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Columbus Zoo Visits SJMS



Photo: R. Holonitch

Thanks to our dedicated Girl Scout Troop, who provided this event to the students of SJMS.

Thanks to the generous efforts of our Girl Scout troop, the entire school was able to enjoy the “Zoo to You” presentation on February 15th. This is an interactive program presented by The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

You could tell from the faces of our students, they enjoyed this exciting “zoo-mazing” presentation. Thank you to our Girl Scouts and the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium for a great program.

Our students were introduced to many animals found around the world. The presenters even invited some of our students to the stage to assist with the program. Each SJMS volunteer received a Columbus Zoo poster as a gift for their help.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Deklan Burk (P2), Christian Jones (P3), and Morgan Zucker (MS) helped with a demonstration.

Erdkinder Made Dr. Seuss Proud



Photo: R. Holmitch

The cast and crew of Seussical.

By: Ian Reardon and Simon Squires, Middle School

I don't like green eggs and ham but... On January 17th, our Erdkinder students performed the amazing Broadway show "Seussical." Each student worked hard to bring this show to life

for their friends and families. Special thanks go to Sandra Matheny, our music instructor, and dance instructors from Maynard Ballroom Dancers for assistance with choreography.

Judging by the volume from the audience, the show was a great success.

...and Luca Battisti Makes 4

We would like to introduce the newest member of the Battisti family. Luca Anthony Battisti arrived on March 6th at 2:48am. He was born at 7lbs. and 18 3/4 inches long.

Congratulations to Laura and her family.



Photo: L. Battisti

Luca Battisti

P3 Service Project for Children's Hospital

By: Alivia Brello
Primary 3

The students in the Primary 3 classroom made a Valentine's Day gift for the patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital. For an entire month, we made friendship bracelets and Valentine's Day cards. Lindsey and I went on Valentine's Day to drop off the cards and bracelets that we made. Our class received a special sticker, which says "Proud Supporter of Children's Hospital," for donating the gifts.

I think it made a big difference for the patients in the hospital, and we had a lot of fun doing it!



Photo: L. Miller

The students of Primary 3 had fun making the bracelets and cards.

Interest Fair

By: Sophie Dunlap and
Rikki Kahn-Yee, Middle School

For another year, the students of SJMS shared their interests with family, friends, and judges during Interest Fair.

On February 28th, the entire school was a-buzz with a variety of topics. Our Middle School and Erdinder students were judges on their presentations, while our Primary friends shared their work with classroom peers and family.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Sadie and Sawyer Mapes (P1) focused on animals for their projects.

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

By: Garrett Bender
Middle School

For Ash Wednesday, on February 13th, the prayer service was held in

Ryan Hall. This service was offered to all the students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The service was led by Cathy Johanni, our Religion instructor.

“When Cathy put the ashes on our heads, she put them in the shape of a cross,” said Maya Hammond.

Spring Gala Honors Carol Skrade

By: Garrett Bender
Middle School

The Spring Gala was hosted within the Student Union building on The Ohio State University campus. The gala was an event for parents. The gala offered silent and live auction items, including projects created by each of the classrooms at SJMS. This event is a fundraiser to support our school budget, and “Fund-A-Need” that raises money for tuition assistance.

“It is a beautiful and fun event,” said Roxanne Holonitch, our school art teacher.

Also, each year a person is chosen as our Montessori Ambassador. This year, Carol Skrade received this award. She spoke on how she has adored all her time at SJMS.



Photos: R. Holonitch

Stephen Weed and Leslie Gant presented Carol with her award.

Katie Reed: Cake Master



Photos: B. Reed

Katie Reed, a student in our Erdkinder classroom, recently completed a Cake Decorating Course at Michael's Arts and Crafts in Hilliard. In four sessions, Katie learned many tricks and tips to decorating beautiful cakes. Before each class, Katie would bake the cake she would later decorate in class. At the end, Katie received a certificate.

Earth Scouts Field Trip

By: Maya Hammond and Penelope Roth Middle School

On February 8th, the Earth Scouts visited the Franklin Park Conservatory. The group learned about Aurora Robson and Dale Chihuly.

Aurora makes beautiful artwork from trash and Dale makes his art from blown glass.

