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## Grandfriends' Day!



Photos: R. Holmitch

Max Shank (MS) showed his grandfather a fun board game, while Eily Ryan-Hart (P2) showed her Grandma a classroom material.

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**I**t is often said that Grandfriends' Day is a favorite for students at SJMS, and there is a good reason for that opinion.

On Grandfriends' Day, grandparents and special friends are invited to the school to learn about our wonderful program.

The day starts with a special presentation from our Family Association,

the Development Office, and Matt Brenner, our Head of School.

Next, family members are invited to visit the classrooms to try many Montessori materials and learn about a typical day at SJMS.

After families explored the classrooms, as well as visiting the book-fair in the Multi-purpose room, the day ended with early dismissal at noon.

# Thank You Penny & Sandra!



Photos: R. Holonitch

We thanked Penny and Sandra with paintings that are filled with signatures from all our students.

There is no better way to say “Thank You!” than with a big serving of cookies and milk! On April 26th, our school community came together in Ryan Hall to thank Penny Shyjka and Sandra Matheny for the service and dedication to St. Joseph Montessori School with a “Cookies and Milk Party.”

After the students enjoyed their treats, each classroom presented their thank you cards and gifts to each of them. The gifts varied from songs, cards, and flowers. Finally, Matt presented paintings that each student signed, as a gift from the entire school.

## SJMS Talks Trash

In celebration of Earth Day, students, teachers, and parents from SJMS walked around the city’s Italian Village neighborhood in small groups to collect trash and beautify the neighborhood. Cleanup supplies including gloves, trash pickers, and trash bags were loaned to the school by Keep Columbus Beautiful. While older students, including the two who are pictured, collected trash, our younger students prepared seed cups to take and plant at home. This service projects aligns with the school’s accreditation goal of “Care for God’s Creation.” This event made such an impact that it was featured on the evening news and The Catholic Times.



Nora Stafford (CH1) and Morgan Hensley (MS) helped keep our neighborhood clean.

## Dignity Drive Donations

Our volunteers worked hard to raise money to purchase needed personal hygiene supplies for the Guadalupe Center. This year they raised:

**\$490.65**

## SkateZone 71 Skate Party



Photo: R. Lomax

Peri Lichtenstiger, Lailah Lomax, Lilly Surratt, and Eily Ryan-Hart (P2) enjoyed the skate party.

SJMS students got their groove on when they attended Skate Night at SkateZone71 on April 6th. This event, which is hosted by our Family Association, is a community building event that is filled with fun.

Rice Bowl Collection

**\$537**



# Spanish Fiesta



Cecilia Martin (ERD) had an opportunity to break the piñata.

The morning of May 5th was filled with fun, fun, fun! On that day, our school community celebrated Cinco de Mayo with our annual Spanish Fiesta. The students were divided into two groups: Children's House and Primary, then Middle School and Erdkinder.

The younger students tried tasty foods like homemade queso and salsa, plus fresh baked cookies. They made fun crafts like maracas, paper plate sombreros, and coloring sheets. They also played games like Musical Sombrero and Pin the Tail on the Donkey.

The Middle School and Erdkinder students received a dance lesson from a professional dance instructor. They also sampled the tasty food at lunch time.

At the end of each session, students were randomly chosen to take a swing at the piñata.



Frankie Meleca and Alissa Mulaney (P3) decorated Mexican flags.



Justin Cockrell and Thomas Hohmann (ERD) served tasty treats like homemade salsa and queso.

The entire event was planned by Elba Martinez-Rosado, our Spanish specialist, with the help of her Spanish Teacher for the Day, Sadie Mapes (MS). Thank you to all the Erdkinder and staff volunteers who helped with the crafts and food.

## nochildwetbehind Diaper Collection and 5k



Photo: R. Holonitch

Nick Keglewitch (P2) and Harper Boninsegna-Mullins (P1) helped fill the collection bin with diapers.

SJMS was proud to support the Columbus Birth & Parenting, an organization that collects and distributes diapers to needy families. The collection box was in front of the school office this spring. On May 13th, the organization hosted a 5k at Wolfe Park, where all the diapers were collected. Roxanne Holonitch proudly represented SJMS by participating in the race. By the end of the day, a large U-Haul truck was filled with diapers that will be shared with needy families in Central Ohio.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Roxanne Holonitch attended the 5k race at Wolfe Park to represent SJMS, and even met some fun mascots.

# Head of School for the Day

## Anthony Celebrezze



Photo: R. Holonitch

Anthony "took over" for the day as Head of School for the Day.

On April 27th, there was a new sheriff in town. On that day, Anthony Celebrezze was our Head of School for the Day. Anthony received this honor as a Spring Gala auction item that his parents generously purchased. On that day, Anthony shared breakfast treats with his classmates, which included cinnamon rolls and bananas. He also designated May 18th as Pajama Day. After a fun morning, Anthony and a friend joined Matt for lunch at Northstar. Anthony received a certificate to always remember this special day.

# Spring Bookfair

With the help of dedicated parent volunteers, SJMS hosted our Spring Bookfair in the multipurpose room. Books were arranged by interest and grade level, to make shopping easy. During the school day, classrooms were invited to browse for books they would like to buy.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Mitchell Timken and Max Shank (MS) picked out some great books at the bookfair.

