

St. Joan Antida High School

A Newsletter for Alumnae, Parents and Friends

Winter 2010



Spiritual Journey to Assisi

Adolescence is a time of searching and getting to know oneself. For 22 SJA students that journey came in the form of a pilgrimage which took them to Assisi and Rome in Italy to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. Much more than a trip, it was a reflection on the lives of two people who struggled to find their way to love and serve God and the community. For our students,

to study the lives of the two saints who lived 800 years ago. They raised over \$20,000 through rummage sales, bake sales and car washes to make the trip a reality for themselves and their classmates.

A major highlight was a visit to the Motherhouse in Rome, the international headquarters of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joan Antida. The General Councilors and sisters from seven different countries welcomed the girls and shared with them the history of the founding sisters.

The pilgrimage is sponsored by the Franciscan Pilgrimage Program which offers young people opportunities to make

a spiritual journey that supports the faith values they are learning in their every day school life.

In the words of Shaleta Lathon, SJA senior, "It was overwhelming to see how nice they were to us without even knowing us. I knew they cared about us and wanted us to be great women."

it was an opportunity to reflect on their own lives and search ways to be a better person and deepen their faith in God.

For these students, the journey did not begin when they boarded the bus for the airport on December 27th. It began with the dream to experience something bigger than them and see a part of the larger world. In preparation for these ten days in Italy, students met regularly



Students meet with the Bishop of Assisi

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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

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The Future Starts Today!

Literacy Initiative Update

Here is an update on the school's new initiative on literacy. In the summer of 2009, the President, Cindy Marino, established an advisory group made up of representatives from area colleges, SJA teachers and community volunteers to tackle the low literacy rate of our incoming 9th graders. A literacy consultant, Jane Marko, was hired to provide professional development to teachers and develop reading strategies across all subject areas. Barb Rankin, a reading specialist and 9th grade English teacher has offered additional support to students and teachers.

The Qualitative Reading Inventory (QRI) test was administered in September and again in December to 9th graders only. Results showed that in a space of three months, more than half the students surveyed (54%) actually improved their scores and the most progress was made by the group of students who performed in the top quartile and the third quartile. Third and fourth quarter reading tests will reveal a clearer picture of actual progress made.

The Academy (9th grade) is increasingly focusing on project-based learning with students being held accountable for completing their projects on time. Teachers have proposed a regularly scheduled Saturday tutoring program, starting this semester. Classes will run for three hours every other Saturday, and the goal is to help students complete their work on time, provide individualized attention as needed and perform well on tests. Our dedicated teachers have once again demonstrated their incredible commitment to our girls, and we are so proud of them!



President's Greeting

Dear SJA friends,

Belated Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we have moved into a new decade. It seems just yesterday when Y2K was on our minds. When you think of how our world has changed.....the terrorist attacks, the impact of new technology, the collapse of financial systems.....it just emphasizes how resilient we are and how we adapt to change. I have lived long enough to know we have no choice. The saying "Change or Die" may seem harsh but certainly has some reality connected to it.

At SJA, we have had to do so much change over the last 55 years. Yes, it is our 55th birthday and it has been a real learning experience to review these years with photos and stories from our donors, our students, our parents, our alumnae, and our cherished Sisters of Charity. We have been steadfast in our commitment to educating young women in a Catholic environment. But nothing stays the same and so we move into a new decade with some new changes to share with all of you.

Through efforts funded by donors, we have solicited the input of two major reports that will guide us as we too venture into a new decade as a school. Dr. Ryan Champeau, a secondary school national consultant on school redesign, has been working with us to really examine what a 21st century urban, Catholic, all girls high school needs to offer its students. We have looked at existing courses, examined new offerings, studied staffing, and focused on research that supports



Paul Carter, math teacher with students Jackie Ruiz-Velasco and Nakina Young

best practice in teaching and learning including how we schedule time for teaching and learning. We have also contracted with Elizabeth Meyer and Joan Feiereisen from Fund Development Corporation to examine our organization as it relates to how we raise money, how we market our school, how we recruit students and how we function as an organization to best meet the needs of our girls. These two reports will help design a new beginning of sorts for our school. The Sisters of Charity will work with the Executive Committee and our Board of Directors to craft a new direction that will be in place for the 2010-11 school year. These are exciting times

and I encourage all of you to "stay tuned" as we move forward with renewed courage, spirit and conviction to support our mission.

