



*2011 Summer Newsletter*

## Congratulations Class of 2011!

Our graduation ceremony was held on Sunday, June 5th at the Cathedral of St. for their outstanding academic accomplishments. We closed as we opened our

### *Our Mission*

In the spirit of Saint Joan Antida Thouret, we prepare young women to lead and serve in a global society through a values-based Catholic education

### *Our Vision*

Saint Joan Antida High School is the gateway to educational excellence and service for young women who will live and lead in a multicultural world



A group of senior girls smile before receiving their diplomas

John the Evangelist. We couldn't have asked for a better day. Our graduates were radiant in their caps and gowns. Proud parents, family members, faculty, and friends assembled to celebrate an afternoon filled with prayer and inspiration. We were pleased to have Paula Pennebaker, President of the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee, as our Commencement Speaker. Our graduates were inspired to go out into the world to pursue their post secondary goals and aspirations. We were pleased to acknowledge Valedictorian Kateri Dunclee and Salutatorian Sukaina Yacoob

celebration with prayer as our graduates journey forth to share their gifts with the world...and light the way to the future.



Cindy Marino and Paula Pennebaker after the Graduation ceremony

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# A Letter from the Head of School:

## *Cynthia Marino*

Dear SJA Family,

After experiencing my 7th graduation ceremony on June 5, I remain in awe of the experience. Our girls and their families do such an impressive job of celebrating this special event while respecting the solemn site of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. After participating in the graduation of four of my own children, I can honestly say this is the most beautiful and inspiring graduation ever. Congratulations to our girls and their families. I know in the tradition of our foundress, St. Jeanne Antide, our graduates make a difference in our community and beyond.

It is with mixed emotion that I share a decision I have made. The 2011-12 school year will be my last at St. Joan Antida High School. In fact, the hope is that a new leader will be in place by January 1, 2012. It is my firm belief that there is a time to come and a time to go. I feel I was called to come to SJA seven years ago. During these seven years I have been very proud of our accomplishments which include:

- 3 new science labs
- a new library
- significant facilities improvements
- restructuring of the curriculum with aligned assessments
- new partnerships and community involvement
- volunteer recruitment and involvement
- Freshwomen Academy
- new financial systems to ensure accountability
- improved focus on academic achievement
- engineering program, Project Lead the Way
- improved salary and benefit program for all employees
- increased fundraising and donor support

These are but a few of the changes I am most proud of. Of course, this was only accomplished with the support of so many – the Board of Directors, the Leadership team, the faculty and staff, our alumnae, our donors, our volunteers and most important, our students and families.

A special acknowledgement must be given to the Sisters of Charity for their undying commitment and support of our

mission. Personally, I thank them for the opportunity to have been involved in this unique school. I thank them for their faith and trust in me as the Head of School.

As I stated, there is also a time to go. The school is

positioned to move forward with many initiatives that will ensure its success in preparing young women to lead and serve in a global world. So many changes have been implemented, yet there are so many challenges ahead. The energy and passion of a new leader with a new vision will continue the journey to our commitment of being the best urban, Catholic, all girls high school ever!

A transition plan will be developed for the 2011-12 school year while a Search Committee finds the right person to assume the role of Head of School. Hopefully, we will have identified this person by January 1, 2012. During this time, our goal is to continue to do the very best we possibly can to ensure that our students have an exciting, focused, and challenging new school year. Please keep all of us in your prayers.

In closing, I am eternally grateful for the years I have worked with all of you. You have changed my life and given me new purpose and fulfillment. I look forward to working with the new leadership. Thank you for all you have done to support my efforts during my tenure. I wish you peace and joy during these beautiful summer days.

Sincerely,



Cynthia A. Marino  
Head of School



Head of School Cynthia Marino  
as the MC of SJA's Annual  
Benefit Dinner & Auction

### **We want to hear from you!**

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to clarify your preferences and update your contact information.



