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## SJMS Friends Help Make Wishes Come True



Our Proud Team of Walkers: (L-R) Kathy Koehler, James Rosenberry jr., James Rosenberry sr., Katie Reed, Michelle Getz, Nicky Getz, Robert Getz, and Bill Reed.

By: James Rosenberry  
5th Grade

“Walk for Wishes” is an event that raises money for kids with terminal diseases. On October 2nd, members of the SJMS family participated in the walk to support Jill Rosenberry, my sister and a student at our school with cancer.

The “Make A Wish Foundation” works to make the wishes of children with life-threatening diseases come true. Each wish costs approximately \$6,000, and this walk helps to pay for these wishes. Jill has already received her wish of a trip to Disney World, but our family wanted to help other kids. Our group raised over \$4,000 for this walk, the second highest amount.

Susan McConnell, the President of Make A Wish, kicked off the walk. A few years ago, Susan visited SJMS to speak to Primary 2 about Compassion.

Our support for Jill goes beyond the walk. The students in Primary 2, Jill’s classroom, created video clips for a digital Get Well card.

We are so pleased to see so much support from the friends and families of SJMS.

Adam Fellows (P2) and his furry friend helped make a Get Well Video for Jill.

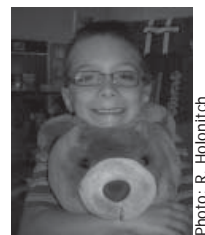


Photo: R. Holmitch

# New Staff Welcomed into SJMS Family

By: Allison Sheehan (4th Grade), Marlana Cook (4th Grade), and Sidney Allen (8th Grade)

We welcome our new teachers with open arms.

Lauren Hannah has joined Dawn McCombs in Primary 1. She comes from Xavier University with both the 6-9 and

9-12 level training. She enjoys reading and baking.

Laura Moser, our new teacher in the Erdkinder classroom, is the oldest of seven children in her family. She played clarinet in the OSU Athletic Band, which means she performed for every sport, except Football. Before SJMS, Laura taught reading to 3rd and

4th graders at Mill Valley Elementary School.

Paula Osburn is the new lead teacher in Primary 3. She has taught in Cleveland and Hawaii. Her hobbies are writing, reading, photography, and art.

We are so happy to have these three talented ladies join our school family.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Lauren Hannah



Photo: R. Holonitch

Laura Moser



Photo: R. Holonitch

Paula Osburn

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## Grandparents' Day

By: Lilykate Harpham  
4th Grade

Grandparents' and Special Guests' Day is a great experience for our school.

On October 8th, we opened our doors and greeted our guests from around the country.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Reid Mitchell (MS), along with his mom and Grandma, enjoyed their time together.

A small program, with a welcome from our new Head of School Elma Pundavela, started the day off right.

Once in the classroom, our guests and students enjoyed classroom work and snacks. Our Erdkinder class introduced the Smartboard with an exciting game of Jeopardy - students vs. guests.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Erdkinder guests and students played a rousing game of Jeopardy.

Many students gave mini tours of the school including their special subjects' classrooms.

After a fun morning, many guests took their family out to lunch.

What a great day!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Janette MacConnell (CH4) read a story to their guests.

# Here's to a Great New Year!

## SJMS Kick-Off Event

By: Claire Ferguson  
4th Grade

On Sunday, August 22nd, there was an Ice-Cream Social. New and returning families, as well as school staff, celebrated the new school year in Ryan Hall.

“This was a great way to start the new year,” said Mia Rivera, a 4th grader.

This event was also the kickoff of Elma’s school year theme: “Inspire - Explore - Celebrate,” which is found on our fun t-shirts.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this great event happen.



Natalie Reese was happy to try a tasty treat at our Kick-Off event.

# Bookfair is a Hit with Our Bookworms

By: Erin Miller  
& Anna Rambo  
4th Grade

A new location didn’t slow down the sales for our annual bookfair. Located in the Multi-purpose room, the bookfair looked just like a real bookstore with great displays.

Rita Dean and Linda Richter, along with many other helpful volunteers, led us into a new variety of books.

A special record has been made with this bookfair. Since 2003, our school has sold about 20,000 books with over \$20,000 in net profit. The great news is that this money goes right back into the classroom to help our students.

Each year, a classroom is selected to receive a bonus \$300 to help buy a larger item from Scholastic.

We love our bookfair, and we hope you do, too!



(L-R) Jenna Anderson, Bianca Tucker, Carolyn Faller, and Courtney D’Angelo (ERD) give the book fair their seal of approval.

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# Thank You for a Great Summer!

By: Erin Miller  
4th Grade

Summer Camp may be over on the calendar, but it not in our memories. Led by Gui Bradshaw, our summer camp was a huge success. From June through August, students from every level explored and had fun at the same time.

“It was fun with the different themes,” said Mia Rivera, in the 4th grade.