I ask for your prayers and support as we go into this new decade. It is only because of your continued belief in our work that we are able to meet the challenges of a changing time. We are so appreciative of all you do for all of us.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Marino

Principal's Greeting

Dear Family and Friends of SJA,

As we enter the "January thaw," the temperatures are a little warmer and we see the sun for a few precious days, we are filled with hope and a sense of possibilities of things to come. We believe that, in the words of Julian of Norwich, "All shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be well."

All is well at St. Joan Antida High School, and we are full of possibilities for our young women as we strive each day to more fully prepare them to lead and serve in a global society through our values based Catholic education. I want to let you know some of the possibilities that lie before our girls and their parents as we begin the second semester:

- We are blessed to have a new music teacher, Mr. Lincoln Russell, who has a strong background as a musician, working with our girls in Vocal Ensemble, World Music Drumming and treble Choir. Lincoln worked with the Gospelairens several years ago at SJA and has a strong commitment to our Cultures Night tradition.

- The Florentine Opera has offered free tickets to their March performance of "Elmer Gantry" to the girls in our Vocal Ensemble and the Theater Arts classes. The girls will also have the opportunity to meet one on one with some of the singers from this American opera.

- "My Destiny, My Purpose: An Empowerment Conference for Teen Women" will be the theme of our February 25 Destiny Day. The theme will be carried out in the junior retreat also held that day and in the 9th grade day of service. The 10th and 12th graders will attend a keynote panel and breakout sessions during the conference.

- On Thursday afternoons from 2:30 – 4:30 PM, our 11th and 12th grade girls can be a part of PEARLS for Teen Girls, an innovative self-development program designed to help girls maximize their personal potential.

- Saturday School was held before semester exams. The girls had the opportunity to meet with their teachers,

finish labs, projects, assignments, and receive individual help from their teachers. Saturday School for upperclasswomen is held each quarter just before assessments, and is held every other Saturday, beginning January 30, for our 9th graders.

- Girls and their parents are encouraged to participate in the SJA Parent-Student Book Club. Books were chosen for their relevance to the critical issues facing all young women of today.

- Students and their parents will be able to access academic progress online in semester 2 when we activate the Parent Portal feature of Power School. Letters will be sent to parents with instructions for accessing this important information.

- Girls can be part of athletics, Mock Trial and a variety of other clubs and extra-curricular activities that develop their unique talents.

There are so many facets and talents to each of our girls, and it is our mission to empower every one of them to develop their full potential through strong academics and strong partnerships with community organizations that support our mission. Please remember St. Joan Antida High School in a special way during Catholic Schools Week, January 30 – February 5, and remember the teachers and staff who are striving to make a real difference in the lives of our girls.

I pray that God will bless each of you with love, peace, hope, and joy throughout the year.

Peace,



Mary Kurhajetz



Principal Mary Kurhajetz with seniors. L-R, Asrar Musaitif, Marisela Espino and Vivian Rivera

Kudos to our SMART Team!

Teachers Linda Krause and Cindy McLinn and their students are participating in the MSOE center for BioMolecular Modeling's SMART (Students Modeling A Research Topic) Team program. In this multi-faceted program, students develop teamwork as they



delve into the molecular world, explore science as a process and work closely with a researcher to analyze data. After designing and building a 3-dimensional model at MSOE, the teams create an oral presentation explaining their work. Ms. Krause and Ms. McLinn have committed their time and expertise for their students to gain invaluable experience working with a research scientist to learn about molecular biology.

