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"Believe you can and you're halfway there." -Theodore Roosevelt -Theodore Roosevelt

The goal of Saint Matthew School is to educate its students to the fullest potential academically, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. As another school year has come to an end, each child is preparing for the next step in his or her life. For some of our students, it is the excitement of high school. For others, it is the opportunity to seek rest in the solace of summer. As we enter a time of transition in the lives of our students, our purpose does not change. As educators, we are charged with giving our young people the tools for success. At Saint Matthew, we teach through the lense of our motto: Seeking Knowledge + Modeling Christ + Serving Others.

As I reflect on the school year of 2018-19, I am flooded with memories of activities, service and educational experiences our students engaged in this year:

- The 8th grade trip, where we experienced an incredible history lesson in Washington, D.C. and strengthened bonds with friends;
- · Service Day, where we experienced a day with the Special Olympians who visited for a soccer game with our 8th grade students;
- The middle school refugee simulation where we Tim Forbes

experienced empathy and compassion for those in need; · The 6th grade and 8th grade class retreats at

- Marymount and Holy Family where faith, service, and fun melded into an incredible experience;
- The 4th grade live reenactment of the Stations of the Cross, where they modeled the last days of Jesus, to experience a deeper appreciation of Jesus' love for us when he died on the cross.

I could go on at length about the experiences students are having at Saint Matthew School, but whether it is an experience in faith, service, athletics, or excellence in the classroom, our students show that they are continually living out the school motto. As we look to the coming summer months, our prayer is that our students and new alumni will take the time to rest, reflect on the year, and be prepared for the coming academic year.

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COVER STORY

"Bring flowers of the rarest, bring flowers of the fairest."

If you grew up in the Catholic Church, these words evoke precious memories of Lthe yearly crowning of Mary, a joyous event held by school children to honor our Blessed Mother as the queen of heaven and earth. Each year, during the month of May, students would gather to participate in a ceremony of songs, prayers and flowers dedicated to her honor.

As the mother of God's son, Mary was the perfect follower of Christ. She faithfully consented to God's plan, listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart. At the May crowning, Mary would receive our childhood prayers and flowers with the joy of a mother's love, and we in turn would rejoice in God's extraordinary plan in which he not only desired to come to us through a mother, but also gave us His mother to call our own.



At Saint Matthew School, we continue this time-honored tradition in the endearing ceremony of May Devotion. Each year in early May, our students gather at our beautiful grotto to pray, sing and listen to God's word. Students in grades two and eight dress in their First Communion and Confirmation attire and process to the grotto where they lay fresh spring flowers at Mary's feet. Two eighth graders and two second graders are chosen by the faculty to be the crowner and the attendants.

In this simple and beautiful way, we recall the heart that said yes, and make a commitment in our own hearts to become closer to God through the intercession of His beloved mother.

8th graders Bella Preston and Jack Loes, 2nd graders Blake Kelsey and Cecilia Forbes





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Our 8th graders had an amazing, action-packed trip to Washington, D.C. in April. Some of the highlights included visiting Monticello (home of Thomas Jefferson), Mount Vernon (home of George Washington), the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Holocaust Museum, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and so much more. What a great way to experience the past, present and future of our government!

7TH GRADE — REFUGEE SIMULATION

Our middle school students participated in a refugee simulation that was orchestrated by Catholic Relief Services. During this simulation, the 7th and 8th grade students were grouped into families. Each family walked in the footsteps of a refugee family. Each journey is comprised of actual dilemmas, just as refugees find in real life. There were tasks at different stations that each family had to complete in order to become US Citizens. Stations included the border crossing, registration, school, health/medical center, nutrition, jail, and UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). Only three families out of about 21 were able to complete the steps and become citizens. Through this simulation, the students learned to cooperate, negotiate, share and better understand refugees and begin to empathize with their situations. Students also learned that refugees have to move to save the lives of themselves and their family members, whereas immigrants choose to move to improve things for themselves and their families.



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6TH GRADE — BUSINESS FAIR

2019 marked the 16th year of Business Fair. It started as a way for 6th graders to learn some of the challenges and rewards of starting their own businesses while making money for our sister parish in Haiti and The Ronald McDonald House. We have had some very creative items in the business fair — everything from scarves and t-shirts to marshmallow blasters and stress balls. Students are required to make their own items, calculate the cost of the item and market the item. This year we profited almost \$3,000 for our charities.