Summer is coming soon, so don’t forget about SJMS Summer Learning Camp when you make your summer plans.



The costume Alex Shaver made for the Fourth of July parade at summer camp was a hit with his classmates.

# Welcome to Spanish Class! Hola!

One of the best ways to learn a foreign language is to be completely immersed in it. That is how Senora Maria is approaching her Spanish curriculum this year for her Middle School and Erdkinder students. This method keeps our students on task and actively engaged in the entire lesson.



Photo: R. Fallier

Ryan Spoon and Anna Shuff (MS) examine fruit for translation.

From the first moments in the Spanish classroom this fall, Senora Maria has only spoken in Spanish to her students in class.

“It is very fun and I have learned alot,” said Andres Walliser-Wejebe.

As Senora would say, “Adios!”



Photo: J. Fallier

Senora Maria gets the attention of the class with full immersion.

# All School Mass

By: Allison Sheehan  
4th Grade



Photo: R. Holmitch

On September 14th, the elementary level was invited to an All-School Mass at Sacred Heart Church. This was a great way to start our school year.

With the help of Father Metzger, our school and school year were blessed for success.

# A Grant for Our Garden

By: Dawn McCombs  
Primary 1 Teacher

SJMS is building community! Last winter a private donation, from Susan Michael Barrett, was given to SJMS



Photo: D. McCombs

Kate Haydel-Brown (P1) is sheltered by the giant sunflower in our school garden.

which enabled them to create a community garden. Every classroom has a raised garden bed! In addition to the raised beds, we were also able to add a composter and a rain barrel to the project. What is most impressive is the variety of plants that each classroom chose to grow! Flowers, herbs and vegetables are bursting from the beds, and many now are ready to harvest. The raised beds are used in conjunction with outdoor lessons. The gardens are organic (chemical free). In addition, fruit and vegetable scraps from lunch are put into the composter, which will eventually provide healthy soil for the beds. The rain barrel helps to collect water from the gutter system, which helps to teach water conservation. Susan Michael Barrett sells environmentally friendly products and donates all of her profits to schools, for their needs and causes. She focuses on environmental projects that raise awareness and better practices of water use,



Photo: D. McCombs

Robert Getz (P1) helps pick basil from the garden.

and environmental stewardship. In the last few years she's funded 15 projects, mostly school clean water projects, such as native and organic gardens, rain barrels or cisterns, rain gardens and lessons that teach about water quality and scarcity issues. You can buy products from Susan at: <http://montessori.my-shaklee.com>.

## Enjoy a Cup of Joe at Carpool Coffee



Photo: R. Holonitch

Parents enjoy their "Java Time" at Carpool Coffee.

By: Claire Ferguson  
4th Grade

We are happy to announce the return of Carpool Coffee this year. It is a chance for parents to mingle and sip some great coffee. Meet us in the multi-purpose room on the first Friday of each month at 8:30.

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## Fire Safety Poster Contest Winners



Photo: R. Holonitch

(L-R): Max Thesing, Marlana Cook, Jasmine Nappier, and Celina Thomas

By: Claire Dugas & Grace Rieser  
4th Grade

We are proud to announce the winners of our Annual poster contest. The theme of this contest is Fire Safety. With the help of Glen Miller, the Middle School students had four themes to choose from: "Make An Escape Plan,"

"Stop! Drop! and Roll!," "Call 911", and "Change Your Batteries in Your Smoke Detectors." Our winners include (L-R): Max Thesing (4th Grade, Group B) with 39 votes, Marlana Cook (4th Grade, Group A) with 68 votes, Jasmine Nappier (5th Grade) with 36 votes, and Celina Thomas (6th Grade) with 101 votes.

## Art Show at Amy Parrish Studio

For a second year now, we have kicked off the school year with a great art show at Amy Parrish Photography Studio.

On October 2nd, our school was featured in this gallery space for the October Gallery Hop. Art work from all levels were showcased for family, friends, and Gallery Hoppers to enjoy.

Even though the cold and wet weather slowed the foot traffic, we were happy to have a good number of families visit our show.

"What a great show," said Roxanne Holonitch, our Art Specialist.

This is yet another feather in our artistic caps to be proud of.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Max McAlister (P1), along with his parents, were proud to have their artwork hang in a gallery.

# 1st Grade Arts Night

By: Danny Pyles  
4th Grade

We found a fun way for 1st graders and their families to enjoy our Special Subjects' classes in an evening - and it's called 1st Grade Arts Night!

On September 23rd, our Specialists held mini lessons for families to introduce them to their courses. The evening started with a large group Gym activity with Marty, then breakout sessions with Senora Maria in Spanish, Roxanne in Art, and Sandra in Music.

Many families enjoyed their "Special" time.



