Students' Talents Shine in 'A Touch of Classical'

Musicians and singers were shining stars on Thursday night as they performed in the annual "A Touch of Classical" spring concert. Featured were the String Orchestra, Concert Band, The Academy Chorale and the Handbell Ensemble.
Talent Show, 7-9 p.m., auditorium.

April 28
Paws for Pride Walk-Through for parents, family and friends, 6-8 p.m.

April 29
Paws for Pride, students only, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

May 4
Spring Scholarship Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Westwood Country Club. Email here with questions.

May 11
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

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STArts (parent boosters group for the arts) meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Dining Hall.

Highlighted selections included "Dance on My Heart" by the choral music department, an original composition by Molly Stofko '16 from Music Theory class, and instrumental selections such as "Phantom of the Opera," "Concerning Hobbits" and music from "Downton Abbey" and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." The concert concluded with a rousing rendition of "King Cotton" by John Phillip Sousa.

Here is a Facebook album of the evening.

Inaugural Health Sciences Honors Program Participants Honored

Eighteen seniors attended a special luncheon this week, honoring them for their success as inaugural Health Sciences Honors Program participants. The program, which requires completion of rigorous honors and AP course work, prepares students for the academic challenges of a career in the health sciences. It encourages compassion and empathy as students embark on their future studies. The luncheon, organized by Health Sciences Honors Program Coordinator Kelly Gallagher ‘09, recognized the hard work of the seniors as they prepare for graduation.

Students Celebrate Earth Day 2016

L-R: SJA students with the Trash Talkers are Tammy Pham ‘17, Annie Wolodzko ‘17, Leah VanDine ‘16, Jordan Wilson ‘16 and Marisa Petticord ‘17.

Students celebrated Earth Day 2016 with numerous activities - including a concert by St. Edward High School's Trash Talkers - honoring that "We Are
Fun Facts: Maria is a coxswain in the Jaguar Navy. This is her fourth season on the team. "I love the feeling of team camaraderie. I think that being a part of a team brings out the best in me because I want to give it my all. I also think that being a part of a team tests your abilities physically and mentally, and I love to be challenged."

Maria was in "A Touch of Classical" concert this week, performing on the flute and the violin. "I also play the piano and keyboard bass, but love the flute and violin," she said. "I've grown up around music, and it has been a hobby of mine for as long as I can remember. Music is a beautiful form of art. To be able to create music by simply playing an instrument is astounding."

Maria's favorite subject is Spanish. "I love learning about new cultures," shared Maria. "I also think travel is the best way to discover culture, but classrooms are the next best place. To be able to understand others around the world is a skill that I've always wanted to master."

Right now, Maria is leaning toward studying psychiatry in college. "I'm not sure where I want to go to college, but I know I would like to attend medical school and eventually have my own practice."

Juniors Explore Options at Jesuit College Fair

The Class of 2017 is getting help making college plans, thanks in part to such events as this week's Jesuit College Fair held in the auditorium. Part of the nationwide Jesuit Excellence Tour, the event enabled students to obtain information on the University of Detroit Mercy, Wheeling Jesuit College, Loyola of Maryland in Baltimore, Loyola University Chicago, St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, John Carroll University, Marquette University in Milwaukee, LeMoyne College in Syracuse, Xavier University, Canisius College in Buffalo, Saint Peter's University in Jersey City, Saint Louis University and Regis University in Denver.

The Magic Number Is … Seven!

We are so close! We only need seven more parents to make a minimum gift of $25 to the Annual Fund to receive a $25,000 anonymous gift! The donor offered to make the generous gift if at least 25 percent of our current parents make the commitment of donating $25 to support our incredible students and faculty.

We know that Saint Joseph Academy parents are an amazing group of people. We see the proof in your daughters each day. We are so close! Please click here to make your commitment today and help us reach this goal.

All Mothers Welcome to Help Support Scholarship Fund at Annual Spring Luncheon
Location: Akron, Ohio (1 hour from Cleveland).

Enrollment: 22,500 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: Business, dietetics, education, engineering, nursing.

