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Interest Fair



Photo: C. Corlett

L-R: Alex B. (MS) shared his project on Neil Armstrong with his judge. Sage C. (UE) helped her judge break a board for her Tae-Kwon-Do project. Sebastian C. (UE) talked about Niagara Falls with his judge.

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Are you interested in writing and photography? We are always looking for writers and photographers for the newspaper. Stop by the art room and learn more about this exciting opportunity!

For the 33rd year, St. Joseph Montessori School hosted its annual Interest Fair. On this “interesting” day, students present their projects to classmates and judges.

In the Lower Elementary classrooms, our students had the option of completing a project and sharing it with their friends and teachers the days before Interest Fair.

In the Upper Elementary and Middle School classrooms, students set up their tri-fold boards and 3D projects in Ryan Hall. In the evening, judges were invited to our school to listen to their presentations and complete a lesson rubric with comments.

As usual, there were many great topics

researched by our students. Some of these exciting topics included historical events and people, science and current events topics, and favorite animals and sports.

This event is a great opportunity for our students to practice their public speaking, writing, and presentation skills. The judges shared constructive comments with our students to help improve their work for the future.

Brenda Huth, our Head of School said, “Montessori presentations of learning happen every day, but this culminating event and the fact that community members were able to experience young people at their very best... amazing!”

Basketball Champions!



SJMS Boy's Basketball Team



St. Mary's Girls Basketball Team

This month, our basketball stars got to shine on the court. On February 22nd, the St. Andrew's team won their championship game at St. Andrew's School in Upper Arlington. Ava Q. and Mariah M., in Upper Elementary, are part of this winning team.

On February 23, the 7th grade boys basketball team won the championship game against St. Paul at St. Charles Preparatory School. They won in the final minutes of the game with a score of 29-26.

Congratulations to all our basketball players and teams!

"Seeds of Caring" Field Trip

Music therapy is a practical, up and coming field that is based upon experiential and collaborative learning and is so closely connected to our Montessori education here at SJMS. Our second year students in both Lower Elementary 1 and 2 saw the power of music first hand as they sang and interacted with adults with special needs at the "Seeds of Caring" event.

On February 10th, our group visited the Goodwill of Columbus to participate in a musical performance by musician, Joanie Calem. After the engaging concert, guests were encouraged to create arts & crafts. Our students were joined by Connor McMonagle, Jessica Appel, Julie Williams, and Jennifer Beatty. Our students found this activity enriching, and hope to return for future events.



Joanie Calem was the guest musician for the "Seeds of Caring" event.

Introducing Maker Mondays

There is a new opportunity for your students to be creative and express themselves. Introducing... Maker Mondays! At Maker Mondays, 4th-8th year students will be provided with a variety of tools and resources to explore their ideas, interests, and passions. They will have the opportunity to: start a podcast, make and record music, create digital art using drawing tablets, create and print 3D designs, use coding to make games and activities, and much, much more.

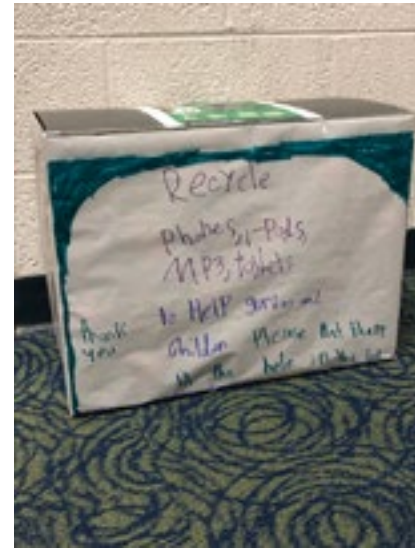
Maker Mondays will take place after-school every Monday from 3:15-5:15 pm in the makerspace, located next to the Middle School classroom. Please contact Evan Boylan, the club advisor, if you have questions or are interested

SJMS Track & Field

We are excited to announce that the SJMS Track & Field team is returning this year! All of your favorite events are back, including the long jump, discus, softball throw, sprints, relays, distance running, shot put, and much much more! If that wasn't enough, we will also be branching out into some new and exciting events like hurdles!

The coaching team this year will be made up of Evan Boylan, LE Parent Shatara Walters, and UE & MS Parent Karin Vermander. Parents of 4th-8th year students were emailed practice and meet times and dates.

Recycle Your Technology for a Good Cause



The collection box is located outside our Atrium.

Photo: R. Holmitch

Students at SJMS are doing their part to save the habitats of gorillas by recycling. From February through April, a box can be found outside the Atrium to collect used electronics to be safely recycled. As part of the "Gorillas on the Line" program, the Columbus Zoo and 26 other zoos are on a mission to collect small, used electronics to recycle the mineral coltan. Coltan is a mineral mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is the home of gorillas. This mineral helps phones run faster and longer. Do your part! Bring in your used electronics, like cell phones and iPods, to be recycled and help save the gorillas.

Rice Bowl Collection Begins for Lent



This is the third year students are participating in the Lenten Rice Bowls campaign with the Catholic Relief Services. Rice bowls were sent home with children with helpful information. You can also go to their website crsricebowl.org to watch stories of hope from Vietnam, Kenya and Honduras. Rice bowls will be collected after Easter.

Vermicomposting

In an effort to help the environment and care for God's creation, our school has begun vermicomposting with our tiny new friends: worms!

In February, our Laudato Si Club visited each classroom to deliver the composting bins and presented important information about the composters. Each classroom also received a set of three-part cards to continue the learning. Teachers also got a lesson about this program at a recent staff meeting.

At the end of lunch each day, students prepare their food scraps and share it with the worms. This is another great example of how SJMS students are global citizens to care for the environment.



Peri L., Nora R., and Harper B.M. (UE) show off their vermicomposting bins in the Upper Elementary classroom.

Photo: R. Holmitch

Alumni News

Class of 2007

Alena Mohler

On February 8th, Alena Mohler became a full member of the Columbus Division of Fire. She was awarded the Dave Karn Training Excellence Award!



Kenny Smith



On January 29th, Kenny Smith was featured on an episode of “Forged in Fire,” a show aired on The History Channel. “Forged in Fire” tests some of the best blacksmiths in the field as they attempt to re-create some of history’s most iconic edged weapons.



St. Charles Preparatory School Honor and Merit Roll

SJMS Class of 2016

Joseph Tinapple (4.0+)

SJMS Class of 2017

Braeden Singleton (4.0+)

SJMS Class of 2018

Spencer Aurnou-Rhees

Andrew Benke

Adam Fellows

Thomas Hohmann (4.0+)

Cameron Hunter

James Messerly

Luke Messerly

SJMS Alumni Support Interest Fair



Photo: C. Corlett

John A. (MS) shared his project with Erinn Anderson (SJMS Class of 2002).

Our alumni hold fond memories of Interest Fair projects from the past. To rekindle those memories, many returned to SJMS and acted as judges at this year’s event.

“My mom still has many of my proj-

ects in her basement. This is a blast from the past! I really enjoyed myself tonight,” said Erinn Anderson, alumni from SJMS Class of 2002.

We are honored to have our alumni return and share their knowledge with our current students.

We Want to Hear From YOU!

We would love to include your news in our paper! Please send your updates and images to:

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