Seniors Proudly Announce College Acceptance Choices

On Monday, 159 proud members of the Class of 2016 gathered at the College Acceptances Wall and ceremonially placed a Jaguar paw sticker on the name of the college of their choice.

This acknowledgment of college choices

Kendra Cundiff '16 will be attending John Carroll University.
May 19
Jazz and Cabaret Night,
auditorium,
7-9 p.m.

May 21
Senior Prom,
Windows on the River, 6 p.m.
(photos at SJA starting 4 p.m.)

May 25
Early dismissal, 2 p.m.

May 26
Honors Convocation, 1 p.m.,
The Academy Center.
Tree Night & Baccalaureate
Mass, 6-9 p.m., at SJA

May 27
Senior Farewell Mass &
Alumnae Induction, 12:30 p.m.,
Our Lady of Angels Church

May 30
“Earn Your Spots
5K/1 Mile Walk,” at SJA,
7:30 a.m. Email here for more info

May 30
No school; office closed, Memorial Day

May 31
Walk of the Roses,
6:15 p.m.
Class of 2016 Graduation,
7-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church

Spotlight

Spotlight signals the start of the seniors’ journey to graduation. The event was in conjunction with National College Decision Day.

The Class of 2016 has been accepted to 110 universities, with the most popular choices being Cleveland State, John Carroll, Miami, Ohio, Ohio State and Walsh universities. Other popular choices included Baldwin Wallace University, Allegheny College, Colby College, Marquette University, Pennsylvania State University and Syracuse University.

Here is a Facebook album of the ceremony.

Seniors Reflect Upon Their SJA Experiences

Before the Class of 2016 graduates, many of them shared their sentiments about attending Saint Joseph Academy. These reflections were compiled into a video called "Senior Reflections." Click here to learn what they feel makes Saint Joseph Academy so special, what advice they would give young girls who are considering attending SJA, and what they will miss once they graduate.

Great Lakes Science Center Puts Learning Into Context

Freshmen Physical Science students visited the Great Lakes Science Center this week, witnessing first-hand many of the concepts studied in this science. Among the activities were exploring electricity and magnetism; light and optics; motion and mechanics; and sound and
Name: Elaine Vilem '17

Accomplishment:
Elaine was selected to perform this coming summer with the 2016 Crossmen Drum Corps, a non-profit organization of 150 youth performers who excel in three areas: brass, percussion and color guard. Elaine was chosen from a pool of more than 900 teens from around the world for this honor.

Fun Facts: Elaine will train in San Antonio one weekend per month through May, before spending the summer traveling across the United States to perform and compete in the Drum Corps International Summer Music Games in August.

“This will be my rookie season with Crossmen, but this will be my third season (and second season as captain) of color guard with the St. Edward Marching Band,” shared Elaine. “Drum Corps International is an organization that essentially is a marching band on steroids. There are brass instruments, a drum line, a front ensemble and the color guard. It’s very athletic, intense and competitive. I will be spinning flag and auditioning for a spot in the sabre line when I arrive at spring training in a couple weeks. Our summer season ends at DCI Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium the second week of August.”

Elaine’s favorite subjects are resonance. In addition, the students were able to visit the BioMedTech Gallery, which details advances in medical technology and engineering. The interactive exhibits focus on genomics, stem cells, prosthetics, functional electrical stimulation (FES), infectious diseases and medical imaging.

Physical Science Students Analyze Metroparks Ecosystems

Last week, Science teacher Maureen Becker’s Environmental Science class of juniors and seniors completed a half day field study of a section of the Rocky River Metroparks. They will compare the data from soil and water samples with additional data that will be collected in a separate trip to the North Chagrin Metroparks. The data should highlight the differences in ecosystems located in the same geographic area.

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.

Spring Has Sprung! Support Junior Class at Plant and Vegetable Sale
English and government. She regularly tutors math to a 7th grade student.

"I'm considering anthropology, political science, or possibly psychology as possible college majors, but ultimately, I want to attend law school."

