



# The Montessorian

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## Biotopia Dedication & Ribbon Cutting



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Atticus R. spoke from the heart during the dedication of the Biotopia and raised beds.*

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**O**n a chilly morning on November 12th, our beautiful greenhouse and raised beds were dedicated. With special thanks to Atticus Reynolds and Brooke Bodney for their generous donation, the Biotopia is now a wonderful learning environment for SJMS.

Our dedication included speeches from students, staff, and a Board of Trustees representative, and ended with a special ribbon cutting.

This project was made possible with support from Family Man Construction, the Italian Village Commission, and the city of Columbus.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Atticus R. and Brian Lower cut the ribbon to open the Biotopia.*

## North Market Visit for Middle School

On November 18th, our Middle School students ventured to North Market for a delicious lunch.

Students used the buddy system to walk around the space and choose their lunch. Some of their favorite restaurants include: Bretzel, Serophino's Pizza, and Bubbles. With the nice weather, our group enjoyed their food outside on their patio.

This is a wonderful practical life experience for our Middle School students. They practiced ordering, time management, and using respectful interactions with others. This is also preparation for their class trip in the spring.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Our Middle School students were excited to visit the North Market.*

## We are thankful for...



*Rio (CH4) painted a cornucopia in art class to celebrate Thanksgiving.*

This time of year, we reflect on all the gifts we are given each day. To celebrate Thanksgiving, we asked our Lower Elementary 3 class to share what they are thankful for.

- Kaiden - "my parents"
- Hadley - "my cousins"
- Gideon - "my friends"
- Matty - "my home"
- Madelyn = "my pets"
- Alexandra - "my godfather"
- Azariah - "my friends and family"
- Genevieve - "my dad"
- Dorothy - "my dog, Penny"
- Veer - "my mom"
- Mark - "my school"
- Brooklyn - "my family"
- Sammy - "my friends"
- Kaitlyn - "my home"
- Levi - "my dog, Bingley"
- Anna - "my friends"

Photo: R. Holonitch

## Veteran's Day

This month, we thanked all those who have dedicated their time and energy toward serving our nation.

In Lower Elementary 3, Manuel, father of Genevieve, came in and spoke to their class. He shared stories about his 20+ years of experience in the Navy. Students were able to ask questions, look at different uniforms and learn about the different branches of the military.

In our Middle School classroom, Brittany from Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) visited our students. She shared how the loss of her husband led her to create a life-long commitment to building a commu-

nity and support network for families of fallen soldiers.

Each level in the school worked on different class projects to present and share with SOS.



Manuel presents Christian with a Navy Challenge coin.

## Kiwanis Club

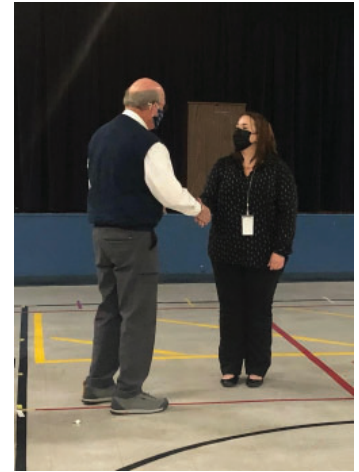


Photo: J. Castaneda

Melanie Steadman is inducted as a new member to the Short North Kiwanis.

SJMS was happy to host the first in-person meeting in over a year for the Short North Kiwanis. Several SJMS faculty members were inducted as new members, and new officers were installed into their roles.

## Washington Gladden Social Justice Park



During their visit, students reflected on the information displayed on the wall.

During the week of November 15th, students in our Upper Elementary and Middle School levels used their Religion classes to visit the Washington Gladden Social Justice Park. The park is located downtown on the corner of East Broad Street and Cleveland Avenue. This is the first park in the nation dedicated to the theme of social justice.

The park is dedicated to the memory of Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, a Columbus community leader. Gladden was viewed as the father of the Social Gospel Movement in the early 1900's.

After traveling by COTA bus, students wrote reflections of this experience in their journals.

Photo: H. Seely

# Alumni News

## Second Annual Alumni Brunch



Photo: R. Holonitch

Mikhail Hunker, Andres Walliser, Michael Flynn, and Teja Parasa - all from the SJMS Class of 2012 - enjoyed visiting with friends.

On November 20th, Ryan Hall was filled with hugs, laughs, and memories. On this day, SJMS hosted its Second Annual Alumni Brunch.

Over 20 SJMS alumni returned to visit with former classmates. Great memories were shared, as well as a fun trivia game.

The delicious food was catered by HangOverEasy, which is owned by Scott McCrary - parent of SJMS alumni Carter.

The morning ended with a tour of the school this group knows so well.

### Class of 2004

**Chelsea Rominski**



Chelsea Rominski recently became engaged to Matt Dunphy. They both reside in Wilmington, North Carolina. She is a Social Media Photographer for Simply Noelle.

### Class of 2012

**Zoe Mak**



Zoe has enjoyed her travels in New Zealand. As a final adventure, Zoe explored the caves of Waitomo.

### St. Charles Preparatory School Honor and Merit Roll First Quarter 2021-2022

#### Honor Roll

*Honor Roll is a GPA between 3.50 or better. 4.0+ earned higher than a 4.0 GPA.*

- Andrew Benke - SJMS 2018 - 4.0+
- Thomas Hohmann - SJMS 2018 - 4.0+
- Cameron Hunter - SJMS 2018 - 4.0+
- James Messerly - SJMS 2018 - 4.0+
- Max Shank - SJMS 2021
- Ian Rotruck - SJMS 2021
- Mitchell Timken - SJMS 2021

#### Merit Roll

*Merit Roll is a GPA between 3.00 and 3.49.*

- Francis Esker - SJMS 2021
- Carter McCrary - SJMS 2021
- Spencer Aurnou-Rhees - SJMS 2018
- Adam Fellows - SJMS 2018
- Luke Messerly - SJMS 2018