4TH GRADE — LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The 4th grade students created a live reenactment of Stations of the Cross. The students wrote the prayers and reflections that accompanied each station, and did a beautiful job narrating what we were seeing in each one. They painted a powerful and moving live picture for us to reflect upon on Holy Thursday.



2ND GRADE - BIOGRAPHY DAY

Biography Reports are a super fun way to get Saint Matthew 2nd graders engaged in reading and learning about someone they'd like to know more about. The students write a paper and give an oral report dressed in costume from their book. It's always a huge hit and one of the traditions we look forward to the most.

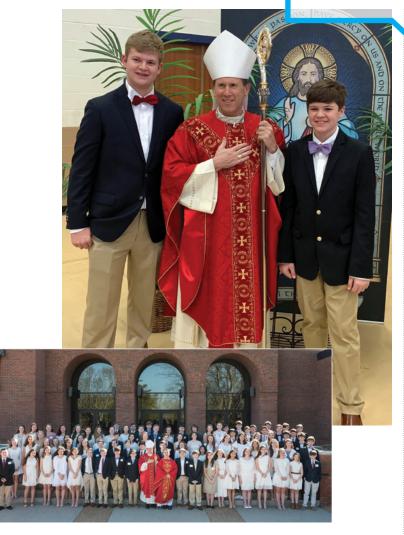




K & 1ST GRADE — DR. SEUSS DAY & 120TH DAY OF SCHOOL

"I know it is wet and the sun is not sunny, but we can have lots of good fun that is funny."—Dr. Seuss. Kindergarten and 1st grade celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday which was remembered on "Read Across America Day." All the students thoroughly enjoyed having guest readers come to their classrooms throughout the day. This year, it happened to fall on the 120th day of school, when the first graders created Superhero Capes with 120 items on them!

The Sacraments



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This year, Confirmation was held at St. Matthew Church on February 24th. That day was the culmination of many hours spent learning, praying, reflecting and serving. Service was completed in the categories of Community, Parish, Spiritual and Family. Some of the service hours students completed as a group were cleaning at Camp Marymount, serving the homeless at Room in the Inn, working Summer Games for Special Olympics and leading at Service Day and the Floating Rosary. In addition, they were involved in ministry to our Pre-K students and the elderly at The Lodge. These students truly showed their commitment to growing in grace, spirituality and sharing their gifts with others.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 1:13



SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

Second grade is a year of preparation for students' First Holy Communion. In addition to learning the truths about the Eucharist, the children prepare themselves spiritually. They learn about the Body and Blood of Christ, share in the Breaking of the Bread ceremony and also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that they may receive Holy Communion with a pure heart. It is such a joyous time in the lives of our young students. This year, the Sacrament of the Eucharist was celebrated on Sunday, May 5.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

- John 6:35



ATHLETICS

ur athletic teams continued to make a splash into the new year. Here is a look back at a few of the exciting highlights from the past several months.

BASKETBALL

The newly refinished Saint Matthew gym floor was ready for action this basketball season. The gym had 17 Saint Matthew teams (grades 3rd-8th), 70 games, countless practices and a full house of cheering fans for the annual White Out game.

The gym continues to be busy into spring with 5th and 6th grade girls volleyball. SMS fielded 2 volleyball teams and a co-ed soccer team competing with other parochial schools.

Golf is coached by Christian LeFeve, an SMS alumni. The SMS golf team placed third in the regular season and third in the tournament. Seventh grader Tyler Bartell has placed first place in every match this season in Division 1 and placed 3rd overall in the tournament. Tyler was selected as golfer of the year for the DAC. Division 1 team was Tyler Bartell, Nick Kelsey, Peyton Shaw & Brendan Gallagher. Division 2 team was Carter Scott, Hayden Haines.

VARSITY SOCCER

The varsity soccer team once again competed in the DAC Championship. They lost a close game to SHS, with the game decided by penalty kicks. This has been a unique and fun season with 21 players as one unified team playing both Varsity and JV games. It has been a season full of encouragement and fun coached by Kevin Duffey, our long standing soccer coach.

