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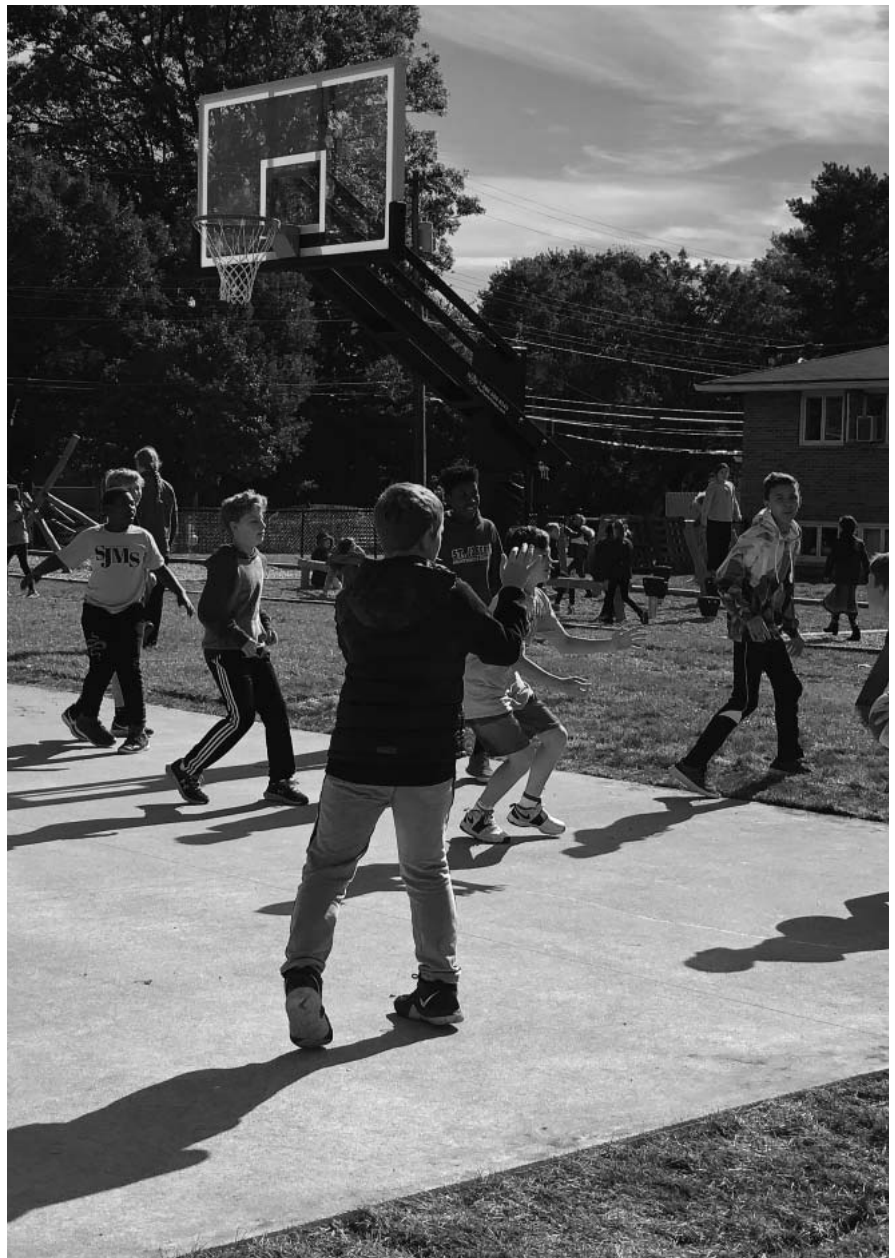
## SJMS Shoots and Scores!

*SJMS wins big with a new basketball court in the elementary playground.*

If you happen to be visiting our school building during recess time, you will hear a distinct sound of dribbling and laughter on our playground. Recently, our playground received an addition in the form of a new basketball court and hoops. Everyday since its completion, our elementary students have been using it. This is another step forward in updating our playground, which will encourage healthy play time for our students. Thank you to our generous donors who helped make this playground equipment possible.

