



# The Montessorian

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## The Queen Bee Visits SJMS



Photo: C. Corlett

Members of our Laudato Si Club worked with the Queen Bee to determine the health of our bees and hive.

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Are you interested in writing and photography? We are always looking for writers and photographers for the newspaper. Stop by the art room and learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Our students were busy as bees with a visit from the Queen Bee. Hannah Sjostrom, the 2019 American Honey Queen, visited our school and shared her knowledge of bees. Hannah is a third-generation beekeeper and was named 2019 American Honey Queen by the American Beekeeping Federation.

After she spoke to our classes in the Multi-purpose room, Hannah and our Laudato Si club visited our hives to do a wellness check.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Payton C., Max M., and Jennifer Petric (LE1) looked at a mini hive with the American Honey Queen.

## “Light a Candle for Peace” Assembly



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Our entire school community came together in our Children's House courtyard to sing “Light a Candle for Peace.”*

## Skate Night at SkateZone71

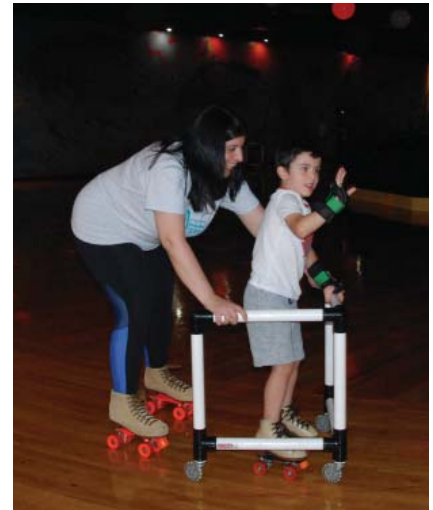


Photo: R. Holonitch

*Ben K. (CH2) and his mom were all smiles for this fun event.*

Tie up your laces! It's time for our annual skate party. On September 26, our Family Association hosted this family-oriented event at Skate-Zone71, on the northside of Columbus.

Students and parents, as well as SJMS staff, enjoyed time both on and off the rink. After some exercised on the rink, guests enjoyed some tasty food, games, and visit with school friends.

This event is always a highlight for the year, and a way to make new friends at SJMS.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Brenda Huth, Mariah M., and Nora R. (UE) helped arrange our Pinwheels for Peace in the front of the school.*

On September 20, our school community came together to sing for peace. Our students participated in a variety of activities to keep peace in their minds and hearts. Each student decorated a pinwheel that was on display for the event.

At exactly 10:30am, each classroom met at our peace pole and sang “Sing Peace Around the World,” while Connor McMonagle, our Music Specialist, played his guitar.

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### Constitution Day

To celebrate Constitution Day, each classroom created a flag. The students worked together to develop a design that represents their room. The flags are on display in the main hallway for all to appreciate.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Lower Elementary 2 flag*



# Leadership Retreat for Middle School

By: Avery Davis  
Upper Elementary 1

The Middle School Leadership Retreat took place at Damascus, northeast of Columbus. The students loved the trip. They participated in many activities that were challenging, scary, exciting, and fun. Those activities included: a high ropes course, a 14-foot wall climb, archery tag, trust falls, and a tire pole challenge. Each activity taught the students important lessons about themselves and each other.

One of the most exciting activities was the high ropes course. All of the students loved this course because it was

both scary and exciting. The students also enjoyed the 14-foot wall climb. It was fun and challenging to have to work together to get over the wall using only a bench and each other. Another favorite was the trust fall. Students stood on a platform with their backs to their classmates. They would cross their hands in front of themselves and fall backwards, trusting their classmates to catch them.

The Middle Schoolers returned from Damascus as a closer group. While they had fun, they also learned to work as a team, to communicate better, to ask for help when they need it, and more than anything, to trust each other.



Photo: B. Lower

*A variety of activities were planned to develop teamwork skills.*

## Mass Buddies

One thing that makes our school special is our Mass Buddies. For each service, our Kindergarteners and Lower Elementary students are paired with Upper Elementary and Middle School students. They sit together in the church, and even visit each other in the Atrium for Religion class.



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Mass buddies*

# Fall Family Fun Night



Photo: R. Holonitch

*The bounce house was a hit during the festival.*

By: Elise Timken  
Upper Elementary 1

On Friday, September 20th, the school hosted its annual Fall Family Fun Night. Our room parents from each classroom provided tents and decorations to shade the guests. Volunteers helped set up tables, chairs, and refreshments. Fun activities included bean bag toss and a bounce house. Buck Nut Ice-Cream truck, along with 3DX and Pizza Cottage, kept everyone's stomachs happy and full.

The festival lasted from 3:30 pm to 7 pm on the playground with a movie to top off the evening. The movie was "Secret Life of Pets 2."

A bake sale went on throughout the event. During the movie, the school offered treats and popcorn. It was a wonderful evening all together.

# Alumni News

## Class of 2003

### Sam Blakeslee

Sam Blakeslee has become a member of the BMI Jazz Composers Workshop. Two years ago, he moved to New York City to pursue writing and recording big band music.



## Class of 2008

### Adam Henderson

Adam Henderson has been busy by working as an aide for presidential candidate Cory Booker. He attends rallies, fundraises, and helps with other promotional events.



We Want to Hear from

# YOU!

Share your Alumni News by contacting Roxanne at [rholonit@cdeducation.org](mailto:rholonit@cdeducation.org)

## Class of 2011

### Courtney D'Angelo

Courtney D'Angelo is living out her childhood dream by being a dancer for Riverdance. She is currently part of the show, *Heartbeat of Home*, showing in the Piccadilly Theater in London, England.



## Class of 2011

### Carolyn Faller

Last spring, Carolyn Faller graduated from Fordham University. On a personal mission to make a difference in the world, Carolyn has signed up to serve with the PeaceCorps.



## Class of 2012

### Sally Squires

Sally is currently a trainee dancer for the Cleveland Ballet. She has the opportunity to learn under many great dancers to develop her skills as a ballerina.



## Class of 2015

### Emerson Prond

Emerson Prond spent an exciting summer traveling Europe with her family. On the trip, she visited London, Bath, Westerham, Paris, Lucerne, Bergamo, Venice, Florence, Rome and Sorrento. Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, Chartwell, Norte Dame, Palais Garnier, Musee D'Orsay, Chapel Bridge, St. Mark's Basilica, Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, the Pantheon and so much more!



## Class of 2016

### Amirah Lomax

Get your tickets to see Amirah perform in the Columbus Children's Theater (CCT) performance of *West Side Story*. They sing, they dance, they act!

