Parents: At a Glance

February 15
Presidents' Day.
No school, office closed.

February 16
Mandatory Spring Sports meeting,
for parents/students in Track & Field,
Lacrosse and Softball, 6:30 p.m., The Academy Center.

February 19
No school, office open.

February 24
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

Students Support 'Cleveland Go Red for Women' Event
SJA students again provided invaluable help this year at the annual American Heart Association's "Cleveland Go Red for Women" event at the Cleveland Convention Center. Last Thursday, 20 students and Health Sciences Honors Program Coordinator Kelly Gallagher '09 went to the convention center to help set up for the event.
February 17
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

STArts (Arts Boosters) meeting,
6:30 p.m., Dining Hall.

February 19
No School. Office open.

February 20
“Celebrate the Academy,”
6 p.m., at SJA. Click here for more information.

February 23
Key Club blood drive. More information to follow.

February 24
Early Dismissal, 2 p.m.

February 26
Black History Month
Prayer Service, 2 p.m.

February 27
Save the date:
Father-Daughter Dance,
Brennan’s Party Center.

March 1, 2, 3
Junior Professional Shadowing.

Spotlight

Name: Hannah Rutkowski ’19

Accomplishment: Hannah has been selected as a member of The Cleveland

On Friday, 18 students, as well as President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 and Dean of Women Marie Ciolek attended the American Heart Association Go Red Health Expo and Luncheon. “Students volunteered in many ways including helping with registration, CPR demonstrations and as greeters,” said Ms. Ciolek. Full Story

Spiritually Uplifting Kairos XXXIV

Forty-six retreatants and seven senior leaders gathered at the St. Leonards Retreat Center last week for Kairos XXXIV. Kairos retreats focus on participants finding their own personal relationship with God during a few days of discerning and discovery. Through the course of the retreat, a building of a strong community takes place, through the conditioning of the Processors opinion of openness reflection and trust.

Pictured are: Back row, l-r: Christine Zaky ‘17, Science teacher Bryce Ormiston, Charde Davis ’17 and Brionna Scebbi ‘17. Front row, l-r: Julia McDermott ’17, Elise Scullin ’17, senior student leader Sara Koussa ’16, Sara Pochatek ’17 and Maxine McGuire ’17.

Ash Wednesday Mass
Starts Lenten Season

Students, faculty and staff began the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday Mass and the receiving of ashes. This time of spiritual reflection and sacrifice leads us all to the holy celebration of Easter. Celebrant was the Rev. Martin J. Connell, SJ, rector of the Cleveland Jesuit Community.

"The best analogy to our Catholic commitment to Lent is to think about a three-legged stool," shared CORE Ministry teacher Cathy Lanning Knittel ’67. "Each leg represents an important component of our preparation for Easter. One leg is prayer, one is alms-giving and one is fasting. If any of these components is missing, the stool will collapse, or at least become unsteady."
Orchestra Youth Chorus, the 100-member chorus featuring students in grades 9-12 representing 40 schools and communities. She joins two other SJA students - Maya Cundiff '17 and Elise Scullin '17 - as members of the prestigious chorus.

**Fun Facts:** Hannah loves singing - a passion she discovered in the 4th grade when she first participated in a school musical. "I applied for Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus after seeing the story of two of my fellow students in the chorus."

Hannah's favorite subjects are Latin, science and history. "I'd really like to major in a scientific field," she said. "I am thinking of majoring in engineering, chemistry, or life science, and minoring in musical theater, or song/musical study."

Hannah is currently involved in the SJA spring production of "Little Shop of Horrors." She is also in Show Choir, and is involved in the Music Ministry. She is a member of Concert Band, both at SJA and at St. Edward High School.

Hannah volunteers at Our Lady of Angels parish every Saturday, helping those students prepare for their school musical, "The Lion King." She also travels to St. Colman's every month to serve a community meal and is a Student Ambassador.

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**Students Excel at OMEA Competition**

Vocal and instrumental music students received Superior and Outstanding ratings last weekend at the OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) District 4 High School Solo and Ensemble Contest. The contest, held at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, involved 850 performers from 34 area schools.

The following students received a Superior Rating: Grace Grove ’18, Kylie Schmitz ’19, Lydia Rozic ’18 and Mary Walsh-Hilf ’18 (Brass Quartet No. 1); Claudia Stephens ’18, Julia Hontaruk-Levko ’19, Kari DeChant ’18 (String Trio No. 1); and Genevieve Kramer ’19 (Flute Solo); Kala Seeholzer-Siebert ’17, Lauren Coletto ’18, Maria Alamir ’18 (Flute Trio).