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*Our students have enjoyed the new basketball court during their recess time.*

# SJMS Spaghetti Dinner

Manga! Manga! Manga! As always, our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Children's Raffle was an SJMS crowd-pleaser. On September 21st, our community came together to break bread, with a heaping

portion of spaghetti and meatballs, to raise money for a worthy cause.

The evening began with a tasty dinner that included spaghetti and meatballs,

bread, salad, and a tasty dessert of sugar cookies and Rita's Italian Ice.

The calling of our winners from the Children's Raffle ended our exciting evening. Over 20 children's raffle boxes - including LEGOs, plushies, and an art easel - were featured in the children's raffle. We also offered a parent wine tasting raffle that offered three bottles in each box.

This year, our Spaghetti Dinner brought in over \$4,000 for teacher professional development. These funds will help send teachers to the American Montessori Society conference in March.

Thank you to our staff volunteers and generous donors that helped make this event a huge success.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Ryan Hall became an Italian bistro for our Spaghetti Dinner.*

## Pumpkin Patch Field Trip for Children's House

On October 5th, our Children's House teachers, parents, and students ventured to Circle S Farms in Grove City for our annual Pumpkin Patch field trip. On this trip, families enjoyed a hayride, pumpkin donuts and apple cider, a corn maze, and piles of hay to play in. Each student is also invited to choose a pumpkin to take home. There is also a photo opportunity spot for families to capture memories to last a lifetime.

The rainy weather may have put the event indoors, but that didn't dampen the mood for Fall Festival. While visiting SJMS on October 27, there was a variety of activities to make everyone in the family have a fun time.

If you stopped in Ryan Hall, you were greeted with snacks, a bounce house, beer for parents, and Cake Walk - a sweet game with baked goods. In the multi-purpose room, there were more games and pumpkin decorating. Outside on the playground, children were invited to take a ride from an adorable pony. You could smell the savory meal options from the food trucks in our parking lot.

This event has become a high point in our community calendar.

## Fall Festival



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Students had fun decorating pumpkins at our Fall Festival.*

# Roald Dahl Day

As part of our “Learning is Fun!” calendar this year, our students celebrated Roald Dahl Day on September 13th.

At lunch time, our elementary students were asked to vote on their favorite Roald Dahl book with stickers and a voting poster. And the winner is.... “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.”

While they ate their lunches, both lunch groups were able to enjoy a showing of “Matilda,” the Roald Dahl book that was made into a popular movie.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Students voted on their favorite Roald Dahl book.*

## “Light a Candle for Peace” Assembly

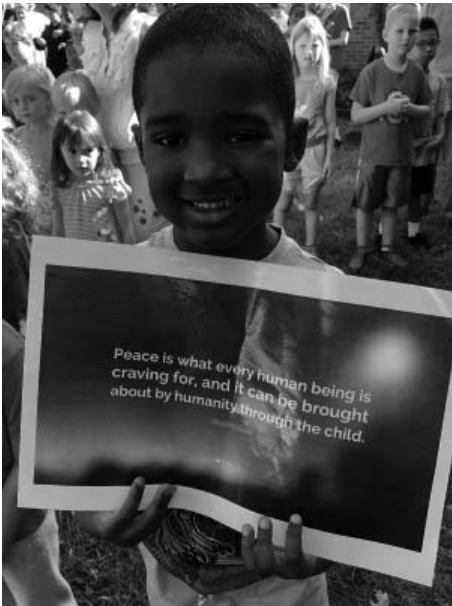


Photo: R. Holonitch

*Our students shared a message of peace at our outdoor assembly.*

Our school community came together in our Children’s House courtyard to sing for peace on September 21st. After our teachers and students met at our Peace Pole, Connor McMonagle led our voices in song to sing on the International Day of Peace. Every year, Montessori schools from around the world sing “Sing Peace Around the World” at the same time. Written by Shelley Murley, this song is to promote world peace with song.