Photo: E. Pundaveila

Our first year students hit the ground running, literally, in the gym portion of the evening. Marty presented fun activities that families can do together at play time.

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## Allergy Awareness

By: Marlena Cook  
4th Grade

Did you know that the top eight most common food allergies are to things that most people eat every day? The Top 8 Food Allergies are: Dairy, Eggs, Wheat, Soy, Peanuts, Tree nuts, Fish, and Shellfish.

Here at SJMS, there are people with each of these allergies and other ones too! Other ones I know of include fruit, artificial sweeteners, and corn. I have wheat & dairy allergies, as a lot of you know, and it is hard sometimes to find things that I'm not allergic to. Sometimes when everyone else is eating something that I can't have, it's hard but mostly I'm not tempted. I get questions from people all the time about what I can or can't have. Don't be afraid to talk about food allergies and other issues about food.

My mom says when people bring food to share; it helps when they write down the ingredients or bring in the labels. When there are lots of choices, people like me, with allergies, have more chances of there being something that we can eat. Don't be afraid to ask people about their food allergies. Families who have food allergies usually have good ideas and recipes that they will share.

Go online. Here are some allergy recipe websites to check out:

<http://www.eatingwithfoodallergies.com/allergyfreerecipes.html>

<http://www.kidswithfoodallergies.org/recipes.html>

<http://www.foodallergyassistant.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.supercook.com/>

## C is for Caricatures

By: Mia Rivera &  
MacKenzie Beam  
4th Grade

In September, Middle School students created caricatures for our A to Z packets. We started with sketches and then made a final copy. We used pencils and colored pencils on paper. Many students liked the project.

"It was a very creative project," said Celina Thomas, in the 6th grade.



Photo: M. Rivera & M. Beam

Harper Daniel and Max Thesing (MS) are proud of their caricatures.

# monty jr.



By: Emerson Prond & Adam Sorrels  
4th Grade

## Emoticons

The symbols used on the internet, emails, and text messages. Match the emoticon with what it stands for.

1. 5:)
  2. <:o)
  3. ~: 0
  4. B )
  5. :-{ )
  6. ; )
- a. man with sunglasses
  - b. baby
  - c. Elvis
  - d. winking friend
  - e. clown
  - f. man with mustache

Good "Laugh"ternoon!

Q: What is smarter than a talking parrot?

A: A spelling bee.

Q: How is a basketball like a baby?

A: It dribbles.

Q: Why do you not share secrets on a farm?

A: Because corn has ears and potatoes have eyes.

Q: Why are magnets good friends?

A: Because they stick together.

## Finish the Comic Strip



Emoticon Answers

1.c. 2.e. 3.b. 4.a. 5.f. 6.d.

# A Tasty Field Trip for Primary 2

The students of Primary 2 have been learning “sweet” lessons in their classroom. For the first months of school, the class has participated in their “Chocolate” Unit of Study.

The class enjoyed a trip to the Anthony Thomas Chocolate Factory on the west side of Columbus. Our students and parents were even given a sample Buckeye to enjoy.

Next, the class was able to make their own chocolate lollipops and chocolate candies in Art Class with Roxanne. They learned about double-boilers and how the molds work.

Yum! What a great lesson.



Primary 2 students enjoyed their delicious field trip to Anthony Thomas candy Shoppe.



Garrett Thesing (P2) acted like a chef while working with the melted chocolate.



Nila Kennedy-Young (P2) used molds to form the melted chocolate.

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## Middle School Visits Highbanks Metro Park

By: John & Robert Faller  
5th Grade

On a nice and hot day in September, our Middle School students took a hike.

With sack lunches in hand, our adventurers took off to Highbanks Metro Park in North Columbus.

The classes broke off into groups to explore the woods, the animals, the bugs, and the pond.

They even worked on identifying trees and other plant life. Two groups even had an opportunity to see a real Indian mound.

Exploring nature is another way we teach the human potential.



The Nature Center at Highbanks Metro Park was filled with interesting activities for our students.

# Giving Time & Gifts to Scrap Rap



Photo: R. Holonitch

Linda Hankison, our school bookkeeper, shares her ideas with our Scrap Rappers at a recent club meeting.

Scrap Rap has been a very fortunate club when it comes to gifts of supplies and time.

Recently, Linda Hankison, our school bookkeeper, stopped by to show our club members her scrapbook and the materials she used to make it look great. We hope Linda will be able to visit often and share her ideas with us.

In March, when our club ventured off to the Scrapbooking convention, we met Carol Lee Cherry. She was happy to meet a group of young scrapbookers who love what they do. Since then, Carol has sent our group 5 boxes of scrapbooking materials for the group to enjoy.

Our group is grateful for all your continued support.



## Erdkinder Fundraising Income

The Erdkinder class is working hard to raise money for their class trip in May.

We would like to thank you for supporting us now and in the future. We appreciate your continued support and participation in our fundraisers.