The students also learned about conservation. They entered the tropical rain forest and the desert exhibits. The rain forest includes cocoa trees, two blue and gold macaws, and mice. In the desert, the tour guide shared a story about how someone attempted to steal the two birds. The birds were later returned and are now in good health. Jordan Arous-Rhees said, "it was an amazing field trip and it changed the way I look at trash."

Spencer is a Champion Swimmer

Spencer Aurnou-Rhees won the 25 breast State Mini Championship at the Barbara Kay Mini Championship swim meet in Worthington, Ohio March 2nd and 3rd. The victory helped him finish as overall State Mini Championship Runner-up for 8 year old boys.

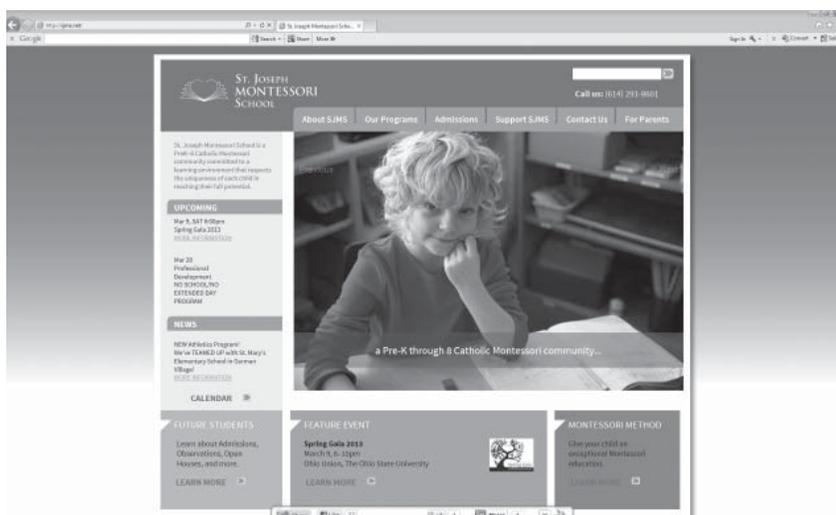
He is pictured here with his Ohio State Swim Club coach, BJ Sparks as he received his award.



Photos: L. Rhees

Spencer with his coach, BJ Sparks

New Look to sjms.net



By: Noah Hessler-Burdick Middle School

On February 22nd, the new SJMS website was launched.

With the help of Susan Hessler, Michelle Daniel, Victoria Windsor, Belinda Quisenberry, Dara Wiggins, and Elma Pundavela the site has been completed reorganized and renovated.

"The new website is sweet," said Joel Samuels in Middle School.

Stop by soon and check it out. at www.sjms.net.

Montessori Education Week Events

By: Maya Hammond and
Penelope Roth
Middle School

To kick off our Montessori Education Week, our elementary students attended the St. John Mass at Sacred Heart Church. In Religion class, students learned that there are a lot of similarities between Maria Montessori and St. John. St. John

worked with troubled children that many people thought could never be taught, and Maria Montessori created materials that every child can learn from.

At the Mass, Father Metzger shared stories of St. John and offered communion. "It was a long and relaxing Mass," said McKenna Merriman.

coMpassion
chOice
iNdependence
concentRation
peacE education
coSmic orientation
self-Satisfaction
care Of the environment
sense of wonder
dignity In work

Jordan Swims to Victory

Jordan Aurnou-Rhees, in our Middle School classroom, became a 7-time, undefeated State Champion, won the 10-and-under girls High-Point Award, and won the Outstanding Swimmer Award as top female swimmer at the entire meet!

She also broke the Championship Meet Record in the 50 breast by swimming the 2nd fastest time in the Nation by a 10 year old this year.



Photos: L. Rhees

Jordan poses with her plaques.