## Happy Birthday

*Maria*

To celebrate Maria Montessori’s birthday, all of our Children’s House and Elementary students enjoyed a tasty sugar cookie during our outdoor Fun Friday lunch. Happy Birthday, Maria!



Photo: R. Holonitch

*YUM! Sugar cookies were given as birthday treats.*

# International Children's Day



Photo: R. Holonitch

*The parade was filled with beautiful outfits.*

On a crisp day in October, our annual International Children's Day went off without a hitch! On October 19th, our Children's House and Primary students shared their appreciation for world cultures in our International Children's Day event. The day started with a parade in our parking lot led by bagpiper, David Hopper. Our students wore festive culture outfits found all over the world. After the parade, parents and teachers shared their worldly travels with our students. Melanie Anthus, an SJMS parent, showed a powerpoint presentation from her travels. Connor McMonagle, SJMS Music teacher, talked about his trip to the Philippines, while Matt Brenner shared fun stories from his travels overseas.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Students shared their love of worldly cultures.*

Once the presentations were complete in Ryan Hall, our students returned to their classrooms for smaller presentations and food samples from around the world.

## Fun Friday Pizza Lunch



Photo: R. Holonitch

*SJMS loves pizza!*

To support their class trip, our Erdkinder students serve pizza each Friday at lunch. Our students really enjoy this tasty treat for lunch. YUM!

## Peace Chapel Field Trip

While the fifth and sixth grade students were on the trip to Damascus, our fourth grade students took the Beat Bus to Dominican Sisters of Peace residence hall to visit their Peace Chapel. The fourth graders had an opportunity to learn about the beautiful stained glass windows, and speak to the artist who designed them. These windows depict scenes from the bible and their connection to nature. Our students also had a chance to draw their favorite window with colored pencils.

As a treat, the students ate lunch in the food court at Ohio Dominican University and walk around the campus.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Sister Touva gave our fourth graders a guided tour of the windows and their meaning.*

## Outdoor Learning at Damascus

At the end of September, our fifth and sixth grade students - along with Bill Reed, Cathy Johanni, Evan Boylan, and Sarah Weber - ventured north to Damascus. Damascus is a Catholic mission campus in Centerburg, Ohio.

Our students participated in a variety of outdoor learning activities, as well as many faith-based lessons. Many life-long memories are made on this overnight field trip.



## Veteran's Day Assembly



Photo: R. Holmitch

*Jon Ford and Gary Paugh received "thank yous" from our students at the end of the assembly.*

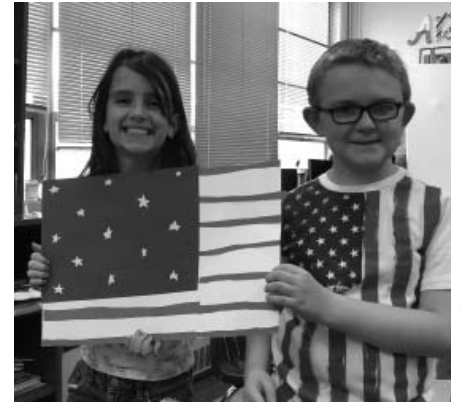


Photo: R. Holmitch

*Our Middle School students created all the changes to our American Flags in honor of Veteran's Day.*

In honor of Veteran's Day, our students in the elementary building participated in a lunch time assembly with two special guests. Jon Ford, an SJMS parent, and Gary Paugh, an SJMS grandparent, shared their experiences in the military. Jon Ford

was in the Marines and Gary Paugh was in the Army. Before they spoke to the group, our guests enjoyed a tasty lunch provided by SJMS. At the end of lunch, each student stopped and thanked them for their service to our great country.

## Erdkinder Bake Sales

Do you like to eat sweet treats? Our Erdkinder students heard your tummies growling, and started our monthly bake sale during the elementary lunch period on the first Fun Friday of the month.

You will find many kinds of tasty treats including: brownies, cookies, cupcakes, and many more. They even provide gluten free and vegan treats so everyone can participate. Everything sold is between 25 cents to one dollar.