School Calendar

Important Dates at SJA

February	Black History Month
February 20	District Solo and Ensemble Music Festival
February 25	Destiny Day
February 26	Winter Break
March	Women's History Month
March 8-10	Books for Kids Collection
March 29	4th Quarter Begins Cultures week begins
April 1	Cultures week ends
April 14	Easter Prayer Service
April 15	Health Fair
April 24	Auction
April 28	Achiever Breakfast
April 30	Cultures Night – 7 p.m.
May 14	Destiny Day
May 18	Senior Liturgy with Archbishop Listecky
May 27	Graduation – 7 p.m.

Donate books to our library

SJA Librarian Roberta Szabo wishes to fill the SJA library with multi-cultural fiction that reflects our diverse student population. Favorite authors are Gary Soto and Sharon Flake and books on the countries of Haiti, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen that will complete the "Countries of the World" series already in our library.

Teachers' requests for the library include the DVDs *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* and *Pay It Forward* to coordinate with the Social Studies curriculum. Additionally the Geography Department would like DVDs such as *Human Footprint*, *Planet Earth*, *Earth the Biography* and *The Blue Planet*.

These materials provide invaluable resources to supplement the curriculum and to aid students in the vital skill of researching as we prepare them for college.

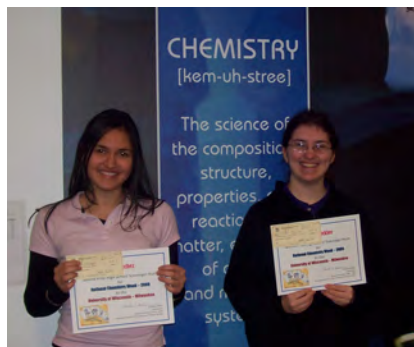


Ms. Szabo, school librarian with students Jalisia Malone and Dekeytra Dillard

Chemistry Honors!

A big congratulations goes out to Rosa Sanchez and Kateri Duncklee from Mrs.

McLinn's Honors Chemistry class. Their team took second place for the Milwaukee section of the American Chemical Society's scavenger hunt during National Chemistry Week in October. According to Dr. Allen from UW-Milwaukee, the amount of work, ingenuity and time that went into each entry was wonderful so the competition for the top three places was immense. As winners, each girl will get a certificate and a cash prize. Way to go, girls!



Rosa Sanchez and Kateri Duncklee

Be a Light - Give Blood!

This was the theme of the annual Blood Drive, sponsored by the SJA faith community in partnership with the Blood Center of Wisconsin. Just before Christmas break, students from the 11th and 12th grade, along with faculty and staff gathered in the school gymnasium to give the gift of life by donating blood. Nearly 135 young women volunteered; however, many were turned away because of low iron content in their blood. Poor nutrition is almost always the reason for iron deficiency among our young women.

Forty-two students were selected to be donors and volunteers from the senior class did an outstanding job in not only distributing snacks, juice and water but also serving as tour guides to our visitors from the Blood Center. Roxanne Du Vernay, school campus minister and blood drive coordinator said: "The blood drive enabled the generous nature of our young women, from diverse religious faiths, spiritual paths, and cultural expressions, to leave an indelible print upon the community at large."

SJA Scholarship Funds

A St. Joan Antida alumna and long-time supporter of our school recently established a 4-year scholarship fund for one deserving young SJA student. This fund was established in honor of Sister Nancy (Berchmans) Dragotta, who according to



Sister Nancy

our alumna donor, had a pivotal role in shaping her life. Sister Nancy describes this generous alum by saying: "She epitomizes to me, all that I consider a life worth living; for now and for eternity; God first, family, then education, not as an end in itself but to enrich the lives of all whom God sent into her life."

The SJA community is both excited about and grateful for this wonderful way to honor Sister Nancy, which assures the benefits of a St. Joan Antida education to one more young woman. A very special 9th grader and her family are grateful recipients of the first Sister Nancy Scholarship Award.