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SJMS Student Artwork Displayed at Diocese Art Show



Photo: R. Holonitch

Artwork that was featured at the artshow

For the fourth year, 18 pieces of artwork created by students at SJMS were included in the annual Diocese Art Show at Holy Spirit School in Whitehall on March 9th and 10th. Congratulations to:

P1 - Drew Benke, Saniya Holmes, Jerry Wang, and Katie Zerbi

P3 - Ava Neville

MS - Grace Rieser, Fiona York, Claire Ferguson, Amirah Lomax, Adam Sorrels, Morgan Zucker, Claire Dugas, Miles Fleming, and Erin Miller

ERD - Chloe Haydel-Brown, Sidney Flynn, Paul Hensley, and Charles Clayton

Teach By Example



Photo: G. Greenlee

We are teaching by example with healthy eating and exercise choices. Five of our staff members have recently taken the challenge and succeeded.

Sam Frost, Secretary

Lost 38 lbs.

How? "I run everyday and track what I eat in terms of calories, fiber, and fat."

Roxanne Holonitch, Art

Lost 54 lbs.

How? "I track my food with Life-strong on my iPod, walk 45 minutes a day, and gave up soda."

Elma Pundavela

Lost 15 lbs.

How? Healthy food choices.

Marty Gossett, Physical Ed.

Lost 32 lbs.

How? A lifetime membership to Weight Watchers.

Karla McKenna

Lost 45 lbs.

How? Meetings with Weight Watchers and walking each night with nice weather.



How much weight has this group lost?

answer below.

Support SJMS on Your Next Shopping Trip

There are many ways to help our school, and most are at the grocery stores you use everyday. By participating in these programs, you are helping our school with additional funding and supplies.



Great Lakes **Scrip** Center



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.

Chili Dinner.....\$947.00
various events...\$355.00



Photo: R. Holonitch

Olivia French, Anna Shuff, and Chloe Haydel-Brown serve up delicious food at the Chili Dinner.

Guess Who? Answer



Laura Frey
Erdkinder Teacher

Teach By Example Quiz
 $38 + 54 + 15 + 32 + 45 =$

184 lbs.

Alumni News

Alumni Help Honor Carol Skrade at Spring Gala



Isis Sikinga and Sarah McFarland celebrated with Carol and the Spring Gala.

Our alumni are always willing to lend a helping hand. At our Spring Gala, students who once attended SJMS helped check-in guests and welcomed them to this exciting fundraiser. Special thanks go to Carolyn Faller, Zoe Mak, Elliott and Nicole Narcross for their assistance.

As a special treat, Sarah McFarland gave a touching speech in honor of Carol Skrade and her Ambassador award.



Elliott Narcross, Nicole Narcross, Zoe Mak, and Carolyn Faller helped at the event sign in.

SJMS Alumni "Dive In" to Swimming Championships



Gabrielle Eismann, Keiko Wilkins, and Nicole Narcross at their most recent swimming event.

Gabrielle Eismann, Keiko Wilkins, and Nicole Narcross are "making waves" in high school. They are all part of the Columbus School for Girls Swim Team. "I see future Olympic stars," said Roxanne Holonitch.

Class of 1986

Aaron Ehlers

Aaron Ehlers (SJMS 1986) has fond memories of SJMS, including going to COSI and Wendy's. After SJMS, he attended Noblesville High School, then onto Indiana Wesleyan University. Aaron received his MBA in 2009. He currently has a career in software development and system implementations. He is married with 3 children and lives in Westfield, IN.

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Are you on Facebook?

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

We Want to Hear from You!

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

Calendar of Events

March

28 - Pro. Development Day
NO SCHOOL

29 - Spring Break Begins!
NO SCHOOL

April

8 - Classes Resume

15-19 - Scholastic Book Fair

19 - Grandparents' Day

May

1 - Primary May Day Performance

3 - Spanish Fiesta (AM)
Techno Trek (PM)

9 - Spring Concert

14 - Annual Meeting

20-24 - Erdkinder Trip

31 - Children's Day

27 - Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

31 - Children's Day

June

6 - 8th Grade Graduation

1: Last Day of School
Early Dismissal (1:30)



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Guess Who?

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

* Guess Who? performed on a cruise ship and on Nassau, Bahamas

Guess Who? is the eldest of seven children, 3 girls and 4 boys

When younger, Guess Who? wanted to have a career in space (think "Captain Kirk" or "Captain Picard") and couldn't wait for the transporter to be invented!

Guess Who? loves to watch science fiction and fantasy (think Star Trek, Star Wars, Stargate SG-1, etc.)

Guess Who? enjoys disc golfing with family and friends!



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