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Cookies & Carols



Photo: C. Corlett

Our Upper Elementary students played songs of joy for the holiday season.

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To ring in the holiday season, St. Joseph Montessori School hosted our annual Cookies & Carols performances in Sacred Heart Church.

There were two shows. The morning performance was designed for the parents of our Children’s House students to enjoy. The evening show was prepared for our Elementary parents.

After each performance, families visited Ryan Hall for tasty cookies. This event is always a bright spot for the holidays.



Photo: C. Corlett

Emily F., Emma Z., and Isabelle W. (LE1 & 2) were three of the angels in our Tableau.

Library Mural Exchange



Photo: R. Holonitch

Members of our Middle School art classes and Paint Club helped create a mural that will be shared with other schools.

This month, SJMS was part of an exciting pen pal opportunity. 10 libraries from around the country created murals that describe their school. The murals were cut into ten pieces, and nine of the pieces were mailed to the other schools. Once the schools received all pieces in the mail, they could create a new mural! Students in our Middle School classroom helped paint a giant blue ribbon with each section of the

mural describing our Virtues of the Month and our Portrait of a Graduate characteristics. Thank you to Jessica Appel for planning this project and Roxanne Holonitch for the creation of the mural. The final pen pal mural has found a new home in the school library, and will stay up until next year when we create a new mural and collect new sections for display.

Holiday Field Trips

The day before Christmas break, students in our Upper Elementary and Middle School classrooms enjoyed field trips. The Upper Elementary students used their practical life skills to travel by COTA bus to the Lincoln Theatre. Our students, along with students from other Columbus area schools, watched *The Matchgirl*. This show was presented by the Columbus Dance Theatre to celebrate the 20th anniversary of *Matchgirl*. After the show, students were invited to ask questions about the performance.

While our Upper Elementary students were watching a beautiful ballet, our Middle School students were developing their team-building skills with a few games of bowling. The students, along with their classroom and special subjects teachers, visited HPL Bowling Center on the northeast side of Columbus. They enjoyed the arcade, pool tables, and especially the bowling. As a tasty treat, a pizza lunch was provided.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Students and teachers enjoyed the fun holiday activity.

Crayola Marker Recycling Program

Crayola has partnered with schools to help children understand the importance of protecting the world. Crayola has launched Crayola ColorCycle, a program that collects used markers to be recycled and re-purposed. If you would like to support this cause, please bring your used markers to the school office or art room.



Photo: R. Holonitch

"Our box is ready to collect used markers to recycle." - Sophia C. (LE2)

Winter Festival

On Saturday, December 7th, our school community came together to celebrate the Christmas season with Winter Festival. In Ryan Hall, families enjoyed a tasty pancake breakfast with help from Chris Cakes, the master pancake flipper. After filling your tummy with pancakes, there was time for a picture with Santa Claus. In the art room, guests were invited to create fun holiday ornaments. Across the hall, the Upper Elementary classroom was transformed into a huge box maze for children to explore. The Middle School classroom turned into a fun game room with holiday-themed games and activities. Before the event concluded, winners were called for the Children's Raffle boxes.



LEGO Robotics League Competition

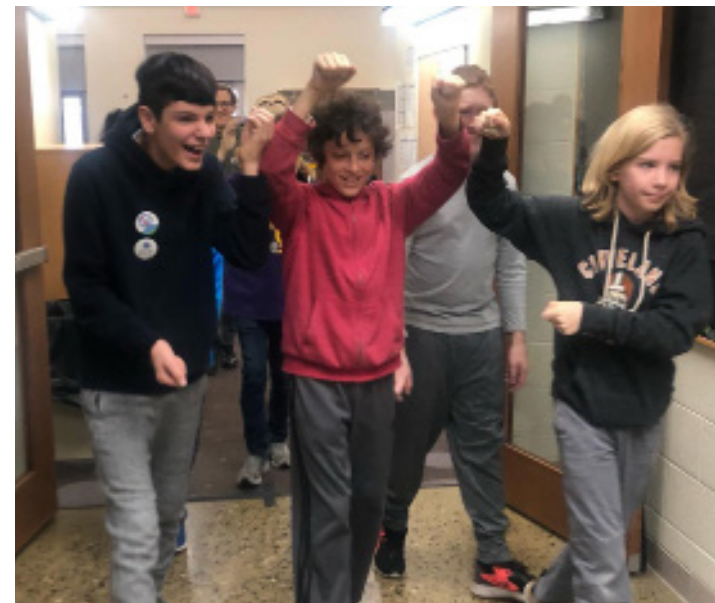


Photo: A. Boninsegna

On December 8, our Middle School students participated in their first LEGO Robotics League competition. This event was held at the Reynoldsburg High School - Summit Branch. Our team worked to solve the Short North parking problem.

Our Middle School team enters the auditorium with confidence.

St. Lucy Celebration



Photo: R. Holonitch

Theodore K. acted as our Star Boy while Maddy W. was our St. Lucy.

On December 13, our school celebrated St. Lucy Day. This is a day that is traditionally celebrated in Sweden. Girls dress up as St. Lucy in white dresses with red ribbons and wreaths with candles in their hair. This year, Maddy W. (MS) was our St. Lucy. There is also a tradition where a boy dresses up as a "Star Boy" in a pointy hat with stars and robes. Our St. Lucy and Star Boy served treats to each classroom.

Alumni News

Class of 2001

Chelsea Clark

From December 5 - 22, Chelsea Clark will be performing in the show "With a Little Help... It's John Belushi" at Theatre 80 in New York City. She will play the part of Joyce Sloane, the Second City producer.



Class of 2006

Abby James

This fall, Abby James was part of the Marvel Fan Panel at the New York Comic Con, also known as NYCC. She lives in Los Angeles and works at Hero Within. The media has always been Abby's passion. She attended Oberline College to study Cinema and Media Studies.



Class of 2009

Brooke Lauer

Brooke Lauer's underwater photography skills will be admired all year long. Recently, a photo she took was voted to be included in the 2020 Ohio Dive calendar. This image of a moon jellyfish will be on the April page.



Class of 2004

Amanda Maxfield



On October 11, Amanda Maxfield married Nirav Shah in a beautiful ceremony filled with family and friends from multiple states, countries, and continents. The ceremony was held in Columbus, OH at High Line Car House. The couple will reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Class of 2007

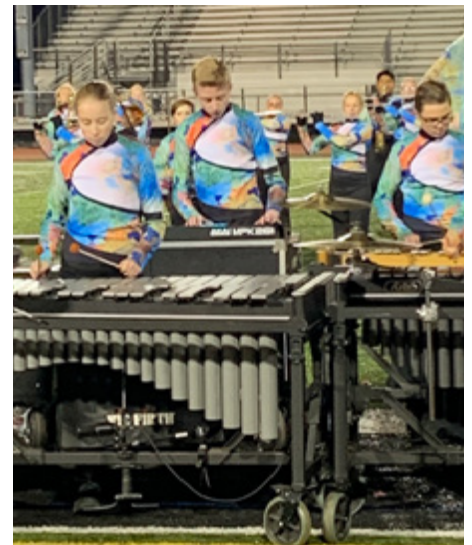
William Moore

On November 2, William Moore graduated from the United States Navy Boot Camp.



Class of 2019

Avry Overly-Sheterom



Avry was part of the Worthington Kilbourne High School Marching Band this fall by playing synthesizer in the front ensemble.