The money raised will be used on their class trip this spring. Look for their festive aprons and bright red tablecloth!



Photo: R. Holmitch

*Our Erdkinder students are happy to serve tasty treats on Fun Fridays.*

## Learning is Fun Days at SJMS

With so many holidays in the year, SJMS started "Learning is Fun!" Days. With these days brings fun and educational activities. Some of these days include:

**Constitution Day**  
September 17

**National Comic Book Day**  
September 25

**World Kindness Day**  
November 13

**Computer Safety Day**  
November 30

# Alumni News

## Class of 2001

Charles Rinehart



In June, Charles and Annie Rinehart welcomed Grace Rinehart into their family.

## Class of 2004

Zak Houston



Zach Houston is currently studying acting at the University of California, Irvine. He was recently in a production of “Delivery: a Tryptich” at The Tank.

## Class of 2007

Brooke Alexander



This fall, Brooke Alexander completed her first marathon at the Columbus Marathon with her sister by her side. After completing her degree in Physical Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh, she is now a Physical Therapist (PT) at Allina Health.

## Class of 2003

Allison Reifeis



On June 3rd, Allison Reifeis married Lucas Soraire in front of friends and family in Key Largo, Florida. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Becca Brenner



On May 27th, Becca Brenner married Zach Hernbloom in front of family and friends in Columbus. They will reside in Omaha, Nebraska, where she will continue her work as a company dancer for Ballet Vero Beach.

Elizabeth Miller



This summer, Elizabeth Miller earned second place for the 2018 All Ohio Excellence in Journalism Award at the Press Club of Cleveland. She earned her award for her work as a reporter at Ideastream (WCPN and WVIZ).

Sam Blakeslee

Sam Blakeslee was one of three winners of the RSMI David Baker Prize in Music Composition at the Ravinia Festival this year. Sam said that the Ravinia Festival “continues to be an incredible advocate for the arts and I’m thrilled that I was able to be a small part of their amazing festival this year!” This event is held annually in Chicago, Illinois.

Bobby Jones

Bobby Jones is engaged to Sarah Weber and plan to wed on May 4, 2019 in the Hocking Hills area of Logan, Ohio with family and friends.

# Alumni News

## Class of 2009

Keiko Wilkins



Last spring, Keiko Wilkins graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. She is currently working at the university as a Graduate Assistant in that department.

## Class of 2010

Claire Alexander



Claire Alexander will begin work on her PhD in Clinical Neuropsychology at Ohio University. She recently graduated from Notre Dame with her Master's Degree. This fall, she ran the half marathon at the Columbus Marathon.

Anna Reed



In May, Anna Reed graduated from Wright State University with a degree in Costume Design/Theatre.

## Class of 2015

Erin Miller

This summer, Erin Miller traveled for 11 days to France and England. She visited historical sights in Normandy, Paris, and London.



St. Charles Preparatory School

## Honor Roll

### SJMS Class of 2015

Matthew Hohmann

### SJMS Class of 2016

Joseph Tinapple (4.0+)

### SJMS Class of 2017

Braeden Singleton (4.0+)

### SJMS Class of 2018

Thomas Hohmann (4.0+)

Cameron Hunter

James Messerly

Spencer Aurnou-Rhees

Drew Benke

Adam Fellows

Sawyer Mapes

Luke Messerly

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



We would love to include your good news in the next issue.

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# Calendar of Events

## December

2: Jolly Holly Breakfast  
Ryan Hall  
(9am - 12noon)

12: Cookies & Carols  
(6:30pm)

20 - Jan. 6: Christmas Holiday  
(NO SCHOOL)

## January

7: Classes resume

17: Moving Up Night  
(6pm)

21: MLK Day  
(NO SCHOOL)

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# Winter Word Search



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Gloves  
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Ice Skating  
Mittens  
Scarf  
Skiing  
Sledding  
Snow  
Snow Ball

Snow Ball Fight  
Snow Flake  
Snowboarding  
Snowman  
Toboggan  
Winter