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## Children at Play



Photo: R. Holonitch

Students try the new slide and rock wall at recess time.

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Research shows that recess and physical activity have a positive effect on learning and concentration for students. To support this theory, we have added many new features to our playgrounds.

This summer, a new slide/rock wall feature, along with a new tether ball game, was added to the elementary playground. The Children's House playground will also receive a new platform this fall.

The changes have been well-received from our students, with comments like, "it's great," and "I love the new toys at recess!"



Photo: R. Holonitch

Ian Reardon (ERD) and Ben Shearer (MS) take in a game of tether ball on the playground.

# Bake for Good Program

There is nothing better than the smell of freshly baked bread. You could have smelled it in October while our Middle School and Erdkinder classrooms practiced their baking skills.

They worked as a team to make over 12 dozen dinner rolls that were later donated to the Bishop Griffin Food

Pantry. Each student had an opportunity to either knead the dough, form the rolls, and package up the finished rolls.

You may have also seen this event featured in *The Columbus Dispatch*, *The Shorth North Gazette*, and *The Catholic Times*.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Max Shank and Carter McCrary (MS) helped knead the dough for the rolls.

## *SJMS Spaghetti Dinner*



Photo: R. Holonitch

Kate Haydel-Brown (ERD) helped serve tasty dessert treats.

As the aroma of spaghetti sauce filled the halls of SJMS, our families were busy enjoying the delicious Spaghetti Dinner served. Salad, spaghetti and meatballs, rolls, and even tasty dessert treats like cookies and Rita's Italian Ice were part of this full menu.

Once the meal was done, the raffle prizes were shared with the winners. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and donors that made this evening possible. Over \$3,500 was raised to support our professional development efforts for our staff.

## Bless Our Pets

On October 4th, the students of St. Joseph Montessori School celebrated Feast of St Francis of Assisi with the blessing of our class pets. After Mass concluded, Reverend Anthony Lonzo from Sacred Heart Church in the Italian Village visited each classroom and shared a blessing for a happy and healthy school year. Blessings were received by a pleco fish, a guinea pig, a corn snake, and even a python!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Reverend Anthony Lonzo blessed "Skunk the Guinea Pig" in Primary 3, with help from Ramon Muguruza-Weaver.

## World Food Day



Photo: R. Holonitch

(L-R) Dominic Paul (P3), Gabrielle Hatch (P2), and Finley O'Carroll (P2) are now "enlightened" about world hunger with World Food Day.

Our Children's House and Primary level students learned about world hunger and food waste on Monday, October 17 with a World Food Day assembly in Ryan Hall.

At this event, teachers shared ways that every family can do to make a difference in the world. Students also shared thoughts on how their families can help the cause at home.

At the end of the assembly, each student received a bracelet to remind them about this issue.

# Kick Off the School Year with Fun!



The school's playground was home to our annual SJMS Kick Off event.

On a sunny afternoon in August, our school welcomed our families back for another great school year.

Families were encouraged to meet with their teachers, introduce themselves to our new school friends, and celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

This also gave them an opportunity to see the changes and updates to our school playground.

## Our SJMS Family Grows with New Staff



Eunyoung Chae  
Primary 2



Kelsey Gordon  
Erdkinder



Amanda Jelley  
PE/Health



Elba Martinez-  
Rosado  
Spanish



Sandy Mason  
Business Office  
Manager

Photos: HR Imaging

Our school family grew with new faculty and staff this year.

Eunyoung Chae joined Kathy Koehler in the Primary 2 classroom. She brings many years experience and a love of the Montessori Method to the room.

Kelsey Gordon is now the co-teacher in our Erdkinder classroom. She will specialize in the math and science curriculum, and leads of MathCounts club.

Amanda Jelley will lead of Physical Education and Health program at SJMS. She will also be our coordinator of Motivated Mondays.

Elba Martinez-Rosado is our new Spanish Specialist. She will teach all our preK-8th grade Spanish classes, as well as plan our Spanish Fiesta in the spring.

