



## WEEKLY UPDATE



### Senior Honored by Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio

Senior Melissa Brodsky was one of three Northeast Ohio students named a “Diversity Champion” at the Charter One Youth Leadership Luncheon held Friday, January 27, at John Carroll University and sponsored by The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio. Hundreds of area students were nominated for the honor.

Melissa and five other students were at the lunch representing the Unity Leadership Organization, a school group dedicated to eliminating racism, educating about prejudice and raising community awareness about diversity issues.

“Melissa has taken on the goal of talking in a gentle and understanding way to girls who are exploring their feelings about sexuality,” shared teachers Mrs. Michelle Kelly-Flanagan and Mrs. Suzanne Smiley-Rozic, Unity Club moderators. “She is the epitome of a Diversity Champion.”

“I was honored to be chosen,” stated Melissa.

“I was moved by the number of young people who care about issues surrounding diversity,” shared Victoria Seigers ‘12.

About 250 students attended the lunch, which featured the producer and director of “Not In Our Town: Light Into Darkness,” a compelling PBS special that documented how residents of Patchogue, New York, dealt with the blatantly racist murder of an Ecuadorian immigrant.



L-R: Graciela Baez '12, Victoria Seigers '12, Melissa Brodski '12, Angela Burgio '12, Margaret Mertus '13, Jasmine Massa '12

### MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Joseph Academy, rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph, fosters unifying relationships with God and all creation, empowers each young woman to achieve academic excellence, and inspires a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society.

### Academy Parents Meeting is Monday

It’s been another great week at SJA! Catholic Schools Week has been a blast. One highlight (and there were many!) was that we heard from some of the Sisters who formerly taught at SJA. Their stories help us remember that we are part of a 121-year history. Next week, we will be hosting a visit from some members of the CSJ Ministries Board of Directors so they can see the quality Catholic education the Congregation helps us provide.

Believe it or not, it’s already time to begin planning next school year’s class schedules. Please join us Monday, February 6, for an Academy Parents meeting. We will talk about Advanced Placement and the new classes being offered in 2012-13. The Academy Parents are also looking for parents to help plan the upcoming Father/Daughter Dance and an end of the year Mother/Daughter Mass. Join us at 7 p.m. for this important meeting!

Once again, thank you for your continued support of Catholic education.

Blake J. Prewitt, Ed.S., *Principal*



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## Mechanical Engineer Shows Students Global Compassion

Mechanical engineer Matt Kashuk saw a need in the Narumu Secondary School run by the Diocese of Moshi in a remote Tanzanian village and decided to help. He and other members of the group Engineers Without Borders traveled from Northeast Ohio in 2011 and spent weeks at the school building a water tower that holds up to 10,000 gallons. The tank freed the 300 girls at the boarding school from pre-dawn trips down an often-muddy and slippery slope to gather the day's water needs from a probably contaminated stream.

The engineers and volunteers didn't stop when the tower was built, he told students in Mr. John Lesko's pre-engineering class. He and other volunteers put together a solar-powered system to cleanse the water and make it potable.

In addition to showing that serving the dear neighbor doesn't stop at the end of formal schooling, Mr. Kashuk was illustrating to the students that engineering careers are far from dry and boring.

"Whatever engineering path is chosen, there are options to make a difference in the world, especially in the areas of sustainability and helping others," he shared.

"The story about the school was fascinating," stated Jillian Tesny '12. "I had no idea engineering could be such an interesting career with global opportunities."



L-R: Caroline Speice '13, Mr. Matt Kashuk, Jillian Tesny '12



## College Corner



Ashland University

**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](http://www.ashland.edu)

## Student Awarded Knights of Columbus Scholarship

On Tuesday, January 31, senior Laura Mayer was presented with a \$1,000 college scholarship check from the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Laura was awarded the scholarship by Mr. Robert Sears of the Knights of Columbus. She was one of eight students chosen for the honor from 20 area high schools. Laura plans on attending Ohio State University, where she is going to major in Occupational Therapy.