The Holly and Patrick Ryan Scholarship Fund was established by Christopher Doerr at St. Joan Antida's Annual Auction and Dinner in 2009. Holly has been a long-time supporter of the school and has served in various capacities, such as co-chairing the auction, hosting monthly leadership luncheons and individual tutoring. Pat Ryan, former Chairman and Managing Partner for Quarles & Brady strongly believed in equality and equity for all. In Chris Doerr's words: "Pat Ryan was more than just a "first class" attorney. He was a dear friend and,



Patrick and Holly Ryan

first and foremost, was always about "doing the right thing". He always had a special place in his heart for females, particularly those who might have otherwise been disadvantaged in terms of their educational or career opportunities."

If you would like to contribute to either Scholarship Fund, please contact Nandini Sinha, VP of Advancement, at (414)274-4710 or nsinha@saintjoanantida.org.

Sister Maria Augustine Giannini

JOY! For Sister Maria Augustine Giannini the word JOY punctuates nearly all of her sentences and the spirit of JOY marks everything she



does. Sr. Maria taught full time at St. Joan Antida High School from the day it opened its doors in 1954 until June 1968; she was its Vice Principal from 1966 through 1968. From August 1968 through June of 1971 Sr. Maria taught Italian part-time at SJA.

"It was a joy to be at the school and to teach the girls," said Sr. Maria. Her day at SJA started at 7:30 a.m., classes began at 8:00 a.m. Sr. Maria had six classes every day -- five academic and one study hall. She taught Latin 1 and 2, Art, Algebra, Western Civilization, Ancient History, English 9 and Religion/Christian Family Living. She had 20-to-25 students in each class, "but," she said, "they were never a problem."

At the age of 93, Sr. Maria is still actively teaching. She teaches Italian to any adult who would like to learn. Sr. Maria currently has one student, a young woman who comes to the convent twice per week and is "a joy to teach."

Sophie's Story

When I first came to SJA, I did not even realize we had engineering classes. I saw my friends and peers working on building chairs out of cardboard or designing things in Autodesk and I immediately knew I had to be a part of it. I can honestly say our engineering



classes have had an enormous impact on my life. I had no idea what engineers took part in, or what types of jobs they did, the only thing I knew was that women were not a big percentage in the engineering world. The classes I took in engineering opened my eyes to a whole new world. I realized engineers are a big part of making the world a better place, and they use their intelligence in math and science to constantly raise the bar for humanity. I can recall the moment I wanted to be an engineer. My Principles of Engineering class had a guest speaker from a group called Engineers Without Borders. This group of engineers would go to third world countries and use their engineering knowledge to make someone else's life better. It absolutely amazed me that engineers could have such a great influence on the world. Through the knowledge I have gained in St. Joan's engineering classes, I realize engineering is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I plan to attend the engineering specialty school Michigan Technological University, to which I have already been accepted (This was written prior to Sophie getting a scholarship to go to MSOE). Also, I am planning to join the Air Force ROTC program to not only further my knowledge in engineering but also use my knowledge for the good of my country. SJA and my engineering classes have helped me realize my passion in life, and that passion is engineering. Sophie Rizzo (SJA '10)

Corporate Spotlight: Thank you Johnson Controls volunteers!

The engineering department at SJA are very grateful to volunteers from Johnson Controls, Inc. for helping out in the classrooms. The girls not only receive invaluable help for their projects but are also able to hear about the exciting careers in engineering.

Some quotes from our extraordinary volunteers: Volunteering in Mr. Borgstrom's Introduction to Engineering class has been a unique experience for me. I'm thrilled to see how the young women are learning and applying various engineering principles and it has been my pleasure to help in whatever capacity I can! – Diana St. John

I look forward to and enjoy my time in Ms Meinke's Principles of Engineering class. The young ladies have fresh perspectives to problems and the application of solution alternatives they learn about; they are learning to enjoy engineering solutions to situations; their questions and approaches cause me to look at things differently. I return to my work energized! – Anne Kumor

Your Will

Another Way to support SJA

Do you have a will? Surprisingly, 58% of Americans don't.

Wills aren't just devices for determining who gets your antique china or the family's heirloom engagement ring once you've passed away. They can also serve as an important statement of values, allowing you to direct the assets of your estate to recipients that really matter to you.