As we close this academic year, I have found myself reflecting on our progress and on my appreciation for the many

wonderful people that make up St. Joan Antida High School. I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our Head of School, Cynthia Marino, for her commitment and dedication to our students. Her relentless focus with staff has been *doing what is best for our girls*. I thank Ms. Marino for her leadership.

Thank you to our board of directors and the Sisters of Charity who have committed themselves to the education of young women. We are blessed for their time, treasure, and talent.

I would like to thank Elizabeth Lingen for her leadership as Dean of Students. I thank her for her countless hours and dedication to the mission and vision of St. Joan Antida High School.

This year would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our guidance counselors, teachers, and staff whose commitment to our students is unwavering. I am blessed to work with so many talented and dedicated individuals who truly strive to make SJA a future exemplary school.

Thank you to our Advancement Department; their efforts and commitment to keep our school financially stable is no small task. And to you, our donors: without your support, nothing is possible.

In reviewing this past school year, we have had occasions to celebrate:

Our collaboration with MSOE has proven to be an excellent partnership for advancing our students' education. One hundred percent of our freshmen took part in Introduction to Engineering (IE). The skills they received will not only

## Greetings from the Principal:

*Maria Schram*

help them in their next level of engineering, but will allow students to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to all curriculum areas. We celebrated our students' achievements during quarterly honor roll assemblies. We displayed students' MAP testing achievements in our hallways to further showcase the importance of student progress.

Scholastic Opportunities for Students was an initiative that focused on student interventions. English Language Learners (ELL) assistance, math and reading comprehension skill building, as well as Robotics, SMART Team, and ACT preparation enrichment opportunities were the focus of this 70 minute instructional block.

We have made some progress this year, but there is still much to be done. I consider myself fortunate to serve as your Academic Dean and now as your Principal. I strongly believe that as we take a comprehensive view of our school – STEM, student achievement scores, quality and scope of our educational program, services offered, student interventions, success with extracurricular activities, and quality of student life – **we can** and **we will** make gains in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Maria Schram  
Principal

*Formerly the Academic Dean, Board Chair Fr. Doug Leonhardt explains that the change to Principal was made to provide greater clarity for the position in both academic and leadership roles inside and outside of the school.*

## Honors Day

Honors Day was celebrated on June 1st. The soon-to-be graduates processed in wearing their graduation attire for the first time. It was a dignified event that captured the importance of our students' academic achievements. Top students were decorated with such honors as the Jeanne Antide Scholarship 2011, Distinguished High School Athlete, Outstanding School Service, Educational Excellence, Gold Honor Cords, Department Scholastic Awards, and the Prestigious Jeanne Antide Award. Thank you girls, for your hard work and commitment during the 2010-2011 school year!



Seniors on Honors Day

We are so proud to salute the Class of 2011 Valedictorian, Kateri Duncklee, and Salutatorian, Sukaina Yacoob. Thank you for your dedication and congratulations for your outstanding achievement at St. Joan Antida High School.



Kateri Duncklee, left, will attend Clark University in Dubuque, Iowa in the fall. Sukaina Yacoob, right, will attend Milwaukee School of Engineering.

## Jerry Vite Achiever Breakfast

On Wednesday, May 4, SJA honored 25 young women who were nominated by their teachers as Student Achievers. The Achiever Breakfast was named for former Board Chair, Jerry Vite, and is designed to reward students for bringing a consistently positive, “can-do” attitude to school every day. Teachers were asked to select students who met the following criteria:

- Attend school regularly
- Have a positive attitude
- Are on time to class
- Do their homework without fail
- Always have a smile that brightens your day
- Volunteer without being asked
- Are ready to help another student when needed

The young women chosen, along with their parents, were honored at a special breakfast and Mr. Vite offered some inspiring words to help these young women continue on life’s path with the positive attitude

that they are already exhibiting every day at school. Thank you to these ladies for inspiring us!



