration, $25. For online race registration, please go to www.hermescleveland.com.

Please mail and make checks payable to: Hermes Sports & Events, 1624 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114. Mail-in forms must be received by Wednesday, May 22. The race/walk starts at 9 a.m. on Memorial Day at Saint Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive, in Cleveland’s West Park neighborhood. The route includes parts of West Park and western Lakewood. For more information, please contact Alumnae Director Ms. Mary Ann Fischer ’66 at 216.619.1653 or maf@sja1890.org.

Start a new Memorial Day tradition, and help build the scholarship fund at Saint Joseph Academy at the same time by participating in the “Earn Your Spots 5K Race/1 Mile Walk” event!

Visit Saint Joseph Academy at The Hooley!

Plan on attending The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners? Make sure you and any young friends and family stop by the Saint Joseph Academy tent to participate in raffles for Summer Camp certificates, face painting, creating balloon animals and more. Plenty of SJA apparel also will be available for sale!

The Hooley on Kamm’s Corners will be next Saturday, May 11. Lorain Avenue will be closed from Rocky River Drive east to West 165th Street, from noon until 8 p.m. As a special treat, Cecilia’s Song will perform from 4-5 p.m. on the Family State at West 165th Street. See you there!

4th Annual Wigs for Kids/ Locks of Love Event

Do you have long hair and are considering getting it cut for the summer? You might want to take advantage of a free cut and style that at the same time helps those who have lost their hair due to disease or chemotherapy.

On Monday, May 20, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., stylists from Options Salon and Spa in Fairview Park will be at the school for the 4th Annual Wigs for Kids/Locks of Love Event. The donated hair, in turn, will be used to create wigs.

Interested students must sign up for Locks on Love on a Google spreadsheet (see your school e-mail for the link) and get written parental permission. Students must have hair at least 10 to 12 inches in length.

Please contact sophomore Allie Hippler at ahippler@sjastudents.org with questions.

SJA Hosts Visitors from CSJ Academies and El Salvador

On Monday, we welcomed a very special guest to our school - Hermana (Spanish for Sister) Irma from El Salvador. Hermana Irma is principal of a K-12 school with 900 students. Accompanied by Sister Martha Owen, OSU from Urban Community School, Hermana Irma spent several hours visiting classrooms, meeting students and learning about our educational programs. She knew at least one student already, however! Junior Liyanna Chandler-Nieves has twice traveled to El Salvador to volunteer at Hermana Irma’s school.

On Tuesday, SJA again hosted honored guests. This time it was representatives from the two other CSJ academies. Executive Director of CSJ Ministries Janet Fleischhacker, CSJ, and Associate Director Mr. Bill Gress facilitated the meeting. Mr. Dennis Moran and Ms. Deb Tracy, the president and principal from Nazareth Academy in suburban Chicago, joined President Jan Breen and Principal Linda Harvison of St. Joseph’s Academy (Baton Rouge), Mr. Jeff Sutliff, our incoming principal, and President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis.

“We were honored to host these distinguished visitors this week,” shared Mrs. Corrigan-Davis. “We are so proud of Saint Joseph Academy and all its faculty and students, and happy to share our experiences.”
**Bookstore Sale Through May**

Storewide "Spot the Savings" bargains will be available throughout the month of May at the Paw Prints Bookstore. Markdowns of 30 to 50 percent can be found on such items as shirts, sweatshirts, athletic items, mugs and socks.

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Paws For Pride 2013!

What single day could encompass a trip to New York City, Oz and South Beach, and encounters with Super Heroes? Why, Paws For Pride day at Saint Joseph Academy, of course! The winning class with the most Paws For Pride points ... the Juniors! Among their accomplishments, Juniors wowed in the hall-decoration category, recreating Staten Island, the New York City subway, Central Park and even a "Jagbucks" coffee shop. Their attention to detail, including mock-ups of the *New York Times* dated May 3, 2013 and announcing them the "winners" of Paws for Pride, wowed one and all. In the ever-popular, slightly deafening cheer competitions ... well, Seniors pulled off a victory. Kudos also to Freshmen with their Wizard of Oz theme, Sophomores for the beachy keen trip to Soph-Beach, and Seniors for being Super Hero Seniors.

