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Winter Wonderland



Photo: R. Holonitch

Carolyn Thomas and Janette MacConnell had a "popping" good time in the popcorn booth.

By: Claire Alexander
8th Grade

"...Bells on bob-tail ring, making spirits bright, what fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight....." And welcome to WinterFest! Everyone was invited to the annual celebration at SJMS. It featured games such as Lollipop Tree and Elf Toss, crafts including making gingerbread houses, pictures with Santa Claus, a silent auction, a children's raffle for toys, vendors including parents and



Photo: R. Holonitch

Bob Faller (MS) made a great example of a gingerbread house in the Arts & Crafts Room.



Photo: R. Holonitch

David Lindemann (ERD) was "wowed" by Maxwell Mullen efforts in the mini golf game.

local businesses, an Alumni Room for past SJMS students, and a café. WinterFest took place on December 6 from noon to five o'clock. Everyone enjoyed the fun, and most of the proceeds went to the Family Association. The proceeds from the games and Santa pictures went to the Erdkinder trip. Thank you for a great time!

International Children's Day



Photo: R. Holonitch

Cassandra Kula and Cecilia Martin (P2) showed off their Japanese fans.



Photo: Roth

Danny Pyles (P1), Jackson Savoy (P1), and Roxanne Holonitch show everyone their Native American sides.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Max Finlay and Coyote Fisher (P3) strike a pose.

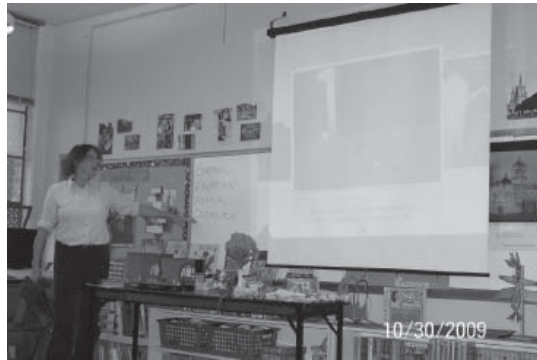


Photo: R. Holonitch

A slideshow about Honduras in the Spanish room.

By: Kate Ferguson
7th Grade

International Children's Day (n) - a yearly cultural celebration at SJMS

This vocabulary word is on everyone's mind each October at SJMS, and this year was no exception.

Students from every level, and some the teachers, dressed in outfits found in other cultures and regions.

The day started with a parade in our parking lot. With all the families lining the edge, it was like a movie premiere with paparazzi.

After the parade, the classes returned to their rooms to continue the celebration with food and cultural artifacts.

Baby Hickerson Has Arrived!

By: Maria Walliser & Claire Alexander, 8th Grade



Photo: Riverside Hospital

Todd and Becky are now able to see their new addition to the family: Morgan Cadenca. She was born on December 18, 2009 at 2:43 PM, at Riverside Methodist Hospital. She weighed six pounds, twelve ounces, and was nineteen inches long. Todd and Becky are both very happy and relieved that it was a good delivery. We all welcome little Morgan to the St. Joe's family!

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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. Join us Tuesdays at recess in the Art Room for our Brainstorming Meetings.

Veteran's Day Celebration

By: Bob Faller
4th Grade

For thirteen years, Todd Hickerson has proudly served in the military, and on Veteran's Day, we honored his service to our country. On November 10th, our school came together to celebrate his service.

Todd became a local celebrity when Channel 10 News visited the school for an interview, which aired that night.

To Todd, Veteran's Day means that all of the people that fought in the wars are remembered for their dedication to our country.



Photo: R. Holonitch

The entire school admired the beautiful flag flying by our school.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Todd was interviewed by a 10TV reporter for a special newscast.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Nick Reiser and Kieran York (P2) helped Todd hang a special flag.

Art Opening for SJMS!