Jerry Vite speaking at the Breakfast



Cindy Marino and Jerry Vite with the Student Achievers

## A Message from the Dean of Students: *Elizabeth Lingen '93*

As I complete my first school year in the Dean of Students position, I find myself beaming with pride. The young women of SJA have accomplished a lot this year. Other articles in this newsletter highlight many of the wonderful and tangible ways in which our students have grown over the last few months. A big portion of my job, however, is to work with the elements of student life that support these accomplishments: attendance, student behavior, and school climate. In the last few months, we have added a great deal to our school climate that is supporting our students’ learning and growth. This seemed a good time to share some of those initiatives:

*Restorative Justice* – SJA is a part of the “Safe Schools, Healthy Students” initiative in partnership with Milwaukee Public schools. At SJA, our focus is on community building “circles.” One day per week, in our advisory period, students learned how to have effective circles of communication and best ways to respectfully discuss school climate issues. Once the basic communication skills were developed, advisory groups identified issues of concern in their grade level or school community. Then, led by the advisory teacher as facilitator, the group would work to find the root of the problems and develop solutions to the problems.

*Senior Retreat* – Retreats have always been an integral part of the Theology curriculum at SJA. However, this year’s graduating class wanted a more comprehensive retreat experience. Read more on page 6.



Elizabeth Lingen with students Britani Beamon-Whitlow ‘13 (left) and Alexis Lockett-Glover ‘12 (right)

*Service Program* - In the second semester, we had the opportunity to work with a college intern studying service programs in high school. A program proposal was developed throughout the semester, including an opportunity for students to do some “pilot” service work at some community agencies. Students worked with hygiene drives, peer mediation, a women’s shelter, and made regular visits to a lunchtime meal program. Through her work with students, our intern was able to gather strong data on what is interesting to students in terms of service opportunities and what activities they would most likely participate in. The full plan for implementation of this program will be finalized over the summer with a group of volunteers leading the way for a full service program for all SJA students.

In the fall, we will welcome these programs back to continue their good work with our students and can hopefully expand some of them to include even more students than they currently are able to serve. We will also continue our partnerships with Admission Possible and P.E.A.R.L.S. for Teen Girls. Both of these programs have proven success working with our students in the after school sessions. We are looking forward to an exciting start to the 2011-2012 school year.

I hope all of our SJA family and friends have a relaxing and safe summer. See you in the fall!

*Elizabeth A. Lingen*

Elizabeth A. Lingen  
Dean of Students  
SJA Class of 1993



Freshwomen at Camp SJA in August 2010

# Camp SJA

As the summer arrives we are already very busy getting ready for the next school year. Camp SJA is our annual orientation camp for incoming freshmen. During this week long event, our new students will get to know their teachers, classmates, and school expectations through a variety of fun activities. This year Camp SJA will take place August 15th-19th and there is a great time planned for the freshman! Activities for students and parents will be made available. We welcome the class of 2015 and can't wait to see you all!

## Soroptimist International Gives Two Awards to SJA

Two awards were given to St. Joan Antida High School, by Soroptimist International, at an awards presentation held on April 6!

Head of School, Cindy Marino, was honored by Soroptimist International of Milwaukee with the Ruby Award. This award, also known as the "Making a Difference for Women Award," is given to a woman for her efforts to improve the lives of women or girls through her profession or through volunteer service.

Sukaina Yacoob, a senior at SJA, was this year's recipient of the Violet Richardson Award, an award given to a high school girl in recognition of her volunteer activities.



Sukaina Yacoob '11, left, and Cindy Marino, right, with their awards

## Way to Go!

Neli Jasso was honored as the SJA representative to the Brady Academic All Star program. This program honors outstanding students from Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Waukesha and Washington




Neli Jasso '11

County high schools. Students receiving this award demonstrate excellence in achieving balance between academics, athletics and service. Neli was honored at a ceremony at Miller Park on Sunday, May 1.

Also on Sunday, May 1, Goldmong "Shinny" Vang was honored at Gesu Church for her nomination as one of the ten Robert F. Purcell, SJ Peacemaker Awardees. Students who receive this honor are nominated by their schools for exemplifying peaceful decision-making in school and in their communities.



