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## Interest Fair



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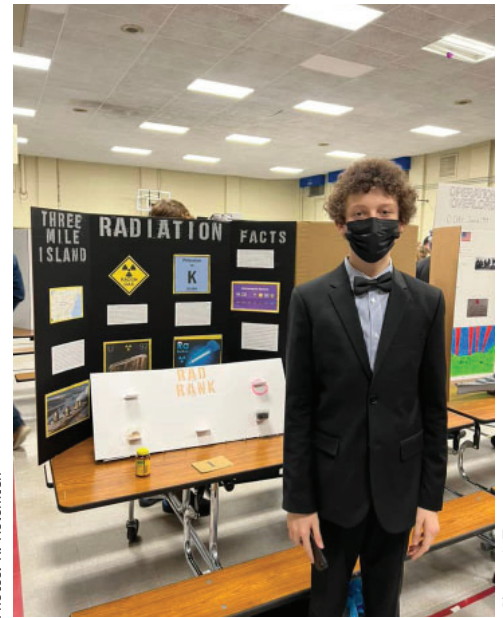


Photo: J. Turso

Left: Giovanni Drew learned about Lions for his project this year.  
Center: Mara K. (UE) shared her knowledge on Social Media. (Right) Will T. (MS) dug deep into the topic of Radiation.

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For 37 glorious years, St. Joseph Montessori School has hosted Interest Fair. On this day, students shared their knowledge of a topic that interests them. They share by writing a paper, building a three dimensional project, and creating a tri-fold board filled with interesting facts.

A wide variety of topics ranged from Boston Terriers to Radiation. On Thursday, February 17th, guest judges were invited to the school to hear the presentations for our Upper Elementary and Middle School classes. This activity is a great lesson in public speaking, organization, research, creativity, time man-

agement, writing, and much more. Students from Lower Elementary through Middle School participate in this great project.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Arthur S. (MS) presented his project on Aviation to one of his judges.

## Power of the Pen

On February 12, our “small, but mighty” Power of the Pen team competed in their district-level writing competition. The tournament was held virtually this year due to COVID restrictions.

Team members were given three writing prompts, with 40 minutes to write each one. In the upcoming weeks, our team will receive their scores from the judges. Our Power of the Pen team is led by Jessica Appel, our school librarian.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Matthew H. (MS) is a proud member of our Power of the Pen team.

## February / March

**Curious** - eager to know or learn something.

**Gratitude** - the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

**Frances Xavier Cabrini** was the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the patron saint of immigrants.

## Catholic Schools Week



Photo: C. Corlett (via Facebook)

Laura McCrady shared lessons in our Atrium for Catholic Schools Week.

For Catholic Schools Week, which was from January 31 to February 4, SJMS shared faithful lessons with our school community. Laura McCrady, Catechist, recorded lessons that were released each day on Facebook. One of the lessons included The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. You can see view these lessons on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/TmKjVS8fuaw>

## SJMS Basketball Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship



Photo: C. Corlett

Our basketball team demonstrated our Guiding Principles at a recent basketball game.

At a recent basketball game at Bishop Watterson High School, the players for the SJMS Basketball team demonstrated our Guiding Principles and good sportsmanship.

The opposing team arrived before the game began with only three players. Instead of calling it off

and accepting the forfeit, two players from SJMS team volunteered to play for the other team so they could still enjoy a game.

This is a perfect example of good sportsmanship, and playing for the love of the game, and not the points.

## Doodle 4 Google

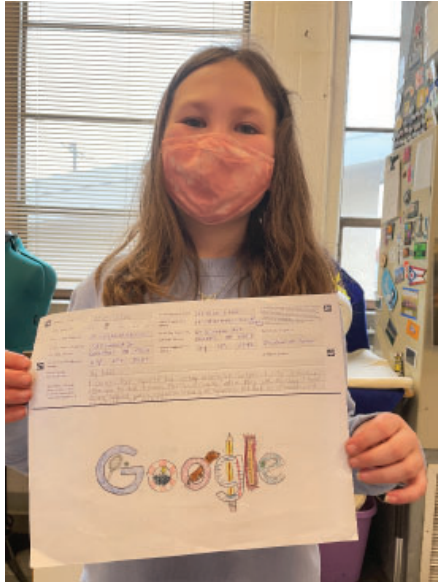


Photo: R. Holonitch

*Zoe C. (UE) is excited to submit her drawing into the contest.*

Each year, our Lower Elementary through Middle School artists use their imagination to recreate the Google logo. They do this by entering the Doodle 4 Google Drawing Contest.

