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Lessons on Cultural Humility



Photo: R. Holmitch

Cary Dabney discussed topics like implicit bias with our Middle School students.

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On Tuesday, September 28, and Tuesday, October 5, Mr. Cary Dabney visited St. Joseph Montessori School. Mr. Dabney is a professor of African Studies and Diversity and Inclusion at Walsh University. He is also the past Director of the Office of Ministry to African American Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland. He visited the SJMS campus to engage our 6th through 8th Year students in conversations about cultural humility, diversity, and inclusion.

Mr. Dabney used the book “Everyone Belongs” from the Conference of Catholic Bishops to spearhead the conversations. “Everyone Belongs” is a book about recognizing the value of our differences, respecting each other, and forgiveness.

Cary also worked closely with the SJMS Faculty and Board of Trustees during the 2020-21 school year and spoke at our parent education event in May.

HER Academy

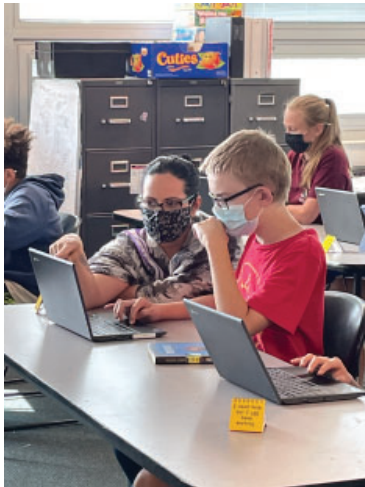


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Matthew H. (MS) get a lesson on HTML with HER Academy.

On a weekly basis, HER Academy visits SJMS to share STEM lessons with our Upper Elementary and Middle School classes. Currently, our Middle School students are learning about HTML. This is the language used in web development.

Pumpkin Patch Day

On Friday, October 8, our Toddler and Children’s House students ventured to Circle S Farms in Grove City for our annual Pumpkin Patch Day. Students and parents enjoyed a morning visit that included pumpkin donuts, a hay ride, and choosing a pumpkin to take home. This visit is a wonderful way for families to kick off the autumn season.



Photo: C. Thomas

Lucas K. (CH4) works hard to carry his pumpkin.

Scholastic Book Fair



Photo: J. Appel

Sammy O. (LE3) writes his wishlist at our Scholastic Bookfair.

This year, our Scholastic Book Fair was located in the School Library. Students were invited to browse before and after school, and during their library time. A new feature to the book fair included an E-Wallet to help parents pay instead of cash. The book fair ran from October 25 to November 5.

International Children’s Day



Photo: R. Holonitch

Our Toddler students, along with Tammy C., enjoyed the parade.

One tradition that our parents and students love is International Children’s Day. On this chilly day, students and staff dress in international clothing for a morning parade. The classes walked around the playground while parents took pictures for their photo albums. As a special treat for the event, the Franklinton High School Steel Band played their steel pans, drum set, and bass guitar.

After the parade, our Lower Elementary students were invited to try these interesting musical instruments in Ryan Hall.



Photo: C. Corlett

Our Lower Elementary students were invited to try the steel pans in Ryan Hall after the parade.

Spirit Week



Photo: C. Corlett

Hannah and Kristina transformed into Velma and Daphne from the Scooby Doo book series for Book Character Day.

Spirit Week is always an enjoyable week for our students, and even staff. For this 4-day week, each day was jam-packed with fun themes.

Monday was filled with blue and white with “Wear Your Spirit Wear Day.” On Tuesday, our community got comfy and cozy with Pajama Day. On Wednesday, we saw a wonderful variety of costumes for Book Character Day. Thursday was exciting with International Children’s Day.

Our students and staff are always proud to show their school spirit. Go SJMS!

Fencing Club

This year, SJMS has added a wonderful array of afterschool activities. One of these activities includes Fencing. The coaching team is from the Buckeye Fencing Club within The Ohio State University. Their goal as a team is educating students in the Olympic sport of fencing in a safe, fun, and social setting. The club meets two days a week in Ryan Hall after school.



Photo: C. Corlett

Jack F. (UE) worked with our Fencing coach in Ryan Hall.

A Goings Out to Kroger

Goings Out is an important aspect to a Montessori classroom. This is an opportunity for a small group of students to experience real life activities.

Recently, the Third Year students in our Lower Elementary 1 classroom ventured to Kroger on High Street. On this goings out, they were shopping for ingredients. These ingredients were to be used in corn bread and banana bread recipes they researched in class.

On this trip, the group walked from our school to Kroger, chose the appropriate ingredients, and scanned the items at the self check out. This was a great practical life experience for the class.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Phoebe C. (LE1) scans an item at the self checkout machine.

Mumkins Arrive!

The mum sale far exceeded our expectations this year! We set a goal of selling 350 mums, and we surpassed it with a total of 414! To celebrate this selling achievement, our students enjoyed a Pajama Day on October 7.



Photo: C. Corlett

Parent volunteers helped organize the Mumkins in our parking lot.

Alumni News

Class of 1999

Nat Sheppard



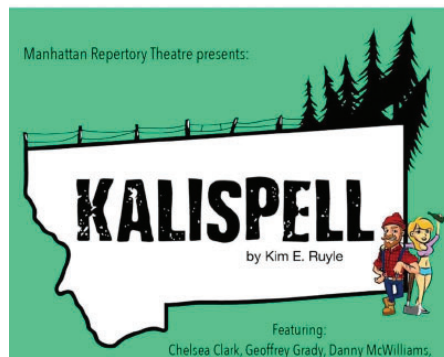
Nat Sheppard and his wife, Kate Elyse, welcomed their new son to the world on October 5. Campbell, a student in our new Toddler Classroom, is excited to be a big sister.

Class of 2001

Chelsea Clark

Chelsea Clark and the cast of Kalispell are bringing a bit of Montana to New York City.

They are part of this play written by Kim E. Ruyle's play, directed by Ken Wolf.



2003 - 2007

Rose Hokanson



This summer, Logan Murphy proposed to SJMS alum Rose Hokanson. They have wedding plans for 2022.

Class of 2001

Jaime Sommer



This summer, Jaime and her race teammates rode 55+ miles with Pelotonia. For this race, she raised \$3,900 for cancer research.

Class of 2007

Brooke Alexander



On August 28, Brooke Alexander said "I do!" to Chris Mergens. They shared their nuptials with family and friends at the St. James Hotel in Red Wing, MN.

2003 - 2009

Olyvia Myers

Dylan Knecht popped the question to SJMS alum Olyvia Myers on September 6. The couple has begun plans for their nuptials.