Shinny Vang '11 with her mother



**2nd ANNUAL SJA TRIVIA ⚡ DECATHLON**  
— WITH CHANNEL 12'S KATHY MYKLEBY —

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
PLAY BEGINS AT 7 P.M. SHARP  
AT ST. JOAN ANTIDA HIGH SCHOOL, 1341 N. CASS ST., MILWAUKEE  
— DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. —

**\$1,000 PER TABLE OF UP TO TEN PLAYERS**  
INCLUDES APPETIZERS AND WINE

It's a decathlon - there are questions in 10 categories. Tables answer questions as a team. Surround yourself with the smartest people you know and reserve a table today!  
Registration is limited to 30 tables.

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**2nd ANNUAL SJA TRIVIA DECATHLON ⚡ RESERVATION**

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CAPTAIN'S PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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FOR CONFIRMATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Please Join Us for a five-course Italian feast with five wine pairings at Mimma's Cafe*

*Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Featuring wine provided by*




*All proceeds benefit St. Joan Antida High School*

For more information about or to register for the Trivia Decathlon and Wine Dinner, contact Renee Klaas at [rklaas@saintjoantida.org](mailto:rklaas@saintjoantida.org) or (414) 274-4728

# Seniors Bond at Overnight Retreat

On May 18, twenty-one seniors, led by Theology teacher Julie Trzebiatowski, traveled to a Girl Scout camp in West Bend to delve into their spirituality and their relationships with one another. As the theme of the retreat was friendship and trust, the girls played trust-enhancing games and bonded as they munched on banana boats and s'mores around a campfire. During the day the seniors participated in activities that encouraged teamwork and reflection, like building "mailboxes" and writing letters to one another.



Julie Trzebiatowski leads seniors through a trust-enhancing game

## Graduation Lunch

The Woman's Club was the site of a lovely senior luncheon sponsored by Janice Biel for SJA seniors on June 1, 2011. Abby Lorenz, a special invitee of Janice, played the piano while the girls dined. SJA board members joined the

girls, along with the Sisters of Charity, administrators and John Rentmeester, who was chosen to represent the faculty. A feeling of accomplishment and excitement was evidenced by the smiles on the faces of the beautifully dressed seniors. We wish the graduating class of 2011 much success!



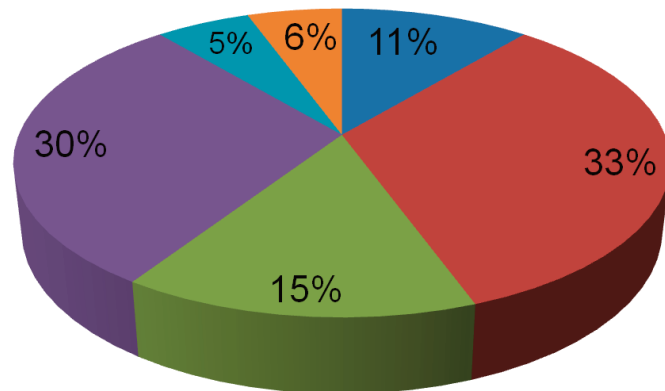
Top: Nandini Sinha, Chief Development Officer, and Judy Hurley, board member.

Middle: Janice, Cameron and Jackie Biel.

Bottom: John Rentmeester and Jada Casey-Reed '11.

## Class of 2011: Oh, the Places They're Going

- Out-of State Colleges
- Wisconsin Private Colleges
- Wisconsin State Colleges
- Wisconsin Technical Colleges
- Vocational/Trade Schools
- Undecided



### Wisconsin Private Colleges

Alverno College  
 Art Institute of Wisconsin  
 Cardinal Stritch University  
 Edgewood College  
 Marian University  
 Marquette University  
 Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Mount Mary College

