

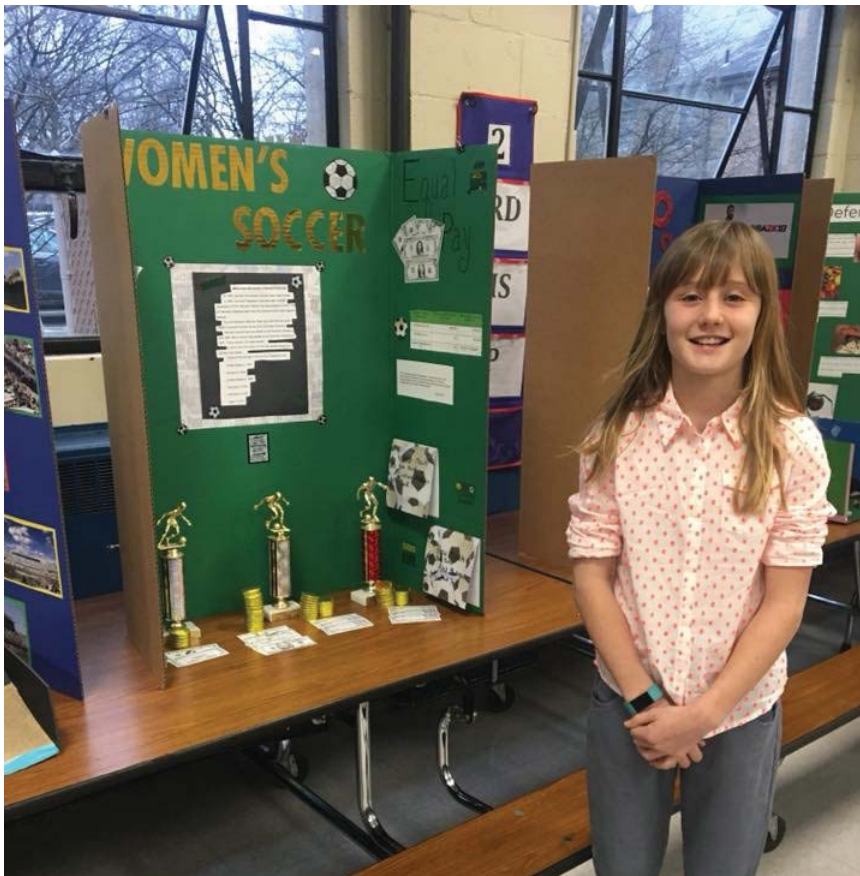
# The Montessorian

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## Interest Fair!



Harper Boninsegna-Mullins (MS) shared information about women's soccer to her judges.



Sophia Celebrezze (P3) learned about George Washington.



Thomas Hohmann (ERD) researched McCarthyism for his final Interest Fair project.

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For another exciting year, our students impressed guest judges with their knowledge on Interest Fair night.

In the months before that big night, our Primary through Erdkinder students researched a wide variety of topics that interest them. Ele-

ments in these projects include: a well-written paper, a tri-fold board or posters, and a three-dimensional project that supports their research.

This project helps develop a student's time management, writing, craftsmanship, and public speaking skills.

## Lyn Ford Tells Stories to SJMS Students



Photo: R. Holomitch

The stories that Lyn Ford told our Primary students really surprised them, especially Frankie Meleca (P3).

Lyn Ford - a well-known storyteller - shared her thoughts and stories with our students on February 15th in the multi-purpose room. The stories Lyn told included personal experiences and life lessons. She challenged our students to continue to write their personal stories and “read, read, read!”

## Middle School Makes Soup for Lent



Photo: C. Johanni

Phinn Boninsegna-Mullins and Max Shank (MS)

Our 5th graders have been leading the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Challenge during Lent. Here is a modified Sopa de Queso recipe they created and enjoyed at school:

Sopa de Queso  
(SJMS Middle School version)

- 1 ½ onion, chopped
- 1 ½ green pepper chopped
- 3 cans diced tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1 bunch of mint
- Water
- 3 cups milk (coconut milk for vegans)
- Salt
- 1 cup Maseca
- 3 cups cheese (skip this for vegans)
- 2 tsp Spanish spice

- \*Dump first 5 ingredients in big crock pot with 6 cups water.
- \*Cook on high all morning.
- \*At lunch time, mix 1 cup Maseca with ½ cup water and knead into a dough.
- \*Mix in olive oil, salt, and Spanish spice.
- \*Now mix in cheese, and add ¼ cup more water.
- \*Remove mint. Stir in the dough to the hot soup. Stir.
- \*Add in milk and turn heat to low until it’s time to eat!

## Imagine Engineering Presentation

Our second graders were introduced to career options in engineering with a presentation called, “Imagine Engineering.” On February 13th, Devon Seal, an environmental engineer, visited our school to talk about different jobs in the field of engineering. The group even had an opportunity to improve the design of a paper airplane and make it fly.



Photo: R. Holomitch

Our second grade students learned about careers in engineering, and worked with designing a better paper airplane.

## STEM Skate Lesson for Middle School



Photo: R. Holomitch

Heidi White (MS) uses a water-soaked tennis ball to demonstrate the pumping motion of a human heart.

You can learn a lot from a pair of rollerskates - including health and nutrition.

On March 16th, our Middle School students ventured to SkateZone71 to learn about how exercise and healthy food choices help you for a lifetime. After their sack lunches, they enjoyed some free skate time with their friends.

# Alumni News

## Class of 2003

Sam Blakeslee

Sam Blakeslee (SJMS 2003) was recently awarded the David Baker Prize in Composition in the Ravinia Steans Music Institute's Bridges: An International Jazz and Classical Fusion Competition. Congratulations, Sam!



## Class of 2005

Evan Bunner

Evan Bunner (SJMS 2005) has accepted a position as an engineer at Maxion Wheels, and now lives in Königswinter, Germany. Maxion Wheels works to help prevent road accidents from happening.



## Class of 2011

Courtney D'Angelo

As part of an Irish dance feature, Courtney D'Angelo appeared on "The Harry Connick, Jr. Show" for St. Patrick's Day.



## SJMS Reunion



SJMS students remain friends long after graduation. Allison Sheehan (SJMS 2015) was greeted by Jordan Wurapa (SJMS 2016), Amirah Lomax (SJMS 2016), and Madeline French (SJMS 2016) after she worked as a crew member for their recent performance of Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning "Into the Woods" in March.



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## Honor Roll

### SJMS Class of 2015

Matthew Hohmann (4.0+)

### SJMS Class of 2016

Joseph Tinapple (4.0+)

### SJMS Class of 2017

Braeden Singleton

# Calendar of Events

## April

- 9: Classes resume
- 11: SJMS Art Show
- 16: Pajama Day
- 19: 8th Grade Graduation Pictures  
(Raindate: April 20th)
- 23: World Book Day
- 27: Grandfriends Day  
(12noon dismissal)

## May

- 4: Spanish Fiesta (AM)
- 4: Techno Trek (PM)  
(Raindate: May 11)
- 14 - 18: Erdkinder Class Trip
- 24: SJMS Variety Show (6:30pm)
- 28: Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 31: AM & PM Graduation

## June

- 1: Last Day of School  
(12noon dismissal)
- 1: Bowling Party (12:30pm)



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