School Store...	\$300.00
Water Machine....	\$8.00
Gallery Hop....	\$200.00

Total =	\$508.00
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Photo: R. Holonitch

Bake Sale

## We Compost Because We Care

With the help of some earth-friendly students, Dawn McCombs has taken on the cause of saving our planet: one lunch at a time.

Each day, students are asked to throw all their natural materials, like fruit and vegetable peels, into our compost bin. Our willing volunteers then carry the scraps to our large bin outside. The rewards, a mix of compost, will then be used in our community garden. If you have questions about these efforts, please contact Dawn.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Danny Pyles & Matthew Hohmann (MS) helped empty our compost bin at lunch time.

## Guess Who?

## Answer



Dawn McCombs  
Primary 1 Teacher

# Alumni News

## Alumni Help with Summer Camp



Photo: R. Holonitch

Katie Speed (SJMS 2007) joined in the fun to help with Jammin' with Sandra and Carolyn.

For yet another year, our SJMS alumni helped staff our summer camp. As assistants to our various classes, they know first-hand how important it is to have a caring and



Photo: R. Holonitch

Bethany Torres (SJMS 1999) was the head teacher in many of the weeks for our Children's House level.

fun staff for our summer camp.

A special thanks goes to all of you who helped make this a very special summer for our students.

## Emily Venegoni

Even though Emily (Ehlers) Venegoni only attended SJMS until the second grade, it made a huge impression on her as a person.

Emily graduated from Noblesville High School in 1997, and moved onto Ball State University in Muncie, IN with a degree in General Studies and Radiology.

She currently works as a Staff Technologist at the Community Health Network in Indianapolis.

She is happily married to David with two children.

Emily shared that she "learned to respect and value other people. I also learned about accountability and responsibility from an early age."

She is still in contact with many of her classmates from her SJMS days.



Photo: E. Venegoni

Emily Venegoni

St. Joseph Montessori School  
Winter Festival: 2010

## Alumni Room

Sunday, December 5th  
12:00noon - 5:00pm

When you visit the alumni room, you will receive a \$2 coupon for the Food Court in Ryan Hall.

# Alumni News

## Class of 2001

Chelsea Clark

Chelsea (SJMS 2001) will play the lead female part in "Pain," a film written and directed by Jared Elkin. Since she moved to New York, she has been part of many shows and films.



Photo: C. Clark

## Class of 2008

Adam Henderson

On June 26th, Adam performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City with the American High School Honors Performance Series. He joined a group of students from around the world to perform.

He was also accepted into the National Student Leadership Conference. This conference brought 48 students together to discuss U.S. Politics and Policy. He enjoyed the sightseeing and the mock Presidential and Senate sub-committees.

## Class of 2010

Return for Kick-Off 2010!

Claire Alexander, Maria Walliser-Wejebe, and Anna Reed (SJMS 2010) returned to SJMS in August to help pass out ice-cream treats to all our families at our annual Kick-Off event. They were also great taste-testers to make sure the desserts met their high standard of quality.

With siblings in our lower levels, they were happy to return and help out.



Photo: R. Holonitch

## Class of 2006

Farewell Party Before College



Photo: N. Anderson

Our friends from '06 met for one last group event at Whetstone Park before they all head off to college this fall.

**We Want to Hear from You!**

Fill out the biography form on the Alumni Page at [www.sjms.net](http://www.sjms.net), and soon you will see yourself in our Alumni News features.

**facebook**

We want to be your "Friend" on Facebook.

# Calendar of Events

## November

1 - All Saints Day Mass

5 - Carpool Coffee

9 - Board of Trustees Meeting

11 - Curriculum Night

15 & 17 - Parent / Teacher Conf.

22 & 23 - Parent / Teacher Conf.

24 - 28 - Thanksgiving Holiday  
**NO SCHOOL**

## December

1 - 7th & 8th Grade Interim  
Reports mailed

3 - Carpool Coffee

5 - Winter Festival

8 - Immaculate Conception Mass

14 - Board of Trustees Meeting

16 - Cookies & Carols

18 - Jan. 2 - Christmas Holiday  
**NO SCHOOL**

## January

3 - Classes resume

7 - Carpool Coffee

13 - Continuing Montessori  
New Levels Meeting

17 - MLK Day  
**NO SCHOOL**

# Guess Who?

Read the clues and check out the picture to the "Guess Who?" in this issue. The answer is located on page 9.



"Guess Who?" wanted to be an advice columnist when they grew up.

"Guess Who?" crossed the Sahara Desert in a car.

"Guess Who?" saw Frank Sinatra in concert.

"Guess Who?" won first place in a frog hopping contest, with their pet Jack Frog, when they were 7.

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## **Do you have ideas?**

Would you like to contribute to  
The Montessorian?

We are always looking for new  
writers or photographers.

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