# Girl Scouts Donate Cookies

Our Girl Scout troop learned the virtue of compassion with a recent donation. They visited the Reeb Avenue Community Center and donated 100 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. They also received a tour of the facilities and learned about their work to serve the community.



Photo: G. Hammond

Girl Scouts visit Reeb Avenue Center.

# "Anyone for a Game of Tennis?"



Photo: R. Holonitch

Luke Messerly (ERD) made great shots on the field trip.

After completing an interesting unit of study featuring tennis in their Physical Education classes, the Erdkinder classroom ventured to Goodale Park for a tennis tournament. Amanda Jelly, our Physical Education/Health Specialist, planned the fun field trip that occurred April 13th. Before the tennis matches began, they stopped at North Market for a tasty lunch.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Olivia Shuff (ERD) showed great poise during her tennis match.



# Erdkinder Hits the Road

Our Erdkinder class traveled to Philadelphia, also known as the “City of Brotherly Love,” for a week in May. On their trip they visited the Mutter Museum, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and many other local sights. For a special treat, they made a stop in New York City to see the Statue of Liberty.



## Pajama Day!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Isabella Gant and Lesley Furuta (MS)

Let it be known that on May 18th, St. Joseph Montessori School enjoyed a Pajama Day, thanks to Anthony Celebrezze, Head of School for the Day.

## Dress Like a Book Character Day

On April 25th, books came alive in our hallways and classrooms with “Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day.”

This holiday was planned to celebrate World Book Day, which is on April 23rd. Students came in a variety of costumes that honored their love of reading.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Heidi White (MS) dressed like Pippi Longstocking for Book Character Day.

# POPWalk: 2017

The unofficial theme for this year’s POPWalk was “make lemonade from lemons.” This theme came about with the overwhelming rain that fell the entire week. With disappointing weather forecasts, plans were made, then changed multiple times. Instead of our usual walk-a-thon in our elementary playground, or even on the parking lot, our students completed POPWalk inside Ryan Hall. We divided the levels up for safety, and

changed the lap cards to reflect the change in venue. Each level was invited to walk for 45 minutes, then enjoy their popsicles.

Weeks before the event, students were asked to collect pledges from family and friends to help support updates to our playground. Then on Friday, our students “earned” those pledges by walking laps. The money pledged will be collected by our students, and turned in to their classroom teachers, until the end of the school year.

Our goal is \$15,000, which will help update our basketball court on the elementary playground. Please watch our Playground Pledge Board in front of the school office for our up-to-date pledge count.

A special thank you goes to our parent volunteers, staff, faculty, and students who make this great event possible each year!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Isaac Hohl, James Gulledge, and Will Turso (P3) enjoyed their popsicles after POPWalk.

## guess who? Answers



Photo: HR Imaging

Sandra Matheny  
Music



Photo: HR Imaging

Penny Shyjka  
Great Books



# Alumni News

## Class of 2013

Our friends from the Class of 2013 are moving on to college this year from four exciting years in high school. Here is a list of their future plans.



Photo: R. Holonitch (Archive: 2013)

SJMS Class of 2013

### Connor Johnson

Connor has decided to take a year off from schooling to work and travel before he begins his collegiate education.

### Michael Weaver

Michael will attend The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a major in Chemistry, with a track for Pre-Med. Michael also was named as a U.S. Presidential Scholar. Michael is one of only 161 outstanding American high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to their school and community. The U.S. Presidential Scholars will be honored for their accomplishments in Washington D.C., from June 18-20.

## Class of 1999

### Bethany Torres

Mark Oliver Mann was born at 11:23pm on April 25th, weighing in at 8lbs, 10oz, and 19.25 inches long. We are so happy for Bethany and Josh. Congratulations!



### We Want to Hear from You!

Send us your good news to share!  
rholonit@cdeeducation.org

## Class of 2007

### Joe Ruggiero



In March, Joe married Emily Blair in a civil ceremony, before his military deployment begins. A ceremony with family and friends is planned for fall of 2018. They are also expecting their first child!

## St. Charles Preparatory School Honor Roll

For the third quarter, many of our SJMS alumni have earned Honor Roll status at St. Charles Preparatory School. To earn Honor Roll status, students must earn a 3.50 or better GPA. If they have an 4.0+ after their name, it indicates a 4.0 or better GPA.

### SJMS Class of 2012

Michael Flynn

### SJMS Class of 2013

Michael Weaver (4.0+)

### SJMS Class of 2015

Matthew Hohmann (4.0+)

# Calendar of Events

## June

1: Last Day of School  
Early Dismissal @ 12noon

1: Bowling Party

12: Summer Camp begins

## August

20: Back to School Open House

23: First Day of School

# guess who?



1. "Guess Who?" is very, very afraid of possums.

2. "Guess Who's" dream vacation is to visit Easter Island.

3. "Guess Who?" loves silence.

4. "Guess Who?" will be greatly missed.

Read the clues and check out the pictures for the "Guess Whos?" in this issue. The answer is located on page 9.

Have a great  
summer!

See you in  
August!

# guess who?

1. "Guess Who?" has a bionic wrist and foot, gift of SJMS.

2. "Guess Who?" signs personal notes with a witch's broom or a cat's face.

3. "Guess Who?" often brought home classroom pets for the summer, but lost the turtle in a strawberry patch. They had to send out the dog for a "search and rescue."

3. "Guess Who?" will be greatly missed.