To learn more about how making a bequest to St. Joan Antida High School can help the school and express our values beyond this lifetime, please contact Nandini Sinha, Vice President of Advancement at 414-274-4710 or nsinha@saintjoanantida.org



Johnson Controls volunteer Diane St. John helping first year engineering students.



mardi gras

St. Joan Antida High School Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction Saturday, April 24, 2010

Join us for a festive evening and the opportunity to help the young women of St. Joan Antida High School realize their potential.

Reservations: \$125 per person (\$75 for alumnae)
Evening includes hors d'oeuvres and dinner with wine.
Catering by Bartolotta Catering.

Goal: Raise \$160,000 to prepare young women to lead and serve in a global society through a values based Catholic education.

ST. JOAN ANTIDA WISH TREE

Help SJA students and teachers by granting wishes chosen specifically by them to strengthen the school's programs and activities. These wishes are a sampling:

Bus passes for field trips for students who need transportation \$500

Video camera for website \$200

30 dictionaries \$195

Maps of South & Central America, Mexico, Spain, Caribbean \$275

Ceramic hotplate for Chemistry \$300

Polo shirts for student ambassadors \$200

SAMPLE AUCTION ITEMS

Italian Dinner & Wine Tasting for 8 at LaMerenda

A Glorious One-Week Stay in Mexico

Dinner for 8 with Fr. Tim Kitzke in the Home of Joe and Jenifer Tate

If you are interested in underwriting opportunities for the auction, donating an item, art, tickets, certificates, or granting a wish by making a Wish Tree contribution, call Ann Steinbach 414-272-8423x208 asteinbach@saintjoanantida.org

Thank You Alums!

Earlier this year, a young woman expressed her desire to transfer out of her current school and join the 9th grade class at SJA. In her admission essay, she described SJA as her "dream school." Due to the timing of her transfer, her family was unable to benefit from the School Choice program, and they could not afford to pay one semester's tuition. When Laura Collier (SJA '72) found out about this, she sprang into action. She called alums (pictured here) to ask for their support. Thanks to your generosity, this young woman will be able to make her dreams come true!

Save the Date March 18, 2010

The 6th annual spring alumnae gathering will be held on Thursday, March 18th in the evening. Location details are being finalized, but it will continue to be a fun, casual event. Mark your calendars now and watch the SJA website for specifics. You can also email Elizabeth (Stengel) Lingen, '93 for more details:
elingen@saintjoanantida.org.

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www.saintjoanantida.org

Click on the Donate Now link found under the Giving Opportunities.

Laura Collier (SJA '74) in her own words

I remember all of my teachers fondly, but the one that stands out the most is Sister Mary Crucifix. I remember her because of her "loving heart". I always felt that she accepted me unconditionally from the first day that I met her. Ironically, all these years later as a licensed practical nurse, I give nursing cares to some of the retired Sisters of Charity. One of the nuns I give assistance to is Sr. Lucy. She was one of the cooks at St. Joan's when I was a student. She also remembers Sr. Crucifix's "loving heart".

young women from all backgrounds, races and creeds as well as their accomplishment to rise to the academic standards that are needed in today's global community.

I enjoy supporting St. Joan's because it is an opportunity for me to give back a fraction of what was given to me and they are preparing young women to make a significant contribution in the workforce or an equally significant contribution as a stay-at-home mom.

One of the things that I admire about St. Joan's is its commitment to attract and embrace



Laura Collier making solicitation calls to her classmates.

Alumnae Updates

On November 8, 2009, at the annual Fall Festival and Spaghetti Dinner, the St. Joan Antida Alumnae Association presented two special awards. The Alum of the Year Award was presented to Isabel Monreal. Ms. Monreal is a 1964 graduate of SJA and her nomination for the award was submitted by her daughter, Christine Sutter, a 1986 graduate. Christine said in her nomination letter, "Words cannot describe how proud I am of my mom." Congratulations Isabel and thank you for making SJA proud to call you a graduate!