### University of Wisconsin System

UW-Eau Claire  
 UW-Milwaukee  
 UW-Platteville  
 UW-Whitewater

### Out-of-State Colleges

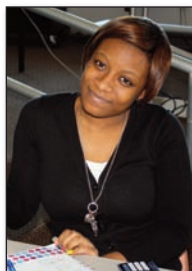
Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, GA)  
 Clark University (Dubuque, Iowa)  
 Harold Washington (Chicago, IL)  
 Kalamazoo College (Kalamazoo, MI)  
 Lane College (Jackson, TN)  
 Tufts University (Medford, MA)

### Technical Colleges

Milwaukee Area Technical College  
 Private Vocational Schools  
 Bryant & Stratton  
 Empire Beauty School  
 VICI Aveda Institute Beauty School

# Make SJA Your Choice!

This summer SJA will be at various festivals around Milwaukee to showcase our school to interested families. Please look for us at: Three Holy Women Festival, Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival, Dia De La Mujer Latina, St. Helen/St. Kanty, Mexican Fiesta, and Indian Summer.



Danja Davis '12



A group of students at a dance that awarded academic improvement

Registration for Fall 2011 will remain open throughout the summer! For more information or to register your daughter contact the Admissions Director, Marcela O. Garcia, at: (414) 274-4709.

## CHICAGO:

### 2011 Benefit Dinner & Auction

On April 2nd, St. Joan Antida High School came alive to the strains of "My Kind of Town, Chicago!" performed by SJA's vocal ensemble. The girls in their sparkly top hats, white gloves and canes serenaded the crowd with their music teacher, Mr. Lincoln Russell, on the piano. Mr. Gary Dulmes was posthumously honored with the Deus Solus award, received by his wife Audrey. Gary's entire family was in attendance.



SJA Senior Maira Diaz-Jiminez gave a very emotional speech about what SJA meant to her over the past four years. Maira acknowledged her mother's contribution to her success and it was special to have her in the audience.



CHICAGO was sold out days before the evening arrived. With generous support before



the event and over 300 people who attended and supported the raffles and silent, wine, voice, and scholarship auctions, **\$182,114** was raised outside of and the night of the Auction. We are *so very grateful* to the many sponsors, donors and attendees who made CHICAGO a success!

Please mark your calendar for our 19th Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction, "A Night Under the Stars," which will be held on April 28, 2012, catered by Bartolotta.

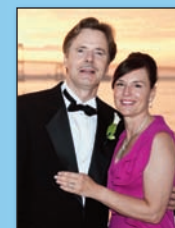
*Top:* Students Nury Plascencia '13 and Alessus Sherman '11 help sell chocolates. *Middle:* Attendees bustle around the Wine Auction. *Bottom:* Attendees bid on Silent Auction items. *Right:* Attendees in the gym listen attentively to Julie Darnieder, Board Vice Chair.



## Calendar of Events

- August 15-18** Camp SJA for Freshwomen
- August 23** Back to School Night: All Students and Parents
- August 25** First Day of School
- September 12** Wine Dinner at Mimma's Cafe
- September 20** Picture Day
- September 29** Welcome Back Liturgy
- October 6-7** Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 10** Homecoming Week Liturgy
- October 10-14** Homecoming Week Activities
- October 12** Destiny Day
- October 15** Homecoming Dance
- October 15** Trivia Decathlon Night
- November 6** Fall Fest
- December 21** Board Meeting: Open to the Public

We are very excited to have Chad and Becky Bathke (pictured below left) and Tom and Liz Kohlbeck (pictured below right) as our 2012 Benefit Dinner & Auction Co-Chairs!



## Save the Date:

SJA's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party  
will be held on:

**Thursday, July 28  
from 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

We hope to see every one of our great volunteers there! If you are an SJA volunteer please contact Renee Klaas for more information about the party at [rklaas@saintjoanantida.org](mailto:rklaas@saintjoanantida.org) or (414) 274.4728.

## Thank you, Volunteers!

Our St. Joan Antida volunteers are amazing and help in so many ways! Whether they are tutoring an individual student, working with students during SOS time, being a Rainbows facilitator, assisting with the Annual Auction, doing clerical support, stuffing envelopes, or volunteering whenever asked, they are *best*.