The weather is finally looking a bit like spring! Now is the time to create a beautiful and colorful yard with a wide variety of hanging flower baskets, flats and pots. The Class of 2017 is having a plant and vegetable sale through Dean's Greenhouse. The fundraiser will help the class offset the cost of prom. Place and pay for your orders online. Plant orders will be delivered to SJA for pickup on Tuesday, May 24. Orders must be placed by May 11.

Please share this opportunity with friends and family!

Visit here to see the plants available and to place your order.

Freshman Named WEWS/Channel 5 Student Athlete of the Week

Congratulations to Ella Calleri ’19! She was named this week’s McDonald's Student Athlete of the Week for WEWS NewsChannel 5 for her prowess on SJA's newest sports team – lacrosse.

"Ella is a great asset to our lacrosse team," shared Coach Laureen Antall. "Ella's experience has helped all of our players improve in their ability and confidence. Her determination is evident in her ability to work hard during each and every game, but her patience and encouragement with her teammates is wonderful!"

Here is a link to the segment.
SOFTBALL
This week, Varsity had four victories and only one loss, bringing its record to 13-9 on the season. Mallorie Ambrosio '18 was outstanding on the mound all week, picking up all four wins. On April 29, the Jaguars defeated Strongsville 7-0. On April 30, the team defeated North Ridgeville 17-3 and Vermilion 7-6 to win the Firelands Quad tournament. On May 3, they celebrated Senior Night with a 14-3 win over rival Magnificat. Sydnie Whitaker '17 added the "walkoff" 3-run home run to end the game in the bottom of the 6th. On May 5, the Jaguars lost a tough game 6-3.

Due to bad weather, JV did not play this week.

LACROSSE
On May 3, JV picked up its first win of the season in a tight game at Wadsworth. The first-year Jaguars had been close in several games this season but were able to post an exciting 3-2 win. Varsity dropped a pair of games this week to Wadsworth and Gilmour. Saturday marks the final home game for the Jaguars this season as the program's five seniors will be honored prior to the game.

Congratulations and thank you to seniors Emily Hanes, Kaylee Hargis, Kathleen Loftus, Molly Nar and Clare Tirpak.

TRACK & FIELD
The Jaguars continue preparations for the postseason. The team competed in the Mentor Relays on April 30. The highlight was junior Olivia Battistoni, who won the 1600 meter run. The shuttle hurdle relay team of Monica Hahn '16, Jessica Wrenn '17, Kye Williams '16 and Rita Flanagan '17 also won their event, while Kye also won the high jump. On May 2, the team ran a meet at Gilmour Academy and several Jaguars had strong performances, including Jessica, who won the 100 meter hurdles and Timmia Crayton-Prioleau '19, who won the 100 meter dash.

RUGBY
At last week's Midwest Championship 2016 in Elkhart, IN, Varsity clinched its first victory over Brookfield, WI with a 31-0 final thanks to five tries from Annie Rolf '17, and three conversion kicks by Regina Baldado '18. JV also won its first game 25-5 over Plainfield, IL. Tries were scored in this game by Claire Forrestal '18 and Angelica Simpson '17. JV also won against rivals Lakewood with a score of 53-0. Varsity fell to last year's champion from Wisconsin.

On Sunday, Varsity turned up the intensity and beat Warsaw, IN 36-7, which placed them third at the Tournament. Scoring in this game included Rachael Kean '16, Annie Rolf '17, Regina Baldado '18, Becky Sullivan '16 and Hannah Carruthers '18. Also on Sunday, JV lost to Divine Savior Holy Angels. Tournament Rookie MVPs were Lizzy Fox '19 and Kara Whalen '19. Outstanding scoring and field Dominance MVPs were Angelica Simpson '17 and Claire Forrestal '18. Overall "Maiden of the Tournament" was awarded to Annie Rolf '17.

Varsity and JV both posted dominant, shut-out wins on Wednesday, May 4, against rival Lakewood. Varsity won 38-0 over Lakewood. Rachael Kean '16 and Hannah Carruthers '18 each had multiple tries for the Jaguars. The team will celebrate Senior Day on Sunday, May 8, as they host Parma at St. Edward High School.

CREW
Crew competed on April 30 in Illinois. First-place finishes included: 2V8+, N8+, 2N8+, 3V4+ and N4+.

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