Sandy Mason will keep all our finances in order as our Business Office Manager. She joined us last summer to train for this important position, and is excited to be part of the SJMS office team.

We are blessed to have a group of dedicated educators and staff that are here to teach and nurture our "life-long learners."

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# Let's Get Motivated with Motivated Monday

To get our students ready to learn, we will continue to offer "Motivated Mondays." Each Monday morning we have fun, energetic, and age-appropriate activities prepared by our new Physical Education specialist, Amanda Jelley.

These activities encourage movement that will stimulate concentration and focus in the classroom. Many students say Motivated Mondays are "fun," "great," and "best day ever!"



Photo: R. Holonitch

Ava Neville (MS) and Cathy Johanni got motivated with the help of our opening Dance Party at Motivated Monday.

## International Children's Day



Photos: R. Holonitch

Our Primary 3 classroom represented the world with a variety costumes.

The rain didn't keep our parents and students from having a good time on International Children's Day. Inside Ryan Hall, our Children's House and Primary level students shared their international costumes for an eager crowd of parents. Once

the group completed a few laps, Matt, our Head of School, asks our parents to share their worldly experiences with the crowd. After the parade, students returned to their classrooms to try international foods and discuss their costumes.



Photos: R. Holonitch

Zane Cochran (CH2) boldly went to our parade as an astronaut.



Peri Lichtenstiger and Lilly Surratt (P2) struck a fashionable pose.

## Birthday Bags

SJMS has found a fun way to serve the needy children in Columbus that the Mid-Ohio Foodbank serves each day. We are collecting supplies to create "Birthday Bags" for children that may not get to celebrate their birthday due to poverty. Each bag includes: a cake mix and frosting, candles, invitations, streamers, balloons, and fun toys for the party. If you would like to help our cause, please bring your birthday bag donations to the school office.



Photo: L. Miller

Isaac Hohl and Amelie Neville (P3) work with Diane Weaver (Ramon's grandma) on decorating our birthday bags.

## Erdkinder Fundraising Earnings

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

Some of our most popular fundraisers include: Fun Friday Pizza Lunch, the school supply sale, dances, and the tasty bake sales.

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



Fun Friday Pizza Day!

## Guess Who? Answer



Elba Martinez-Rosado  
Spanish

## Pumpkin Patch



Photo: A. Stewart

Students in our Children's House 4 classroom enjoyed playing in the hay barn at Circle S Farms.

## "Light a Candle for Peace" Assembly



Photo: A. Jelley

We sang for peace at our peace pole.

At exactly 10:30am on Wednesday, September 21st, our entire school came together at our peace pole to celebrate the International Day of Peace with song. We joined voices with over 150,000 other teachers and students from around the world to sing "Light a Candle for Peace," a song written and composed by Shelley Murley.

In 2009, Shelley created this international singing project to celebrate the United Nation's Peace Day by sharing her song with the world. In its first year, it was

sung by various Montessori schools from around the world. The singing started with schools in New Zealand, continued around the world, and ended with the Hawaiian Islands.

To prepare for this event, our students practiced the lyrics and sign language in their classrooms and music class. We are proud to have our students participate in this global peace project.

You can learn more about this wonderful celebration by visiting [www.sing-peacearoundtheworld.com](http://www.sing-peacearoundtheworld.com).

# Alumni News

## Class of 1999

### Bethany Torres



Photo: B. Torres

Bethany shared vows with Josh Mann on September 4th at Maynard Avenue Methodist Church in front of friends, family, and their “villages.”

## Class of 2003

### Sam Forti

Sam Forti spent his summer teaching conversation skills to teens at an elephant camp in Thailand.



Photo: S. Forti

## Class of 2008

### Chris D’Angelo

Last May, Chris D’Angelo graduated with honors and a double major of in Mathematics and Economics from Dartmouth College. In August, he began work as a Data Analyst in The Washington, DC area for the software company, Applied Predictive Technologies (APT).