Students receiving an Outstanding Rating: Claudia Stephen ’18, Julia Hontaruk-Levko ’19, Imani Hill ’19 (String Trio No. 2); Claudia Stephens ’18 (Violin Solo); Julia Hontaruk-Levko ’19 (Piano Solo and Violin Solo); Alyza Titschinger ’18, Chloe Royak ’19, Frannie Smith ’17 and Kailah Gordon ’19 (Brass Quartet No. 2).

"Our students performed very well," shared Music teacher David Mumford. "I was very proud of them all!"

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**A Special Night for Dads and Daughters!**

Dads have a great opportunity to celebrate their special bond with their daughters on Saturday, February 27, at the annual Father/Daughter Dance. The dance - *for all grade levels*! - is at Brennan's Party
Location: Oxford, OH (5 hours from Cleveland) Rural, small town.

Enrollment: 15,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Business, science, education.

Fun Facts: George Clooney and his crew recently finished filming "The Ides of March" almost exclusively on Miami's campus! [www.miamioh.edu]

The evening includes dinner, dessert and beverages. Entertainment is being provided by a DJ and there will be a photo booth to preserve the night's memories.

RSVP forms are available in the Main Office. You may also find the form here. Deadline to reserve a spot is Thursday, February 18. Make checks payable to Saint Joseph Academy.

Questions? Please contact Mothers’ Club President Mary Zavoda P’17 at Zavoda@sbcglobal.net.

It’s Not Too Late! Join Us for 'Celebrate the Academy'

Our annual "Celebrate the Academy" gala is Saturday, February 20 at SJA. This fun evening helps us fund crucial scholarship and academic initiatives. Event chairs are Michael and Lisa Adkins Lonsway ‘84, P’18. RSVP deadline is next Wednesday, February 17.

"Celebrate the Academy" begins with cocktails and the silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a live auction. For more information or to buy tickets, click here.

For more information on "Celebrate the Academy," please contact Carolyn Novak ’06 at 216.251.6788 x224 or by email.

Reminder: Mandatory Meeting for Spring Sports Is Next Tuesday

Any student who plans to participate in Track & Field, Softball or Lacrosse (new this year!) and has not played a fall or winter sport at SJA this season is required to attend a meeting on February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in The Academy Center. (Crew and Rugby students/parents need not attend.) This meeting should be attended by the student and a parent. Students who have played a sport this year at SJA should also attend, but are only required to attend the second portion of the evening beginning at 7 p.m. The 6:30 meeting, which includes information about what students need to complete to participate/tryout, will be followed by the 7 p.m. individual sports meetings led by the head coaches.

Please contact Athletic Director John Manuszak here, or your head coach (contact information can be found on the website here) with any questions.

Girls in 6th, 7th Grade Invited to 'Leadershop'
Leaders aren't just born. Leadership qualities need to be nurtured and encouraged. Young girls will be given tools to be future role models at our annual Leadershop event, being offered at SJA on Friday, May 6, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for girls in grades 6 and 7. It is a day full of fun hands-on activities, SJA student-led presentations, lunch in our Dining Hall and a campus tour. Admission is $10 per student. Lunch is included. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, email here; to sign up, go here.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL
The Jaguars finished their regular season this past week with a win at Laurel and a home loss against Avon. On Saturday, February 6, at Laurel, the Jaguars posted a 62-39 win, thanks in large part to a 37-17 lead at halftime.

On Wednesday, February 10, the regular season finale was senior night for the Jaguars lone senior, Rachael Kean. SJA lost, but 10 Jaguars scored in the game, led by 10 from Gia DiMassa ’17 and 8 each from Colleen Drellishak ’17 and Rachael Kean ’16.

The Jaguars begin OHSAA tournament play on Thursday, February 18 as they take on John Marshall High School. The game will be played at 7 p.m. at Valley Forge High School.

SWIMMING
Swimmers will take part in the sectional swim meet on Saturday, February 13, at Cleveland State University, beginning at noon. Please come out and support the Jaguars as they look to qualify individuals and relay teams to the district meet. Also, good luck to diver Brittany Miller ’18 who will be competing at diving districts on Tuesday, February 16 at Bowling Green State University.