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Future Scientists with iGem



Photo: C. Corlett

Jack F. and Luca P. (LE2) work with Anice Sabag-Daigle to learn about genetics.

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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!

Since the beginning of the school year, students from The Ohio State University genetics education program have visited SJMS.

In these workshops, located in Ryan Hall, our students conducted a variety of experiments to learn about genetics.

In each presentation, students received new lessons with many hands-on experiments.



Photo: C. Corlett

Students investigate microbe samples with students from OSU.

International Children's Day



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Sage C. (UE2) and her trainer from J. Tiger, Master Kim, demonstrated taekwondo techniques to the school.

This year, our International Children's Day focused on our school-wide continent study of Asia.

During the parade, Melanie Steadman's daughter, Natalie, shared her Taiko drum skills for the audience.

After the parade, students and staff were invited to Ryan Hall for a taekwondo demonstration from J. Tiger Taekwondo in Dublin. Members of the Casey family including Sage, Avery, Phoebe, and Jessika were part of the demonstration.

As a finale, both Roxanne Holonitch and Brenda Huth were invited to break a board. The school also learned some basic taekwondo moves.



Photo: C. Corlett

Melanie Steadman's daughter, Natalie, visited SJMS to play her Ti-Co drum for the parade.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

By: Sage Casey
Upper Elementary 2

This year's Spaghetti Dinner was on October 18th. Families connected and were served pasta and salads. This year vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options were supplied so that no one was left out due to dietary restrictions. Everyone enjoyed a relaxing supper. While Italian music played, adults settled in with adult beverages and children interacted with their friends and teachers. One can't help but think of Acts 2:46, "day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart." This is about how people who break bread together stay together. The word companion is built out of two parts. Companion comes from 'panis', the Latin word meaning bread, and the prefix 'com-' meaning with. Originally, the word was used to describe someone with whom you shared a meal.



Photo: C. Corlett

Venessa Decree (CH1 teacher) serves Sadie M. (MS) some tasty spaghetti.

After most plates were emptied, the raffle began. Many children happily received their prizes, and adults won expensive beverages and centerpieces. The Spaghetti Dinner was enjoyed by all ages and we thank all of our volunteers and raffle donation donors. All the profits from the Spaghetti Dinner will go to teacher professional development. Even families who no longer go to SJMS enjoyed Spaghetti dinner! The Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success!

Fourth Graders Visit Riffe Gallery

While the fifth and sixth grade students enjoyed Camp Ken-Jockety, our fourth grade class visited the Riffe Gallery in downtown Columbus. The exhibition they visited is called "Natural Expressions," a show that focuses on nature and the environment. The students shared great insight and questions.

As a practical life experience, our group used the C-Bus as transportation to and from the field trip.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Pumpkin Patch for Children's House

By: Lucy Lee
Upper Elementary 2

This month, the Children's House students went to Circle S Farms. They enjoyed doughnuts and cider, a mini hay maze, a hay barn, and a hay ride. Most of the Children House students stayed with their parents while other wandered.



Photo: L. Lee

Children' House students, including Aiden Kenney (CH1), enjoyed Circle S Farms.

All in all it was a big success. The school was dismissed at noon as did the Children's House students. The students had a lot of fun, and the parents all had a good time socializing. Mara Kenney and her two younger sisters had a blast running from one activity to another. All the staff had fun with the kids! Most of the kids left with huge smiles and pumpkins.

Upper Elementary Visits Camp Ken-Jockety for Annual Retreat

Our fifth and sixth grade students ventured to Camp Ken-Jockety for their annual student retreat. Camp Ken-Jockety is located west of Columbus in Galloway, Ohio.

During this retreat, our students extended their practical life experiences by cooking meals for the entire group. The group enjoyed BLTs for lunch, a cookout with hot dogs and chili dogs at dinner.

Some of the activities included archery, day and night hikes, and creeking for crayfish.

On the final evening, the group enjoyed a cookout with tasty treats including s'mores.

This was an exciting adventure for the group.



Photo: L. McCrady

Mariah M. (UE) helps build a fire for the retreat.

Lower Elementary Visits the Ohio Statehouse



Photo: B. Tanner

Lower Elementary 1 enjoyed their field trip to the Ohio Statehouse.

By: Elliot Rapata
Lower Elementary 1

We went to the statehouse on Monday, October 7. We rode there on a CBus. Zoe's mom, Christine, was our tour guide for the field trip and showed us everything!

When we walked in, we went through the things they use in the airports to check pockets.

When we went past the machine, we saw a

big dome. It is called the Rotunda. At the top, there is really colorful stained glass windows that were orange, yellow, green, blue, and red.

They have a very slow and fancy elevator. Then we toured the chamber where the House meets. There is a hall called Pigeon Hall, because pigeons flew through it. They have a plastic pigeon named Petey sitting on a ledge. When the field trip was done, we rode back on a CBus.

Alumni News

Class of 2001

Corey Sheridan

This year, Corey Sheridan began his graduate studies at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.



Class of 2006

Alex Powers

This June, Alex Powers became a small business owner by opening Power in Motion, a full service gym in Gahanna, Ohio.



Class of 2007

Thomas Phillips

Thomas Phillips wed Alyssa Pazanian in a lovely ceremony filled with family and friends on October 14 in Virginia. The couple will reside near Washington, D.C.



Class of 2008

Chris D'Angelo



In a beautiful ceremony filled with friends and family, Chris D'Angelo married Bridget Shaia on October 5th in Richmond, Virginia. The newlyweds will reside in Boston, Massachusetts after their honeymoon.

Class of 2012

Zoe Mak



Zoe Mak lives life to its fullest! Recently she completed a tandem skydiving trip.

Class of 2016

Garrett Thesing

After working together to win districts, Garrett Thesing and the rest of the boy's golf team from The Wellington School earned second place in the State Championships.



Class of 2019

Katie Zerbi

Katie Zerbi and her tennis partner Alexis received medals for fourth place in state doubles on center court!



St. Charles Preparatory School Honor & Merit Roll

Class of 2016

Joseph Tinapple 4.0+

Class of 2017

Braeden Singleton 4.0+

SJMS Class of 2018

Thomas Hohmann 4.0+

James Messerly 4.0+

Spencer Aurnou-Rhees 4.0+

Andrew Benke

Adam Fellows

Cameron Hunter

Luke Messerly (Merit)