CARTER LYNCH

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Margaret Joy Adams Matthew Nolan Armstrong Charles Nicholas Townley Bach Aidan Lee Bostelman Gabrielle Marie Brault Dylan Levi Brewton Emily Grayson Brunner Kelly Rose Connor Evan Michael Cuffe Jacob Matthew Eads Jack Lalor Finn Sophia McKenzie Garmon Isabella Juliette Glaser Hannah Elizabeth Hailey Aubrey Grace Holland Thomas Harold Holt Avery Elizabeth Howard Kyle Eric Hultman Bryson Robert Ingram Patrick Finnbarr Kahnle Alena Marie Kenley Jack Reagan Loes Carter Michael Lynch Parker Elizabeth Lynch William Daniel Lynch Griffin Chambers Magness Katherine Margaret Meservy Annika Elizabeth Sinclair Midgley Kaileigh Colleen Sinclair Midgley Aidan Alexander Moore Ashley Marie Nealon Sophia Gabrielle Nimmo Nolan Brady O'Brien Thomas Peter Orlich Madelyne Jean Ott Molly Tupelo Oxborough Alice Louise Pickel Natalie Margaret Pool Isabella Maria Preston Sean Thomas Prickett Anna Marie Ratterman Lawson Paul Ryan Boe Gregory Sanderson Maddie Lyn Sanderson Grayson Thomas Shumate Kaitlin Marie Sloan Jonathan Carson Spalding Paise Marie St. Charles Maya Grace Stacey Drew James Tons

Carmen Elise Wood



2019 Mr. and Miss SMS

Drew Tons and Meg Adams

2019 CLASS AWARDS

MR. SMS

Drew Tons

MISS SMS

Meg Adams

HEART OF THE PRIDE

Nolan Armstrong

UNITY OF THE PRIDE

Alice Pickel

HIGHEST GPA

Gabrielle Brault

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BARBY MAGNESS LIFE PRINCIPLES AWARD

Carmen Wood

JEFF CARROLL SPIRIT AWARD

Maya Stacey

PAUL BEAVIN SPORTSMANSHIP

Nolan O'Brien

GENE FLATHMANN SERVICE
AWARD

Grayson Brunner

AY CROWNING

Bella Preston was selected to crown Mary and Jack Loes was the attendant

EXCELLENCE IN LANGUAGE ARTS

Sophia Garmon

EXCELLENCE IN LITERATURE

Isabella Glaser

EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Bryson Ingram

EXCELLENCE IN RELIGION

Grayson Brunner

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE

Gabrielle Brault

EXCELLENCE IN MATH

Alena Kenley, Kaitlin Sloan and Meg Adams

EXCELLENCE IN SPANISH

Hannah Hailey

EXCELLENCE IN FINE ARTS

Maddie Ott

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MATHLETES 2018-2019

Mathletes is a club for students in 6th-8th grade. Students gather twice a month to practice their problem solving skills. Mathletes participate in numerous math competitions throughout the year including, Father Ryan Math Day, Catholic Math League, and AMC 8, sponsored by the MAA. Mathletes are also members of the National Math Club sponsored by Mathcounts in which we have achieved silver and gold level status since 2010.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad is a national program and extracurricular activity that culminates with a competition consisting of 23 events. The Science Olympiad team may have up to 15 members that work in teams of 3 or 4 to prepare and compete together. Students met to work on their events every Tuesday after school and at home on the weekends from October to March. Saint Matthew's team competed in the Friendship Christian Invitational Meet and the Regional Meet at Nashville Tech.

Here are the results from the regional competition:

- 1st place in Solar System--Samantha Sowa and Tyler Bartell
- 1st place in Crime Busters--Katie Knapp and Kate Hisrich
- 1st place in Water Quality--Nick Kelsey and Samantha Sowa
- 2nd place in Mystery Architecture-- Peter Texter and Michael Larkin
- 2nd place in Roller Coaster--Macy Cohn, Nick Kelsey, and Jordyn Sieders
- 2nd place in Circuit Lab--Matthew Collins and Jacob Boron
- 2nd place in Battery Buggy--Matthew Collins and Tyler Bartel
- 3rd place in Boomilever--Kate Hisrich and Caroline Meservey
- 3rd place in Anatomy and Physiology--Katie Knapp, Boe Sanderson, and Macy Cohn
- 3rd place in Write it/Do it--Katie Knapp and Macy Cohn
- 3rd place in Herpetology--Nick Kelsey and Jordyn Sieders
- 4th place in Road Scholar--Tyler Bartell and Peter Texter
- 4th place in Dynamic planet--Liam Shea, Michael Larkin

