



# The Montessorian

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## Cookies & Carols



Photo: R. Holomitch

The Matesich Theatre in Ohio Dominican University was filled with Christmas spirit for our Cookies & Carols concert.

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The sounds of Christmas were in the air at Ohio Dominican University on December 17th. In the Matesich Theatre, SJMS hosted the annual Cookies and Carols Christmas concert.

Families enjoyed music performed by our Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Bands, Lower Elementary and Children’s House students. Another treat for the audience was seeing the Tableau. Our Third Year

students tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The students dressed as Mary & Joseph, shepherds, angels, and the Wise Men. We even had a camel. This event is always a highlight for friends and family.



Photo: R. Holomitch

Our Third Years shared the birth of Jesus with our Tableau.

# Winter Festival Fun



Photo: R. Young

Rochelle and Vivian Y. (LE2) took a break from the fun for a Christmas selfie.



Photo: N. Alyce Burkey

Vireo (CH4) and his little brother visited with Santa Claus.



Photo: T. Chabria

There were many outdoor activities and treats, including cotton candy.

On December 4th, from 10am - 1pm, our families shared some Christmas spirit at Winterfest. This annual event is sponsored by the SJMS Family Association. With purchased attendance tickets, families could enjoy: Gingerbread House Making, Lantern and Ornament crafts, a festive selfie photo booth, and many outdoor activities.

As a community service project, families had the opportunity to support Nationwide Children’s Hospital by bringing in an unwrapped gift. As a new feature to this holiday event, our K-Kids Club baked homemade dog treats and sold them as a fundraiser for future projects. This was a great way to kick off the holiday season for SJMS.

## #GivingTuesday

On November 30th, SJMS celebrated Giving Tuesday. This national initiative to support non-profits and their fundraising needs. There was no better way to celebrate the holidays than by giving the gift of education. SJMS families were encouraged to support our school by making a donation. Donations made on #GivingTuesday benefit the Annual Fund.



## Bob Ross Day



Photo: R. Holmitch

On December 10, our Middle School artists painted “Happy Little Trees” with Bob Ross. On this joyful day, the two art classes enjoyed Bob Ross Day.

With the use of easels, palettes, brushes, and paints, the classes created beautiful paintings inspired “The Joy of Painting with Bob Ross” DVD.

“This was a great day of painting and creativity,” said Matthew H.

Once the paintings were dry, the students took their work home to share with their families.

*Our 8th year students created beautiful paintings inspired by Bob Ross.*

## Letters to Santa



Photo: C. Corlett

*Students could leave their letters to Santa in the mailbox outside the school.*

To prepare for Christmas, SJMS set up our “Letters to Santa Claus” mailbox. Students could drop off their letters during morning and afternoon carpool. We hope all your Christmas wishes come true.

## 6th Year Citizenship Project



Photo: K. Hartzell

This month, the Sixth Year Citizenship team helped our teachers with their holiday plans by providing a FREE gift-wrapping service.

They supplied the wrapping paper and ribbon and took special care of all of the gifts. Many gifts were completed within an hour!

“This was a wonderful help! They did such a great job,” said Kristina, our Spanish Specialist.

*Kristina was so excited with the quality of the gift wrapping.*

# Alumni News

## Class of 2003

### Sam Blakeslee

Sam Blakeslee just released a new CD entitled “The Long Middle” with the Wishful Thinking ensemble. Sam lives and works in the heart of New York City.



## Class of 2004

### Atticus Jack



On October 25, Atticus Jack wed Caterina Rizzoni in an intimate ceremony surrounded by family and friends. The couple will reside in Columbus, Ohio where Atticus is a Programmer for Motorists Insurance Group.

## Class of 2008

### Charlotte Price



Charlotte Price is currently a graduate student at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. She is studying Library and Information Sciences. While a student at the school, she also works at the Bird Library on campus. In October, she attended the Ohio Library Council (OLC) Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

## Class of 2012

### Sally Squires

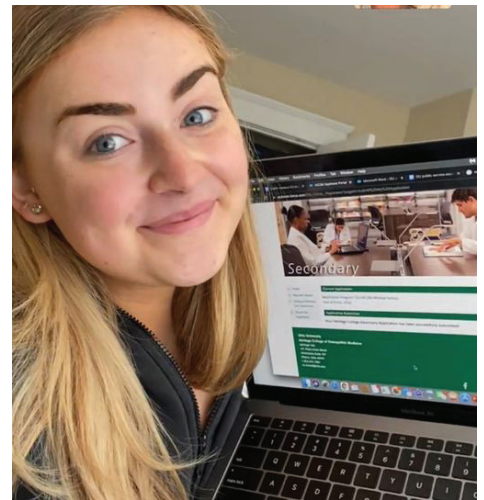
Sally recently shared her singing talents. She had the opportunity to perform in the New Vision Dance Company Caberet Fundraiser shows.



## Class of 20

### Catie D'Angelo

This month, Catie graduated early from Ohio University, and will begin medical school through their Dublin campus in August.



St. Francis DeSales High School recently shared their Honor Roll list for the first quarter of the school year. We are proud to have SJMS alumni on this prestigious list.

- Anthony Celebrezze (SJMS 2021)
- Katherine Jolley (SJMS 2018)
- Madelyn McCurdy (SJMS 2018)