By: Lindsay Hester &
Elisabeth Spector
8th Grade

On November 7th, at the Amy Parrish Art Gallery, students and parents crowded in to see their children's artwork. Everything from paintings to papier mache were proudly hung on walls for all to see. Thanks to Roxanne's hard work, students and artists alike were able to show off their beautiful pieces of work. Everyone from the Montessorian would like to thank Amy Parrish for letting us use her beautiful studio, Roxanne for putting this show together, and, of course, the students for giving us such beautiful art.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Erin Miller (P1) and her mom admired the artwork by SJMS students at Amy Parrish Gallery during the November Gallery Hop.

35 lbs.

of goods were collected for the troops in Afghanistan in honor of Veteran's Day. Thank you to all that helped with this project.



Jeff Marries True Love

By: Anna Reed
8th Grade



Photo: J. Ostrowski

Jeff and Rachel on their wedding day.

On September 12, 2009 you would think that it would be a regular Saturday for Jeff Ostrowski, our former aftercare teacher of Erdkinder. Not so, that was a day that would change his life, he was going to be married to Rachel Ostrowski.

Jeff and Rachel had met online and had set a date to meet at a local Columbus Starbucks. Rachel always says that neither Jeff nor she ever said goodbye. Five months later Jeff asked Rachel if she would marry him, and Rachel delightfully said "Yes!"

After that they had to plan out invitations and what music to play at the reception. One of the hardest things to plan out was the food choice. But finally, on a nice day in September, all the hard work paid off - Jeff and Rachel were finally married.

Robert Miller, the former librarian at SJMS, was the minister at the wedding. The wedding was held outside of the Faith Life Church, in Johnstown. We wish them the best of luck and for many years of happiness to come.

School for the Blind Joins SJMS Band for Concert



Photo: Spector

The School for the Blind Band

By: Elisabeth Spector
8th Grade

What do you get when you put our band together with the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) Marching Band? A totally awesome concert! On October 28th, the OSSB

Marching Band came to our school to share with us some abilities of people with disabilities. Carol Agler and Dan Kelley directed the band, and told us all of their plans to take part in the Parade of Roses. Going to the "Granddaddy of all Parades" was a huge honor for

the band, and all the students were excited. Through the hard work of the students and the guiding hands of Carol Agler and Dan Kelley, on January 1st, they showed everybody the world's only blind marching band. Congratulations to you all!

Learn To Be Drug Free!

By: Sidney Allen
7th Grade

Carolyn Faller, Lee Richter, Paleasa Carle, Spencer Coleman, and Sidney Allen from the Erdkinder class recently attended the Winners Choice Drug Free Camp on October 28 and 29. The camp site is located on the Greenwood Lake Camp in Delaware, Ohio.

Many other schools in the area attended including Columbus Public, New Albany/Plain City, Reynoldsburg, Westerville, Worthington, and Diocese of Columbus Schools. This camp is only offered to 7th grade students who have made healthy

and drug free choices in their lives. Winners Choice Drug Free Camp teaches children to say no to risky behaviors, strengthen decision making skills, refusal skills, and the significance of having friends who share the same views of healthy life choices.

The Winners Choice Camp is presented by the Safe & Drug-Free Schools Consortium, which is a program of the Educational Council and YOUTH TO YOUTH. Every seventh grader should join this camp to learn and to live to be drug free.

Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners Announced



Photo: J. Faller

And the winners are (L-R) Sydney Wurapa (4th grade), Lily Kleban (5th Grade), and Andres Walliser-Wejebe (6th grade).

For the ninth year, our Middle School students participated in the National Arbor Day Poster Contest.

By drawing posters based on the theme, "Trees Are Terrific... and Energy Wise!" students competed for the honor of school winners. The posters hung in the main hallway, which allowed the entire school an opportunity to view and vote on their favorites.

With 54 votes, Sydney Wurapa was the 4th grade winner. Lily Kleban was our 5th grade winner with 76 votes. Finally, Andres Walliser-Wejebe was the winner for the 6th grade with 56 votes.

