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8th Grade Visits Ohio Supreme Court, US Federal Court, and Ohio Statehouse



Photo: R. Holonitch

The 8th grade class had an opportunity to meet and talk with Justice Shannon Kennedy.

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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!

As part of their study of American history, our 8th grade class participated in a two-day field trip series to learn more about our government system. On November 13th, they visited the Ohio Supreme Court and met Justice Sharon Kennedy. She shared her life experiences and how to achieve your goals. In the afternoon, the group observed a real case in the US Federal Courthouse presided by Judge Michael Watson. Before the proceedings, the class

asked the judge questions about the case.

On November 14th, the class visited the Ohio Statehouse downtown to meet Representative Cupp. They received a tour of the Senate and House of Representatives chambers.

After the field trips, the class reflected on the days' events and what they learned from this experience.

SJMS LEGO League Wins Breakthrough Award



Photo: E. Boylan

The Juicy Lemons enjoyed the LEGO challenges.

In November, the SJMS LEGO League team “Juicy Lemons” competed in the Marburn Academy Regional Qualifier. LEGO League, an after school club, allows students to engage in STEAM activities and use innovation to problem solve, learn teamworking skills, and be creative. The rookie team achieved a high score of 220 points in the robot game, presented their innovative solution to dangerous railroad crossings (robotic cranes and magnets!!), and ensured everyone who wanted a lemon went home with one. To cap it all off, the team won the Breakthrough Award!!

Ohio EPA Art Show to Celebrate National Recycling Day



Photo: M. Steadman

The members of our Paint Club visited to art show located at the Ohio EPA offices downtown.

National Recycling Day 2019 was an exciting event for SJMS students. The Ohio EPA hosted an artshow that featured artwork from local artists, as well as the work created by our Middle School class.

Our 7th and 8th-grade students created collaborative art projects made from

recyclable materials. Small groups of 2-3 students worked together to make a piece that focuses on an environmental issue or topic.

The members of our Paint Club enjoyed a ride on the C-Bus to view this exciting show.

Lunch in the Classrooms

As a new feature to our school schedule, our students now enjoy lunch in their classroom settings. This aids in the lunch transition, as well as creates a practical life experience for them with table setting and cleanup. Lunch in the classroom also promotes our use of Grace, Courtesy, and lunch time prayer.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Alissa M. and Mara K. (UE) enjoy their lunch in the UE classroom.

Lower Elementary 1 Visits Pizzuti Collection

On November 19th, our Lower Elementary 1 classroom took a walking field trip to the Pizzuti Collection in the Short North, located across from Goodale Park.

The students arrived to see the show entitled “Driving Forces,” a show that features the private collection of Ron and Ann Pizzuti. The artwork on display is considered modern and contemporary art. It features work from artists like Frank Stella, Susan Rothenberg, Zhang Huan, and many more.

Our students were engaged and participated in lively conversations with the gallery’s docents.



Photo: B. Tanner

Students in LE1 saw amazing contemporary art on this trip.

HER Academy



Photo: C. Corlett

The members of our HER Academy work with coding and robotics.

This year, the girls in our Lower Elementary level have an opportunity to experiment with computers and coding, thanks to a program called HER Academy.

The mission of HER Academy is to “create a culture change in K-12 school so that all girls understand the principles and skills in computer science so that they can learn their potential as leaders in a technology lead world.”

Chelsea Kerns, our co-teacher in Lower Elementary 2, is the guide for our students.

This club is a great opportunity for our students to reach their technology potential.

Alumni News

Class of 2001

Alexandra Broussard



On November 9th, Alexandra Broussard married Jeffrey Price in front of family and friends. The ceremony and reception occurred at Creekside Conference and Event Center. Congratulations to Alexandra and Jeffrey!

Class of 2008

Adam Henderson



On October 20th, Adam Henderson ran his first marathon at the IMT Des Moines Marathon. "The last 8 miles were the hardest things I've ever done, but having this amazing group of people at the finish line to cheer me on made it all worth it!"

Class of 2017

Eoin O'Carroll



Eoin O'Carroll and his Wellington soccer teammates won the Division III State Championship game at Mapfre Stadium on November 10.

The Wellington Jaguars scored three first-half goals and beat Bluffton 4-0 to capture their first state title.

Class of 2006

Alex Kegelmeyer



Congratulations go to Alex Kegelmeyer for earning his Masters of Science in Nursing last May. He earned his degree at The Ohio State University. He currently works at The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center.

Class of 2010

Kerry Speed



Kerry Speed wed Kristen Barone at the Medallion Club in Westerville on November 9th. The room was filled with family and friends rejoicing for their nuptials.

Class of 2017

Simon Squires



Simon Squires recently played guitar in a jazz performance at Mikey's Late Night Slice in Columbus.