Enjoy the photo montage of Paws For Pride 2013, including the bottom left photo featuring Senior and Sophomore siblings! Please visit our Facebook page for more pictures.
**Rugby**

Varsity crushed Amherst on Wednesday, April 24, with a final score of 86-0. Scoring for the Jaguars includes Terri Echols ’13, Chelsea Hirzel ’13, Katie Basalla ’14, Victoria Pelagalli ’13, Ali DeCrane ’14, Casi Manuszak ’15, Jackie Harter ’15, Lauren Brooks ’13, Amanda Burns ’15, Nicole Morino ’13, Gabby Schubert ’14 and Emily Pellegrino ’14. Ali put 21 points on the scoreboard, earning her Maiden of the Match.

JV lost to Highland 14-5. Katie Fanta ’15 scored the only try for the Jaguars. Katie earned Maiden of the Match for her leadership presence on the field.

Players had the opportunity to travel to the best rugby fields in the area for the Midwest Championship Rugby Tournament in Elkhart, Indiana, last weekend. Both Varsity and JV played two games on Saturday and one on Sunday. JV finished with a 2-1 record from the weekend beating Berkley 42-0 and Noblesville 29-10. Their only loss was to Vernon Park 12-5. Scores for JV include Rachel Kean ’16, Erin McGinty ’15, Nicole Morino ’13, Sierra Speck ’13 and Shauna Slezak ’15. Tayler Valentine ’15 and Rachel Kean ’16, both rookies, were chosen as “Maidens of the Tournament.”

Varsity ended with a respectable 4th place finish in the Championship Division, dropping only one place from their 3rd place finish in 2012. They beat Divine Savior “B” 24-5 but lost two upsetting matches to Catholic Memorial 26-0 and Armstrong 24-10. Scoring for the Jaguars included Amanda Burns ’15 and Moira McGuire ’13. Amanda and Katie Basalla ’14 were “Maidens of the Tournament.”

**Track & Field**

On Saturday, April 27, Brenna McGrath ’13 and Becca Sedlak ’14 qualified to the finals of the 400m dash at the Poland Invitational and finished 5th and 6th respectively. MaryKate Caja ’13 qualified to the finals of the 300 hurdles and finished 4th.

**Spring Sports Banquet**

The 2013 Spring Sports Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at Brennan’s Party Center in Cleveland on Triskett Road.

Please click on spring banquet for the reservation form. RSVPs are due on Tuesday, May 14.

**Crew**

Crew competed in the 2013 Ohio Governor’s Cup Regatta this past Saturday in Columbus. The competition was composed of 299 entries from 29 states. SJA earned four top-three finishes. The Lightweight 8+ team of Julia Herrel ’15, Sarah Johanek ’15, Charlotte Rouse ’15, Anne Grove ’14, Kelsey O’Donnell ’14, Stephanie Gorsek ’14, Nicole Hegeman ’13, Kristen Hegeman ’13, and coxswain Brittany Hegeman ’15 finished 3rd behind crews from Dayton and North Allegheny. The 2nd Novice 4+ of Sadie Frohnappe ’16, Jiana Koussa ’13, Abby Brunori ’15, AnnMarie Brady ’16, and coxswain Maia George ’16 finished in 2nd place. The 1st Novice 4+ of Kelsey Brinker ’16, Claire Tirpak ’16, Hannah Simmerly ’16, Olivia Kellogg ’16, and coxswain Sara Koussa ’16 finished in 3rd place. The Varsity Lightweight 4+ (Julia Herrel ’15, Sarah Johanek ’15, Nicole Hegeman ’13, Anne Grove ’14, and coxswain Brittany Hegeman ’15 won their race by a margin of 5 seconds.

The Jaguar Navy’s next race will be the Midwest Scholastic Championship on May 11-12 held at Lake Dillon in Nashport, OH.

**Softball**

The team played Magnificat on Tuesday, April 23. The Jags played hard and led 2-1 going into the 5th inning when Magnificat tied the game 2-2. The Jags switched the lead back in the top half of the sixth inning 3-2. Magnificat answered with 2 runs in the bottom of the sixth and held on for a 4-3 win.

On Friday, April 26, the Jaguars traveled to Akron Firestone Stadium to play in the Rock N Fire tournament. They lost to Lake Catholic 11-0. On Saturday, April 27, the team returned to Akron to face Mentor, with Mentor winning 13-7. The Jaguars finished the day facing a tough Field High School team. In the 5th inning, junior Shannon Scaggs hit a 3-run home-run to tie the game at 3-3. That is how the game would stay until time ran out and the teams had to go to the international tie breaker, in which the Jags lost 4-3.

JV vs. Magnificat-W 11-7
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**Brenna Heffernan ’15**

**Erin McGinty ’15**