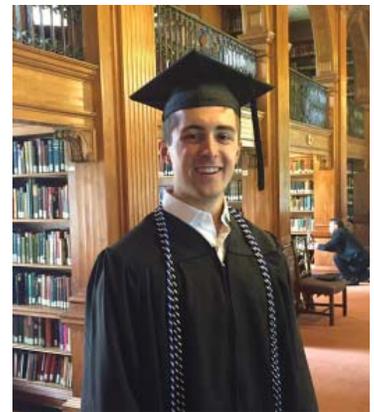


Photo: C. D’Angelo

## Class of 2001

### Kendra (Smith) Ryan

There’s a new girl in town! Kendra and her husband Pat, welcomed Margaret Rose to their family on August 23rd. She weighed 7 lbs 1 ounce, and looks just like her siblings.



Photo: K. Ryan

### Sam Blakeslee



Photo: S. Blakeslee

Sam Blakeslee is a trombonist/composer residing in Cleveland, OH. Sam holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Jazz Studies from Youngstown State University and a Master’s Degree in Classical Performance from University of Akron. Sam has performed at the Kennedy Center, the Banff Centre, as well as famous jazz clubs in New York City such as 55 Bar, Shapeshifter Lab, and Whynot Jazz Room. He has also participated in some of the world’s most illustrious workshops and residencies including The Steans Institute for the Young Artist at Ravinia, Betty Carter’s Jazz Ahead at the Kennedy Center, and the Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music at the Banff Centre. As an active educator, Sam is currently the Director of the Jazz Prep Program and After School Band Program at Cuyahoga Community College, as well as the Instructor of Improvisation at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

## Class of 2009

### Ethan Skaates

Ethan spent a few weeks in Ireland this summer. I will then spend a semester abroad doing a co-op at the Kraupa Tuskany Zeilder Art Gallery in Berlin.



Photo: E. Skaates

## Class of 2002

### Kim Stevens

Kim Stevens recently received the Professional Achievement Award in Business/Entrepreneurship at the 2016 NPHC (The National Pan-Hellenic Council) Black & White Awards Gala.

# Alumni News

## Class of 2010

Audra Banfield



Photo: A. Banfield

Since her father was diagnosed with cancer, Audra has made it a personal mission to support cancer treatment research. This summer, she participated in the Pelatonía, and rode 180 miles to raise money for cancer research. Audra said, “cancer is something that touches so many of our lives and I want to thank everyone who donated to end the fight against cancer!”

## Class of 2011

Delaney Morphew



Photo: D. Morphew

As a member of the Columbus Internations Children’s Choir, Delaney Morphew had the rare opportunity to sing in the Vatican this summer.

## Class of 2016

Amirah Lomax



Photo: A. Lomax

This summer, Amirah played a key role in the show “Once On This Island Jr.” for the Columbus Children’s Theatre.

Garrett Thesing

This summer, Garrett Thesing became Columbus Municipal Golf Junior Series Champion.



Photo: S. Thesing

Joseph Tinapple



Photo: J. Tinapple

In late July at the Ohio State Baseball Fields, Joe helped his team, the Bombers, become “Big League Baseball Champions for 13-14 year old category.”

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# Calendar of Events

## November

1 & 2: P/T Conferences

2 - 4: Mohican Outdoor Learning  
(5th & 6th graders)

16: Montessori U.

17: Columbus Zoo presentation

23 - 25: Thanksgiving Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

28: Family Association Meeting

## December

3: Winter Festival

8: Immaculate Conception Mass

14: Cookies & Carols

21 - Jan. 2: Christmas Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

28: Ice Skating Party

## January

3: Classes resume

12: Curriculum Night

16: NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

20: Open House

30: Family Association meeting

## February

17: NO SCHOOL

Teacher Comp. Day

20: NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

# Guess Who?

Read the clues and check out the picture to our "Guess Who?" in this issue. The answer is located on page 6.



"Guess Who?" is a cat lover, and an active member of cat rescue organization.

"Guess Who?" loves camping, the real thing.....tent camping!

"Guess Who?" has a dog, two cats, a rabbit, and a fish.

"Guess Who?" does not like to travel.

## Autumn Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters L E A F.  
Don't guess - use logic



F			
			A
L			
			E