From everyone at SJA, we greatly appreciate every volunteer and all that you have done and will do for SJA. Thank you for your commitment and support of SJA and for giving the best gift of all – yourself!



*Left to Right:* Rainbows volunteers Mary Flynn, Mary Ann Renz, Kathy Sammons, Sharon Tiedge, Holly Ryan (SJA Volunteer Coordinator), and Donna Shriner. *Not pictured:* Vida Langenkamp

## Leadership Lunches



Students with Leadership guest  
Judge Nancy Joseph

wardrobe selection; two nuns from Africa; a magistrate judge and a publisher of an online teen magazine.

This is the fourth year of SJA's leadership lunch program. The objective is to provide students the opportunity to interact with professional women who are leaders in the community to understand more about their profession, challenges they have faced and advice they want to pass along. Professions represented this year have included an Executive Director of Schools That Can; a State Representative; a former Journal Sentinel reporter; a program officer from the Helen Bader Foundation; a former model who coaches voice projection, interview skills, confidence boosters and



Students with Leadership guest  
Abby Ramirez

## Alumnae Association



Pictured left are some of our alumnae gathered on a recent Saturday for an Alumnae Association meeting. They have a lot of fun while discussing ways to help support SJA! If you're an alumna of SJA and would like to get involved, contact Barbara Pinney at [bpinney@saintjoanantida.org](mailto:bpinney@saintjoanantida.org) or (414) 272-8423 ext. 209.

*Left to right:* Barbara Rucks '66, Martha Secosh '58, Darlene Ruiz-Doggett '66, Maureen Quinn '84, Marilyn Venturi '60, Nicole Perow '93, Elizabeth Lingen '93, Amy Walish '90

# Girls in Engineering Fair

Anticipation was high as SJA, in collaboration with the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), kicked off its first **Girls in Engineering Fair** on May 17, sponsored by Time Warner Cable. This event sought to bring awareness and spark interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities, an area where girls and minorities are historically under-represented. Over 250 girls from Milwaukee area middle schools requested to be a part of the Fair, and 52 girls from Greenfield School, Milwaukee Montessori, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Josaphat were chosen to participate.

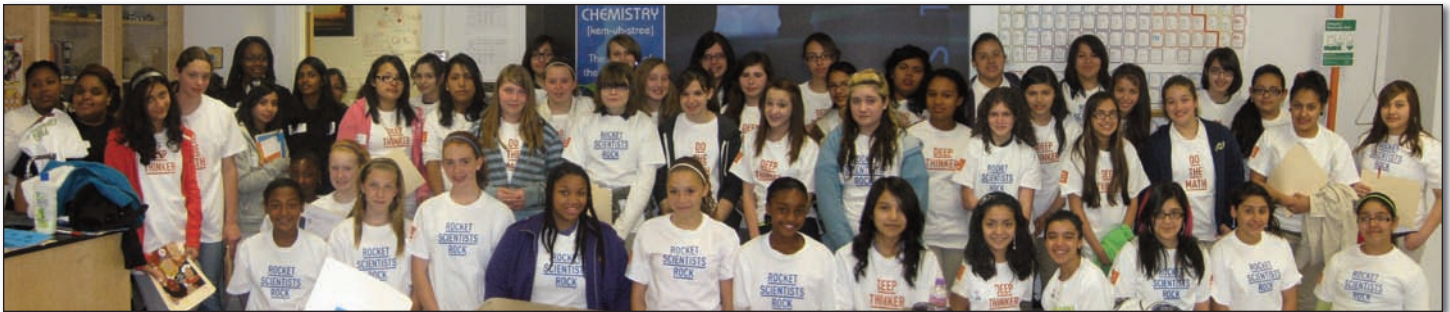


Shireen Zaineab pieces together her dance pad

Students explored the physics of light through Jell-O with lasers and learned about circuits as they each made their own dance pads. After the sessions the



Dr. Fred Berry and a student work on dance pads



The first SJA Girls in Engineering Fair participants group together for a picture.

girls heard from guest speakers Van Walling, Executive Director of STEM Forward, and Shireen Zaineab, the National STEM video challenge winner, and finished off the day by making their own ice-cream.