"It was such an emotional moment when I received the e-mail telling me I was chosen for a scholarship," shared Laura. "My grandfather was in the Knights of Columbus, so that makes this even more special. I am very grateful."

"You are going to go a long way in life, Laura," predicted Mr. Sears.



Laura Mayer '12, Mr. Robert Sears

## Save the Date!

Please come join the Academy Parents Monday, February 6, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Topics and speakers are:

Ms. Emily Hanson '99, Assistant Principal: Scheduling your daughter.

Ms. Susan Jensen, Director of College Counseling: What is Advanced Placement and why your daughter should take AP classes.

We will also be planning the spring parent events such as the Father-Daughter Dance and Mother-Daughter Mass.

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## Catholic Schools Week Was a Time of Sharing, Caring



Mrs. Cathy Lanning Knittel '67, Mrs. Jill Satanek Garlock '92, Emily Caja '13



Amanda Miller '12, Sr. Marietta Starrie, CSJ '49



Katie Dorow '13 and Mary Kate Healey '13

Catholic Schools Week celebrates the value of a Catholic education, and students spent the last five days honoring the dedication of the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, faculty, staff and parents. In turn, faculty and staff thanked students for their efforts and work to serve the dear neighbor! The focus of the annual Catholic Schools Week was the three priorities of faith, academics and service. Activities included students sharing lunch at the Motherhouse and presenting CSJs with a cake, students interviewing sisters for special videos detailing their SJA experiences, an ice cream social with faculty members dishing it out to students, and a special Mass in The Academy Center celebrated by the Rev. Lawrence Ober, S.J. of Saint Ignatius High School. Here are some pictures of the highlights!



Karianne Stanton '14, Clare Panek '14, Julie Morris '15



Abby Graora '12, Jessica Sirchen '12



Sr. Madeline Lammermeier, CSJ '44, Katie Speice '12



Abbey Vogel '12 and Sr. Juanita Shealey, CSJ

### “Night at the Races” is March 10!

The Saint Joseph Academy Athletic Boosters’ “Night at the Races,” the major annual fundraiser benefiting all SJA athletic programs, is Saturday, March 10, from 6 p.m. to midnight in The Academy Center. Cost is \$20 per person. Race horses are \$20 each. For more information and to order tickets, call Terri Malisheski Costanzo '79 at 440.669.6617 or Patty Finau at 216.548.4485, or go to:



<http://www.sja1890.org/?page=BoostersInfo>

### “Totally Fun” Dance Planned

The Father-Daughter Dance, a special night for *all* four classes, is rockin’ the theme “Totally ‘80s” and, like, the organizers totally want you to reserve your spot by Monday, February 27. The dance is Friday, March 2, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Brennan’s Party Center, 13000 Triskett Road, Cleveland. The evening will include a photo booth, great food, a D.J., and dancing. Big hair, padded shoulders, overdone make-up and sequins are optional.

Cost is \$70 a couple (\$15 extra for each additional daughter). For more information and to reserve tickets, contact parent Mrs. Tammi Olle at 440-503-1686 or at [tamolle1@gmail.com](mailto:tamolle1@gmail.com).

### Coming Soon: “Celebrate the Academy”

Please join us for “Celebrate the Academy,” an elegant, memorable evening to benefit Scholarship and Academic Initiatives! The event is Saturday, February 18, at LaCentre Conference Center, Westlake

Contact Amy Kocian, Development Director, 216.251.6788 x 288 or [akocian@sja1890.org](mailto:akocian@sja1890.org), for more information or tickets.

## Basketball

Varsity beat Brunswick High School 47-43 on Wednesday, January 25. The Jags were led by Emma Tilow '12, who scored 13 points.

**JV:** Won 39-22      **Freshman:** Won 38-26

On Saturday, January 28, the Jaguars led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter against highly ranked Magnificat High School. Unfortunately, they couldn't sustain the lead. The Jaguars fought hard and played tough, but Magnificat had a dominant fourth quarter to seal the victory 68-41. The Jaguars were led by Emma Tilow '12, who had 11 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists.