The first-ever Dedicated Service Award was presented to Marilyn (Wiskowski) Venturi. Mrs. Venturi is a 1960 graduate of SJA. She has been actively involved for many years in the Alumnae Association, Auction, and Fall Festival planning. Whenever help is needed, Marilyn is among the first to volunteer. The idea for this unique award was presented by Martha (Shiroda) Secosh, '58 and the other members of the alumnae association agreed heartily. The award was a surprise presentation on the day of the festival to show gratitude to Marilyn for all that she gives back to the school.

Fall Festival/Spaghetti Dinner Wrap Up

Thank you to volunteers, parents and staff for making this year's event the most successful yet. The school raised over \$15,000 this year, significantly more than in years past. Eleven hundred dinners were sold, and \$1000 came in through the raffle. Baked goods and other miscellaneous sales brought in close to \$500. We are grateful to Waterstone Bank for sponsoring the event.

Special acknowledgement goes to Lisa Hansen, president of the Parent Network, who donated significant time to organize this event for the second year in a row. Lisa's dedication to the school and this event was a large part of its success.

The Pompeii Men's club arrived two days before to begin their enthusiastic creation of our signature meatballs. This year they were joined by a dedicated group of alumnae who were eager to learn the process. For the third consecutive year, the sauce was crafted by the Schuessler family, whose daughter Ana is a 2009 graduate. We would also like to thank the SJA Alumnae Association; without their donations of treasure and talent, the raffle baskets would not have been possible.



Families at the 2009 Fall Festival.



Families celebrating Martin Luther King Day.

SJA's Sista Pride girls honor Dr. Martin Luther King

In honor of Dr. King's birthday, members from the St. Joan Antida High School Boys & Girls Club did their part in fulfilling his vision and help Milwaukee's kids improve their reading skills so they can have a dream and fulfill it too.

Students promoted youth literacy at the "Roc the Mic" event on Jan.15. The event featured singers, dancers and poetry reading. Representatives from the Milwaukee Public Library helped guests register for a library card. According to La'Ketta Caldwell, manager of the St. Joan Antida High School Boys & Girls Club, the community service project came as a result of the girls' awareness of literacy among people their age. They noticed that some of their peers struggled to read in class or are not able read at grade level.

"Their big 'aha' moment was when we talked about Dr. King and his 'I Have a Dream Speech.' How can young people be the dream if they can't read it?" says Caldwell.

SJA Youth of the Year - Rianna Madden (SJA '10)

Rianna was born number five of eleven children and grew up in a family full of turmoil. Her father left when Rianna was only five, and her mother worked hard to



Rianna Madden

support her children. Sometimes, Rianna and her older sisters were the only caregivers to the younger siblings.

One of Rianna's greatest dreams is to be a role model for her siblings. She knows that

to do that she has to maintain good grades, go to college, and stay out of trouble. As a senior, Rianna is enrolled in honors classes and uses her free time to study. As class Vice President, she speaks out against bullying and participates in peer mediation. This year, Rianna will be hosting a conference at school that addresses the issue of teen pregnancy. As a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs, Rianna has participated in many programs that hone her leadership skills. As a member of Pearls for Teen Girls, Rianna has been on college tours and was recently accepted at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where she will study Political Science. Her dream is to get a law degree and help others like her get a second chance at life.

In Rianna's words: "In the beginning, college wasn't a reality to me at all. All I wanted to do was get through high school and get a job. College was not important in my household and never discussed. College gives hard working youth the opportunity to stay positive and see the world in a different light."

Project Foundry

Project Foundry is an internet-based program designed to assist students in creating, managing and implementing classroom projects. The program is a personal tracking device, calendar, diary and help center all wrapped up in one. Project Foundry is based on project-based learning and promotes independent thinking and communication skills.



Freshwomen working on their projects. Velari Araujo and Jennifer Amaro-Lopez

For the 10th and 11th grade American Government Honors class, the students had to design a project based on the novel *Animal Farm*.

Students use Project Foundry to plan out the project, record their thoughts and ideas in the journal section and establish timelines for completion. It is a wonderful tool to communicate progress and determine if help is required at any stage of the project.