The next Girls in Engineering Fair will be held on **October 19, 2011**. To get involved or have your daughter attend the fair, contact Marcela Garcia at [mgarcia@saintjoanantida.org](mailto:mgarcia@saintjoanantida.org) or (414) 274-4709.

## Festa Italiana Volunteers Needed! July 21- 24, 2011

The SJA Alumnae Association will be working all four days of Festa Italiana this year. On each shift, 8-10 additional volunteers are needed in the form of alums, family and friends. We need over 100 volunteers to cover the four-day run of the event, so please consider giving your time. In exchange for working a shift, volunteers receive free admission and free parking. You can enjoy a full day at Festa for free and give back to the school at the same time!



Sister Jennifer Daul working the La Duca Wine booth in 2010

If you can help at Festa, please contact Elizabeth (Stengel) Lingen, SJA '93 at (414) 403-2599 or [elizabethlingen@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethlingen@yahoo.com).

## EDD Exhibition

Do you ever end up with blisters on your feet after taking a nice long walk or when you buy that great new pair of shoes? This problem was addressed by the SJA team taking the Engineering Design and Development (EDD) class.

This capstone Project Lead the Way class enabled the students to select and research a real-life problem and then design and prototype the solution. During the



Crystal Aranda, Sukaina Yacob and Regina Dew pose with their project display at the EDD final exhibition

course of the year the students were mentored by Janet Boegel, an engineer from Johnson Controls. The three seniors completing the capstone designed shoe inserts for the heel, toe, and sides of the foot. They presented their project at the second annual EDD project exhibition held at SJA on May 31 to nearly 50 attendees which included family members, educators and engineering professionals from Johnson Controls and Eaton Corporation.

# Students Connect with Holocaust Survivor

“A remarkable woman” is all that Ms. Simon’s English class can say about Raye David. The students had the amazing privilege to meet a real Holocaust survivor, who as a teenager survived four concentration camps, most notably the Bergen Belsen camp. In ninth grade English class, the girls were reading the World War II autobiography *Night* by Elie Wiesel. The class fell in love with the book and made many personal connections to the story. The Milwaukee Jewish Museum gave the girls a tour and brought in a real survivor for the girls to learn firsthand about her experience. Raye David’s message was very clear: “Never hate, even in times such as the Holocaust. Bitterness only leaves you a broken person.”

To thank Raye David, the students came up with the idea of making a quilt. Each girl made a personalized square to honor her. In Raye’s words: *“This is more beautiful than I could imagine. I will cherish this forever.”*



Ms. Simon and her freshmen English class with the quilt they made before delivering it to Raye David

## 3rd Annual Health Fair

What is a healthy relationship? How can someone get diabetes? What is good mental health? These questions were answered at SJA’s third annual Health Fair on April 13. Many community members donated their time, resources, and energy to benefit the SJA students and promote health and wellness in our school.



Students Rachael Moore ‘13 and Shaquala Bell ‘13 hosting an educational table at the fair

Students from MSOE and Marquette, along with organizations such as 16th Street Community Clinic, Milwaukee Health Department, Walker’s Point Youth and Family Center, Jewish Family Services, American Cancer Society, and the YMCA contributed to the success of this year’s health fair. Several of our very own SJA students even hosted tables which really added to the impact that the fair had on our students. Students learned about various health-related topics and also had the opportunity to get screened for scoliosis, have their blood pressure taken, and to sign up for a Biggest Loser competition.

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The Mock Trial of the Freshwomen Civics class is now in session! Ninth grade students had a lot of fun fourth quarter preparing for a Mock Trial. The class learned about the Judicial Branch of government and to end the unit they used their acting and critical thinking skills during a simulated trial. Students became lawyers, witnesses, the judge, the bailiff and the stenographer. Lawyers had to make real questions, opening and closing statements and learn when to object. Witnesses had to memorize their testimony and be accurate on the stand so that they did not commit perjury. The bailiff and the judge had to learn how to keep “Order in the Court.” Lastly, the stenographer had to hone in on her listening skills, learning how to type fast and with accuracy. The girls got to dress up as their roles and really felt as if this experience was real. The class were treated with the presence of a real prosecutor, Katryna Childs, who commented and critiqued the student’s performance, and encouraged interested girls to study law.