Lily's poster moves to the state competition and will compete with other 5th graders for that honor.

A special thank you goes to all those voted this year and a congratulation goes to all our winners.

Classical Music Concert

By: John Faller
4th Grade

On a clear Wednesday morning the sounds of classical music could be heard in the hallways of SJMS.

Libby Richter, a good friend of Janette MacConnell from Children House 5, came to are school to perform classical music for Children's

House and Middle School students. Libby has been performing since she was six years old. Janette said that the performance was "delightfully informative and interesting".

We, like Janette, hope everyone who attended thought it was an informative and interesting experience as well.



Photo: J. Faller

Libby Richter demonstrated many piano techniques to the audience.

What is Montessori?

We continue this series with more thoughts from our students about what a Montessori education means to them.

- Fun!
- People can make friends.

- Move around and choose a seat.
- A place where I always want to stay, and never leave.
- Great teachers!
- Everyone cares for each other.

- A place for love.
- Real work, not busy work.
- We are happy while we learn.
- We accomplish alot, and get the work done.

Two Thumbs Up for Cookies & Carols Concert



Photo: R. Holonitch

Michael Foley (P1) played the jolliest one of all - Santa Claus!

By: Delaney Morphew
7th Grade

This year Cookies and Carols was a hit! The 8th graders played several merry songs including *Frosty the Snowman* and *Joy to the World*. The 7th graders played *O' Come All Ye Faithful* and *Silent Night*. Honors played *Big Top Rag*, *Hang on Sloopy* and *Holly Jolly Christmas*. After that performance, the 2nd and 3rd graders performed a play on "Melton the Warm Hearted Snowman" that included many songs and dances. At the end, everyone had some wonderful cookies and drinks. The crowd gave it a big thumbs up!



Photo: R. Holonitch

The Snow Family included Mia Rivera, Adam Sorrels, and Matthew Hohmann (P1).

Good Luck Heitz Family!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Madison, Meagan, and Mason Heitz at International Children's Day.

We want to wish Jonathan, Brande, Madison, Meagan, and Mason Heitz the best of luck in their move to North Carolina. Keep in touch!

Good luck to Jackson Savoy, who recently moved to Colorado with his family. Keep in touch!

Renovations Continue...



Photo: R. Holonitch

Renovations continue to happen at SJMS to improve the work environment for our students. The chalkboard calendar in the office is the most noticeable to all. The Children's House porch upgrade and the

finishing of wall paint in the hallways and Ryan Hall are just a few of the changes you can see. Keep your eyes open for even more improvements!

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How many words can you find in the word...

M O N T E S S O R I

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I found _____ words!

New Years Resolutions!

By: Moriah Miller-Gnann
7th Grade

For many eras, people have chosen resolutions at the beginning of each new year, and 2010 is no different. Below are some resolutions chosen by our SJMS community.

Sidney Allen (ERD) - drink more water

Andrew Swart (ERD) - add weight lifting to exercise routine

Cassey Addington (MS) - get organized with school work

Roxanne Holonitch (Art) - learn to play the guitar

Gavin Thomas (MS) - work to be a better artist

Luke Flynn (MS) - sleep in later each morning

What is your
New Years Resolution?

Lights! Camera! Showtime!

By: Maria Walliser
8th Grade



Photo: R. Holonitch

The Fashion Police are on the case with this mystery.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Suzie (Maria Walliser) and Sam (Nick Salamon) exchange jokes for the audience.

Does anybody have stage fright?

On Wednesday November 11th, the seventh and eighth grade put on their dancing shoes for an audience of 150. The play "Sam and Suzie's Place", which some of you might recall from eight years ago, was unearthed from the vault again. This year's class play was held on the newly reopened stage in Ryan Hall. After weeks of practice, and careful preparation, we pulled it off. From 6:00 to 8:30, Ryan Hall was packed with about 130 people. "I laughed, I cried, it left me begging for more!" said Roxanne Holonitch, who took photos and enjoyed the show from the audience.