The 9th graders are currently doing an identity project, where they initially describe their journey that led them to SJA. The second project is a history of the school, the mission of the Sisters of Charity and how it integrates with the school today. The last project in the series is done at the end of the school year where students will chronicle their first year at SJA.

Mary Jane Simon, Academy teacher, said: "It is exciting that my students are doing in high school what they will be doing in college. Project-based learning promotes higher order thinking because students come up with the ideas themselves."

Jazmin Castro (sophomore): "The teacher told us things to make our project better and easier. It also helped us to know how to use Project Foundry. We can use it in other classes. It made it more fun to use Project Foundry."

Does your daughter think that a value is a sale price on jeans?

Or something to cherish for the rest of her life?

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A Special Thanks

Thank you to the Welke Group for creating three very unique marketing materials for SJA through the Tri Adathon event: a radio ad, a school brochure, and a full-color advertisement (see above). Tri-Adathon is a pro bono event held by three local advertising and public relations agencies to help worthy non profits with their marketing efforts. The print advertisement that was created is shown below. The radio ad and the school brochure can be seen on the SJA website.

Thanks, Welke Group!

Jaguar Basketball 09-10

This year's edition of the Jaguar basketball team is proving to be competitive, tenacious, and more exciting than ever! Under first year head varsity coach John Cunningham III, JV coach (and SJA faculty member) Katie Monk and the rest of the coaching staff, the Jaguars are making strides in the application of a stifling, turnover orientated defense, and a methodical, patient, team orientated offense. Coach Cunningham is showing daily that he is the right coach to take SJA basketball to the next level

Keying the Jaguars on both ends of the court is a group of stable and experienced seniors, most notably Sophie Rizzo, Meghan Krause, and Rianna Madden. Their leadership combined with young talents like sophomore Roxanne Davila, and junior Amanda Hampton, is resulting in a program on the rise. In addition to the varsity, the JV Jaguars are also studded with raw athletic ability in the process of being molded into fine basketball players.

While the Jaguars have only won one game so far, they are just now entering into the bulk of the conference season. The Midwest Classic Conference is recognized in the state as perhaps the premier mid and small school athletic conference. As a result the recognition of the increasing level of play by opposing coaches and Athletic Directors is definitely an achievement of note that should soon be yielding dividends in the win/loss column. Come on out and see the Jaguars play, it is a great entertainment value at only \$3 for adults and \$1 for students up to age 18. We'll see you soon in the "Jaguar Jungle"!

Grant a wish at mardi gras!

It's magic! The St. Joan Antida High School WISH TREE will again be an important part of our annual benefit dinner and auction on Saturday, April 24. We have been collecting wishes from SJA faculty and staff for materials they need in order to strengthen their programs and the school's activities. All wishes will be presented at the event and included in the invitation. Mardi Gras guests will be able to grant wishes from the WISH TREE list by making a monetary contribution to be used for the purchase of a specific wish. Those unable to attend our event can also grant wishes by contacting Ann Steinbach at 414-272-8423 or asteinbach@saintjoanantida.org.

Uniforms for students in need	\$500
Refrigerator/Freezer for Science Dept.	\$500
DVD: Health and Human Development	\$400
PowerPoint Projector	\$400
30 Copies of "Eyes Like Stars"	\$360

St. Joan Antida Refer-A-Student Program

The SJA Admissions Office is in the midst of enrolling our fall freshmen – the Class of 2014. Research has shown that most families choose a high school based on referrals and word-of-mouth. Please think about families you may know that have middle school daughters. Let them know why you are proud of your own history with SJA and why you think it's a great school selection. You can email the contact information for this family to: Elizabeth Lingen, Admissions Director: elingen@saintjoanantida.org and we will send an application packet to them immediately.

Then, give this coupon to the interested student to submit with her admission application.

All students whose application has a referral attached will be entered into a drawing for a free uniform shirt!

Name of 8th grade applicant: _____

Applicant parent(s) name: _____

Applicant's phone number: _____

Name of person making referral: _____



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