Each spring, Google creates a drawing contest for students across the USA. The theme for this year's contest is "I care for myself by..."

This is a fun drawing challenge for our elementary students. Students are not required to enter the contest with Google, it's a drawing opportunity in the art room.

## Black History Month

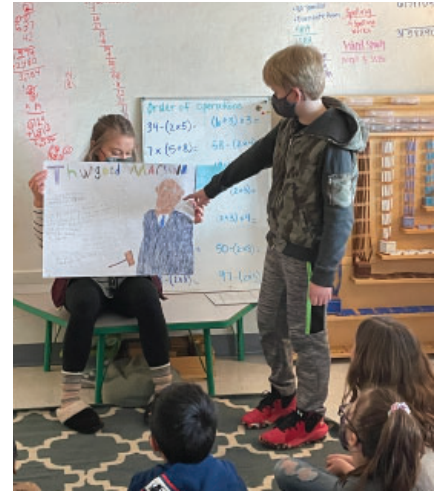


Photo: R. Holonitch

*Matthew B. (LE3) shared his Black History Month biography project on Thurgood Marshall to his class.*

February is Black History Month, and SJMS makes this a learning opportunity for our students.

Our classrooms celebrated this month in a variety of ways. The Upper Elementary classrooms created a hallway display with quotes and interesting facts. In Lower Elementary 3, each student researched historic figures and presented their learning with the class. Our younger students read many books in class and the library.

## Lower Elementary Ecological Center Field Trip

This month, the students and teachers in our Lower Elementary level traveled to the Stratford Ecological Center. On this trip by school bus, there were many outdoor learning activities that the students experienced.

Students were shown how syrup is tapped and collected from a Maple tree, as well as how it is heated to evaporate the water using a wood-burning stove.

On their way back through the woods, the children were able to drill a hole in a maple tree using an old fashioned drill. They were also invited to visit some farm animals and a greenhouse. This was a trip that many students will remember everytime they make pancakes at home.



Photo: B. Tanner

*Crosby S. (LE1) tries to drill a hole in the side of a Maple tree.*

## Poetry Contest Winner

Congratulations to Arya McTigue! She placed in the Top 10 out of 3,400 submissions for the Creative Communications Poetry Contest. This year, SJMS had over 25 students submit writings to this contest. For her award, Arya received a cash prize and a copy of the publication.

# Alumni News

## 1996 - 2002

### Jennifer (Haas) Pierron



Jennifer and Jacob Pierron welcomed their son, Ira Wolf Pierron, to the world on January 29th. Jennifer and her family reside in Portland, Oregon where she works as a Registered Nurse at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center.

## 2001 - 2007

### Matthew Hagood



On September 19, 2021, Matthew Hagood wed Lizzie in a joyful ceremony in front of friends and family. Matthew works as a HVAC Commerical Service Technician for General Temperature Control in Columbus, Ohio.

## Class of 2001

### Alexandra (Broussard) Price

On December 4, 2021, Jeffrey Alexander Price joined the Price family. Alexandra and baby LJ are doing well.



## Class of 2015

### Emerson Prond

Emerson is studying abroad in Bath, England for the spring semester. She is a student at Denison University studying Cinema and Educational Studies, with a minor in Theatre.

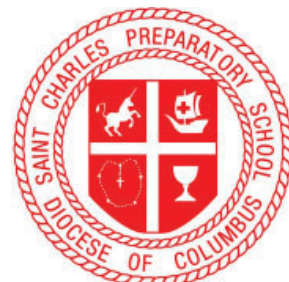
## SJMS Alumni Interest Fair Judges

On Interest Fair night (see article on page 1), many alumni returned to SJMS to volunteer as Interest Fair judges. This year, eight SJMS alumni volunteered their time to help.

“This is my favorite event, and I really like to return to help out,” said Connor Johnson (SJMS Class of 2013).



Lane W. (UE) presented his project to Connor Johnson, an SJMS alum.



### St. Charles Preparatory School Honor and Merit Roll ~ 2nd Quarter ~

#### SJMS Class of 2018

- Andrew Benke - Honor 4.0+
- Thomas Hohmann - Honor 4.0+
- Cameron Hunter - Honor 4.0+
- James Messerly - Honor 4.0+
- Luke Messerly - Merit
- Adam Fellows - Honor

#### SJMS Class of 2021

- Ian Rotruck - Honor 4.0+
- Max Shank - Honor 4.0+
- Mitchell Timken - Honor 4.0+
- Francis Esker - Honor
- Carter McCrary - Merit