The bailiff, prosecutor, Judge, and a witness during the 6th period mock trial

# Birthday Bash Supports STEM Program

Giving back and getting involved can start at any age. This June, Jackie Biel celebrated her 14th birthday by asking her party guests to do just that. Jackie, an 8th grader at St. Dominic School in Brookfield, raised \$1,500 for SJA's STEM Program by asking her family and friends to make a donation to the Program instead of giving her the traditional birthday gift. Jackie said she was proud to be sharing her birthday party with the girls at St. Joan Antida and she urges others to be creative when getting involved... "For it is in giving that we receive." *Thank you, Jackie!*

## Science Projects Improve Water Quality

What is a watershed? How can water quality be improved? Who controls drinking water? Where does water pollution come from? These were all questions that students in Environmental Science researched in their year-long, student-designed projects to improve the water quality in southeastern Wisconsin. The Environmental Science class partnered with Lead to Succeed to provide mentor support, project supplies, guidance, and field trips to students in the class.

By the end of the year, six projects were implemented successfully including a demonstration on how to create organic soap, a do-it-yourself water filtration system, an elaborate art structure made from recycled materials, a rain garden planted at SJA, environmentally friendly hair products, and an organic baby bath company.

Students Yessica Ramirez, Estefania Reyes, Lucero Rodriguez, Gladis Roque, Fatima Yacoob, Hilda Zendejas, who all worked on creating the rain garden in the courtyard at SJA, summed up their Environmental Science projects with the following statement: "As a group, we felt that this brought us closer to the community. We were able to look at this as a local problem, not something that only 'far away' places were affected by; meaning high school students as well as college students should be made more aware of projects such as ours so they can do their part in water conservation. We believe Lead to Succeed and projects like this have made positive



The final art structure, created from recycled plastic bottles and other recycled materials

impacts on teen education about environmental issues that concern us all. In addition, we learned how to manage and focus on research, dialoging, and implementation within our own projects."

## BLACK & WHITE CLOSET

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# Mark Your Calendars!

THURSDAY - SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p><b>July 21-24</b>      <b>Festa Italiana</b></p> <p>Over 100 volunteers are needed to help run the Lo Duca Wine booth. Tips from the booth are donated to SJA and used where needed most. Read more about Festa on p.8 of this newsletter. Contact Elizabeth Lingen to learn more or get involved: (414) 403-2599 or elizabethlingen@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>Sept. 12</b>      <b>Wine Dinner @ Mimma's Cafe</b></p> <p>You're Invited! Join us at Mimma's Cafe on Brady Street for a decadent Italian feast, designed by Mimma Megna herself, paired with five wines. Wine from Wirtz Beverage Wisconsin will be available for purchase that night. Reservations are required.</p>
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p><b>Oct. 15</b>      <b>Trivia Decathlon</b></p> <p>Round up your smartest friends and head to SJA for our second annual Trivia Decathlon, hosted by Channel 12's Kathy Mykleby. There will be questions in 10 different categories with great prizes to be won! \$1,000 per table of up to ten players. Registration is required.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 06</b>      <b>56th Annual Fall Fest</b></p> <p>Don't miss out on this tradition that is 56 years in the making! Enjoy an authentic Italian spaghetti and meatball dinner featuring the old family recipe. Shop the fall festival marketplace vendors, take home delicious bake sale items, and visit with family, friends, students, faculty, staff and the Sisters of Charity.</p>

For more information about the Wine Dinner, Trivia Decathlon, and Fall Fest, contact Renee Klaas at [rklaas@saintjoanantida.org](mailto:rklaas@saintjoanantida.org) or (414) 274-4728.

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