Fun Facts: In 1927, a campus-wide contest was conducted to choose a nickname for the University's athletic teams. A student suggested "Zippers," which was also the name of a popular rubber overshoe sold by Akron's B.F. Goodrich Co. In 1950, the athletic director shortened the nickname to the "Zips."

Mothers, please join us Wednesday, May 4, for the annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon. This popular event will once again be held at the Westwood Country Club in Rocky River. Bring a friend, enjoy a delicious luncheon and participate in a raffle. All proceeds benefit the SJA Scholarship Fund.

Fun-filled Adventures, Learning at SJA's Summer Camps!
Discover! Learn! Grow! Do you have young children looking for something fun to do this summer? We can help them improve a skill or develop a new talent. From basketball to leadership to photography to musical theater and everything in-between, Saint Joseph Academy Summer Camps have it all! Space is limited, so register early.

For details and to register, visit www.sja1890.org/summercamps. Call 216.251.4868 if you have questions.

Help Us Ensure Safe Prom, Graduation Season
Administrators from six area Catholic high schools are jointly asking senior parents to help them ensure a safe and happy prom and graduation season. As part of an educational effort, the administrators have composed a letter outlining the details of the 1989 Amendment to the Ohio Revised Code, commonly known as the "Keg Law," that holds individuals responsible for underage drinking on property under their control.

Here is a copy of the letter. Parents of seniors are urged to read it.
SPORTS

SOFTBALL
On Wednesday, April 20, Varsity lost 8-4 against Elyria Catholic. Mallorie Ambrosio '18 and Maddie Kimble '17 combined to only allow 8 hits from the mound. The offense was led by Hannah Nodge '19 and Hannah Hill '17 with 2 hits apiece. McKenzie Milligan '17 also added a long home run in the 4th inning.

JV defeated Holy Name 11-3 and Mentor 17-13. Leading hitters were Katie Kettel '18, Ava Trevino '18, Kylie Schmitz '19, Alyssa Perez '16 and Summer Cadle '18.

LACROSSE
Varsity lacrosse came out strong with a 8-4 win against Solon High School.

TRACK & FIELD
The team finished 3rd of 8 teams Friday, April 15, at the Lakewood Ranger Relays, just 12 points behind the winners. Leading the way were the shot put relay team of Morgan Schauer '17, Sam Burke '19, Emma Pesicka '19, and discus relay team of Morgan, Emma, and Julia McNamara '19. Senior Kye Williams was the best jumper in the high jump competition and was part of the winning 4 x 200m relay, as well as finishing 2nd in the 100H.

On April 19, Varsity fell but JV won in the annual dual meet with Magnificat at St. Edward High School. In Varsity, junior Lauren Zawie had a successful day winning the 100m and 200m dashes, as well as being part of the winning 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relays. Senior Bridget McGuire won the pole vault for the 4th consecutive year. Senior Kye Williams was on the winning 4 x 100, won the 100H and long jump, and was 2nd in high jump. Junior Maggie Wagner won the 1600.

In the JV meet, freshmen Sam Burke, Julia McNamara, Molly Corrigan, and Cassandra Van Etten were the big point earners for the Jaguars, along with sophomores Brook Miller and Sydney Hollenbeck, and juniors Abby Logar and Rita Flanagan.

RUGBY
The Jaguars started the league season strong on April 17 with an 84-0 win against the Brunswick Blue Devils. Showing her commitment to every breakdown earned Yassmine Valentine '17 "Maiden of the Match." Scoring tries for the Jaguars also included Mary Hirzel '16, Teresa Kelly '16, Kelsie Brinker '16 and Brionna Scebbi '17.

JV defeated the Medina Bees 51-0. Scoring tries for the Jaguars included Caitlin Patton '19, Anna Schubert '18, Julia Ham '18, Claire Forrestal '18, Angelica Simpson '17, Anna Zavoda '17 and Mariah Rodriguez '16. Maggie Sweeney '18 was influential in leading the team to another victory scoring two tries. Building her knowledge of the game and her field awareness also earned her the title "Maiden of the Match."

CREW
Crew competed in the Dillon Lake Scholastic Sprints in Nashport, Ohio, on Saturday, April 16. Here is a link to the full results. Varsity 8+ came in third in the finals; N4+ were 1st overall and F8+ came in 2nd overall.

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