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Let's Go Band!



Photo: R. Holomitch

Our Upper Elementary 2 students enjoy band on the stage with Hannah.

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Hannah was on a mission. When she was hired at SJMS, she made it a mission to create a strong band program, and she is already well on her way.

Once the school year started, she visited each classroom during music class and shared her joy for music. With the positive energy, she got 48 Upper Elementary and Middle School to sign up for the band program. We look forward to seeing and hearing the music that comes from our energized bands!



Photo: R. Holomitch

Band members decorated their band shirt with tie-dye this year.

Virtual Book Fair

This year, from October 26 through November 8, our annual book fair went virtual. While the Fair was exclusively held online this year, we still made it a fun and joyous experience for our children. The Online Fair included features like an online book store and games for kids.

We would like to thank all those who supported the book fair, since every dollar spent will benefit SJMS with 25% back in rewards.

Spirit Week



Photo: C. Corlett

Thomas S. (LE) stayed cozy on Monday with Pajama Day.

Spirit Week is always a highlight for our students. This year, we celebrated with really fun themes for each day. On Monday, everyone stayed cozy with PJ Day. On Tuesday, students sported fun hats. Wednesday brought out the crazy hair and silly socks. On Thursday, team spirit was everywhere with favorite team day. The week ended with SJMS Spirit Day.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

To celebrate autumn and Halloween, our Family Association hosted a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. This was an opportunity for our students to decorate pumpkins in a fun and creative way.

Students decorated their pumpkins

and submitted a photograph to the Family Association. The Family Association voted on the submitted photographs at their October 26th meeting. Prizes were given for each level in SJMS School Spirit, Most Creative, and best use of recycled materials.

Pumpkin Contest Winners

CH: Carina S., Vivienne V., Adeline & Claudia H.

LE: Brody G., Lucy W., Ellis J.

UE: Elliot R., Riley M., and Rittner family

MS: Lucy L.



Photo: K. Helm

Adeline and Claudia H. (CH) share their fun pumpkin for the contest.

News from Egypt

This past spring, Connor McMonagle - the former Music Specialist for SJMS - shared with us that he was about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime.

Connor has made the move to Cairo, Egypt to teach music at the Modern English School. Recently, Connor has shared photos from his freetime sightseeing with our teachers.



Photo: C. McMonagle

Connor has seen some amazing sites, including the Sphinx.

Bottle Cap Project

SJMS is now partnering with the ABC Promise through Greentree Plastics to help the environment. We will turn recyclable bottle caps and lids into beautiful benches.

We have set a goal of building two 8 foot long park benches to also help beautify our school property. To accomplish this goal, we need to recycle 500 pounds of plastic. The school office shared a list of acceptable caps and lids for this project. Your support of this great project is appreciated!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Help fill our bottle cap collection containers!

Bottle Cap Project Progress

500 lbs.

375 lbs.

250 lbs.

125 lbs.

30 lbs. >

0 lbs.



Virtual Dance Party

On Thursday, October 8, our school enjoyed a virtual Dance Glow Party. The event was hosted by our Family Association and SkateZone71. The participants enjoyed some fun songs, dancing, and seeing their friends virtually. By registering for the

event, each participant received an LED glow bracelet and necklace, rock star shutter glasses, and a free ticket for a future skate event. Since this is a fundraiser, the school receives 20% of the ticket sales.

Mums For Sale



Photo: C. Corlett

Our volunteers helped pass out the mums during carpool.

What better way to celebrate autumn than with colorful mums. As a fundraiser, our Family Association led the annual mum sale. This year, we sold 451 mums, which exceeded our goal of 400 and 85 more than last year! Now that we reached our goal, our students earned a popsicle party.

Thank you to the Family Association volunteers who helped distribute the mums in rainy weather during carpool.

Alumni News

Class of 2000

Mandy (Mengel) Goetzke



We are so happy to have a second generation of the Goetzke family attend SJMS. Mandy (Mengel) Goetzke is an SJMS graduate, and now her children are attending our Children's House and Lower Elementary levels.

Class of 2004

Chelsea Rominski



On a beautiful, sunny day in September on the beaches of the Outer Banks in North Carolina, Matthew Dunphy proposed to Chelsea Rominski. She is currently a photographer for Simply Noelle in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Class of 2010

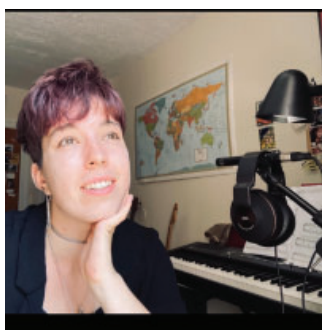
Audra Banfield



For the sixth year, Audra is riding the Pelotonia, in honor of her father, Tony Banfield. She currently lives in Los Angeles, California and works at Patrons for Peace in marketing. She also is a model for many designers in print and runway shows.

Class of 2010

Amelia Palmer



Amelia has launched a new podcast called "A Family History," that looks into events that shape generations within a family. She has partnered with Sanjay Koduvalli to discuss the domino effect one event can have on a family's history. The first episode aired on August 18th.

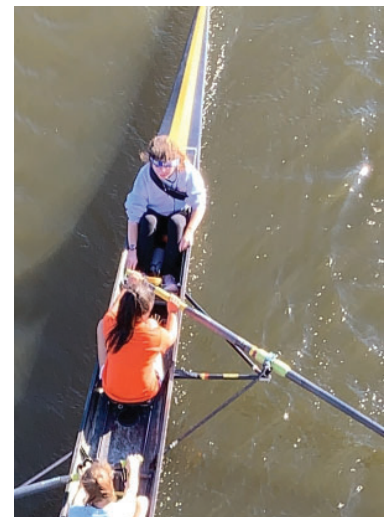
Class of 2010

Anna Reed

After earning her degree in Costume Design/Theatre at Wright State University, Anna has used her education as a Costume Stitcher at La Comedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro, Ohio. LaComedia is one of the nation's largest professional dinner theater locations.

Class of 2020

Maddy Wood



Maddy Wood has had a positive transition to high school. She is a freshman at the Columbus School for Girls, and she is currently on their rowing team.

Class of 2020

Calvin Miller

Calvin is a freshman at Grandview Heights High School, and is competing with their Cross Country team.