Compliments poured in after the performance. This year's play was a great success, said most. Hard work gave way to a wonderful performance. Thank you to Sandra, the seventh and eighth grade class, and everyone who attended!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Singing and dancing were just two of the talents demonstrated by our Erdkinder students.

North Market Band Concert



Photo: R. Holonitch

Our Honors Band created a delightful atmosphere at the North Market on December 18th by playing for the customers below. Classic holiday tunes were part of this joyful concert.

Ballet in Children's House 5



Photo: N. Sethi

Annette and Maria Walliser (ERD) demonstrate ballet moves for the Children's House 5 students.

Annette Walliser, mother of Maria and Andres, once again volunteered her time and taught a Ballet lesson to the children in Children's House 5.

Thanksgiving Collection

For Thanksgiving, we made the dreams of many children come true. Project Care for Kids, with the help of Diane Hoenig, granted over 100 wishes for children within the Franklin County Children Services Foster Care System. Children, infants to 16 years old, were granted wishes like skateboards, Legos, and art kits.

Children's House students help cut out the tags, while Project Care members attached the labels. Thank you to all that helped.



Photo: R. Holonitch

We helped many children in need by granting wishes for Thanksgiving.

Get to the "Heart" of the Matter



Photo: E. Spector

Abby Robinson dissected a heart for the Erdkinder class to learn from.

On November 13th, the Erdkinder class participated in a special science experiment. Abby Robinson, a long-time friend and alumni parent of SJMS, brought in an actual deer heart for dissection. The students were taught appropriate procedures, how a heart works, and learned what the tissue feels like. Some students got "light headed" from the experience, but gained a lot of valuable knowledge from it.



Erdkinder Fundraising Balance Sheet

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...	\$410.55
Soda Machine....	\$16.10
Gallery Hop....	\$275.50

Total =	\$702.15
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Photo: C. Alexander

Erdkinder students enjoying the dance at SJMS.

Support SJMS at the Grocery Store!



Campbell's Labels for Education help with general supplies and special projects.



Box Tops cut from all General Mills products support our Paint Club and Scrap Rap. The box is located in the art room.

Guess Who? Answer



Bethany Torres
Children's House

Alumni News

Class of 1999

Bethany Torres

Bethany is sharing the lessons she learned at SJMS by working in Children's House 1 & 2.

Class of 2001

Chelsea Clark



Photo: C. Clark

Chelsea Clark (second from left)

Chelsea Clark has been an active participant in the theater in New York.

Joseph Young Mueller



Photo: J. Mueller

Joseph Mueller

Joseph Mueller (SJMS 2001) is currently on his second tour of duty in Iraq as a sniper. For Veteran's Day, SJMS sent a care package to Joe, including general supplies and the treat he misses the most from America: Oreo cookies.

Class of 2004

Bobby Jones

Bobby is attending Columbus State Community College with a major in Early Childhood Education. While he isn't busy at SJMS working with the After Care Program, he is a music producer.

Class of 2006

Sarah McFarland



Photo: S. McFarland

Sarah McFarland

We are proud to announce that Sarah McFarland is a National Merit semi-finalist this year. At Bishop Hartley, she is also on the MVP varsity Field Hockey team and was part of the Homecoming court.

Alec Griffin

Alec is a junior at Bishop Watterson High School with a 3.5 GPA. He is part of the tech crew for theater, and is still a huge Chicago Bears fan.

Abby James

Abby is part of the In the Know team and on the tech crew for theater at Bishop Watterson High School. She is busy looking at colleges.

Class of 2007

Elizabeth Miller

Elizabeth is currently attending Bishop Hartley High School, and enjoys Drama, Tennis, and earned a spot in National Honors Society.

Will Moore

Will is the wing and fullback on the Bishop Ready Rugby team. His favorite class is History.