**Varsity Record:** 8-9

**JV:** Won 47-45      **Freshman:** Lost 19-40

Freshman vs. Walsh Jesuit High School-January 31<sup>st</sup>-Lost in double overtime 42-44



Emma Tilow '12

## Swimming & Diving

The Jaguars were led by Emma Ryan '12 and Kaleigh Tuck-Macalla '13 in the 98-88 win over the Lakewood Rangers on Wednesday, January 25. It was the first time Jaguar swimmers defeated Lakewood, making the day even sweeter for nine graduating senior athletes (pictured).

Emma Ryan '12 was the winner of both the 100m butterfly and the 100m backstroke and Kaleigh Tuck-Macalla '13 won the 1-meter diving. The 200m Freestyle relay team of Caitlyn Cingle '12, Emma Ryan '12, Maddie Zimmerman '14 and Katrin Kugler-Blayney '14 also took first, with a time of 148.88 (only fractions off a school record). The depth of the Jaguar swimmers really worked to seal this cross-town win. Placing second for the Jaguars was the 200m Medley Relay of Sarah Sofish '14, Grace Harter '12, Dana Walsh '12 and Caitlyn Cingle '12. Sarah Sofish '14 also finished second in the 200m and 500m freestyle. Other second-place finishes included Grace Harter '12 in the 200m individual medley; Maddie Zimmerman '14 in the 50m freestyle and 100m breaststroke; Katrin Kugler-Blayney '15 in the 100m freestyle; and the 400m freestyle relay team of Maddie Zimmerman '14, Katrin Kugler-Blayney '15, Sarah Sofish '14 and Emma Ryan '12.



Back Row, Senior Swimmers, L-R: Lexi Kljun, Dana Walsh, Jennifer Bajorek, Caitlyn Cingle, Nadia Swit.  
Front Row, L-R: Maggie Boyer, Grace Harter, Morgan Draves, Emma Ryan.

The Jaguars finished third of 10 teams on Saturday, January 28, at the Hathaway Brown Blazer Invitational. Finishing top for the Jaguars was Emma Ryan '12. She won the 100m butterfly and finished second in the 200m Individual Medley. Maddie Zimmerman '14 and Grace Harter '12 finished 6th and 7th respectively in the 100m breaststroke. The Jaguars showed incredible depth and many swimmers earned points that allowed them to out-swim the fourth-place Hathaway Brown swimmers.

Jaguar swimmers defeated Beaumont 97-83 on Tuesday, January 31, at Hathaway Brown School. Leading the way for the Jaguars were individual winners Emma Ryan '12, who won the 100m butterfly and 100m backstroke, and Maddie Zimmerman '14 who won the 100m breaststroke. Also winning for the Jaguars was the 400m freestyle relay team of Katrin Kugler-Blayney '15, Sarah Sofish '14, Maddie Zimmerman '15 and Emma Ryan '12. Individually earning second-place finishes for the Jaguars included Kiera Grady '15, Dana Walsh '12, Katrin Kugler-Blayney '15, Sarah Sofish '14 and Grace Harter '12. Eight Jaguars compete at the JV Championship on Saturday, February 4, in Canton. The rest of the Jaguars begin the post-season at Sectionals, being held at Lakewood High School on Friday, February 10.

## Rugby Fundraiser

Come support our Jaguar Rugby program at P.J. McIntyre's, 17119 Lorain Ave. (Kamm's Corners) on Friday, February 17, 6 to 9 p.m. Admission includes draft beer, soda, appetizers and dessert, sideboards and a 50/50 raffle.

To reserve your \$20 tickets, e-mail Brenda Basalla at [bbasalla@ameritech.net](mailto:bbasalla@ameritech.net) or call 216-228-3959. Only ages 21 and older please.