Class of 2008

Sam Beasley

Sam attends Thomas Worthing High School and is part of the Chess Club. His favorite courses are Chemistry and FST (Functions-Statistics-Trigonometry).

Ruby Michl-Smith

Ruby attends The Wellington School and is involved in the tech crew for theater, on the school newspaper staff, and is the co-founder of the Quiddith Club.

Class of 2009

Anna Toborg

Anna is part of the Harry Potter Club, Student Council, and Soccer. She has worked hard in her academic classes to earn Honor Roll at Bishop Watterson High School.

Jared Ricardo

Jared is busy at Bishop Watterson High School with cross-country, photography club, track, and break dancing.

Alumni News

SJMS Alumni Letter in Water Polo at St. Charles

St. Charles Preparatory School held its annual Fall Sports Award Banquet in November. As members of the JV Water Polo team, Caleb Jack (SJMS 2007), Chris D'Angelo (SJMS 2008), and Thomas Phillips (SJMS 2007) were on hand to receive their awards. This is the third year of this sport at St. Charles, with a 15-0 season to win the Ohio Cup. To top it all, these gentlemen also earned an academic certificate for earning a 3.3 G.P.A. or higher during this sporting season.

National Merit Scholarship Finalists

We are proud to recognize the following students who scored among the top test takers nationwide on the 2008 PSAT/NMSQT®. In the class of 2010, 15% of test takers earned recognition through the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Programs.

Sarah Henderson - National Achievement Program Outstanding Participant

Ali Seybold - National Merit Semifinalist and National Achievement Semifinalist



Photo: A. Henderson

Finalists from CSG

Winter Festival Alumni Room



Photo: R. Holonitch

Class of 2008: Ruby Smith, Rachael Brenner, and Annie Minner.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Class of 2009: Kevin Smoot, Anna Toborg, Finlay Hessler, Nikki Dean, and Jared Ricardo.



Photo: R. Holonitch

MARRISA DEERWESTER, ABBY JAMES, SARAH MCFARLAND, NINA BROWER-WYNGAARD, GUS MURPHY, DUSTIN WILLIAMS, and ALEC GRIFFIN.

We were happy to see over 45 alumni from our previous graduating classes. Because of their visit, each alum received a \$2 coupon for food in the concession area of Winter Festival.

We Want to Hear from You!

Is something exciting happening in your life? Let us know. Just drop us an email at rhonit@cducation.org and we will let the entire SJMS community know your good news!

Are you on Facebook?

Join the SJMS Alumni Group on Facebook to keep in touch with all your buddies from SJMS.

Calendar of Events

January

18 - NO SCHOOL, MLK Day

25 - 29 - Catholic Schools Week

February

2 - Parent Music Education Night

15 - NO SCHOOL - Pres. Day

22 - 26 - Mont. Education Week

25 - Interest Fair

March

1 - 5 - Spring Book Fair

23 - 8th Grade Band Recital

Guess Who?

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

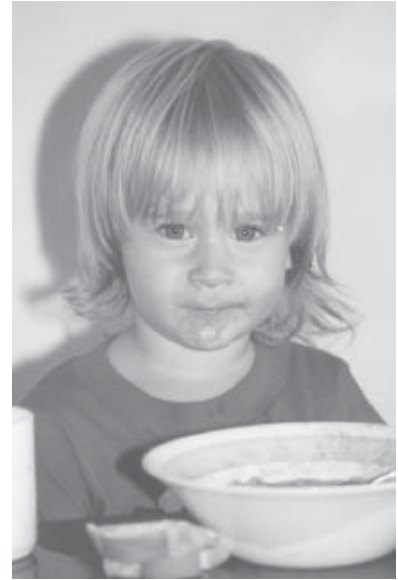
* Guess Who was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

* Guess Who's mom was a french teacher at SJMS.

* Guess Who has traveled to France, Mexico, Canada, and Alaska.

* Guess Who graduated from SJMS in 1999.

* Guess Who's dad lives in Alaska.



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