The students participating this year were:

- 8th Graders—Meg Adams, Boe Sanderson, and Kate Meservey
- 7th Graders—Nick Kelsey, Samantha Sowa, Macy Cohn, Katie Knapp, Jordyn Sieders, Peter Texter, Jacob Boron, Matthew Collins, Tyler Bartell, and Kate Hirsrich
- 6th Graders—Caroline Meservey, Liam Shea, and Michael Larkin
- · Coaches—Vicki Dooley and Jim Finnegan

DRAMA/FORENSICS

For students in grades 5-8 looking for an opportunity to compete with their speaking skills and the opportunity to perform on stage — Saint Matthew School offers the perfect pairing: Drama/Forensics Club! Students competing in the Diocesan Forensics Tournaments have garnered a variety of trophies this season, including the prestigious Carolyn Baker Award...twice!

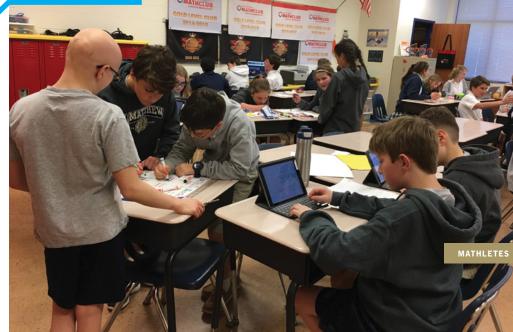
Stage performances of Joust, Pirates!, Harmony High, and most recently this spring, Pirates 2! have drawn appreciative audiences since the beginning of this extra-curricular offering. What a joy to see such talented students engaging in the best of both worlds.

MODEL U.I

Model U.N. is an extracurricular offered at Saint Matthew that allows middle school students to participate in the simulation of domestic and foreign government affairs. During the Spring Season, Saint Matthew had two teams present bills during the Legislative Conference for the YMCA Middle Tennessee Model United Nations. Saint Matthew teams included Luke Anderson (7th), Tyler Bartell (7th), Matthew Collins (7th), Michael Golczynski (7th), and Emma Golczynski (7th). The teams researched, drafted, and presented bills on Minimum Wage and Water Permits at a conference with ten other schools. Luke Anderson and Matthew Collins received a delegation award for Outstanding Bill; a merit earned based on research, feasibility, and technical presentation.

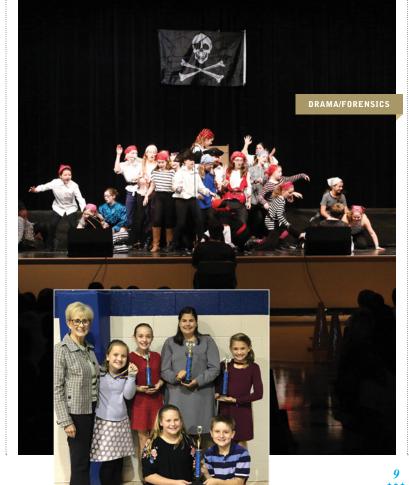
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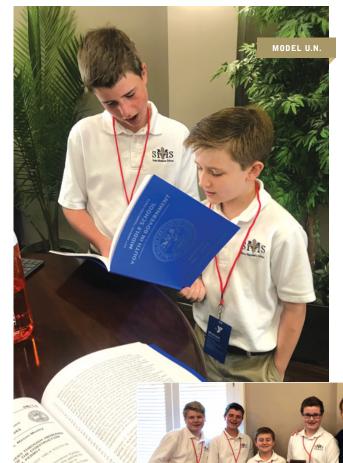




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We say hello...



Josh Edmondson

Nashville native, Josh Edmondson, was the perfect fit to launch the Extended Care Program at Saint Matthew School. Growing up with both parents working in Catholic education, he knew at an early age that he wanted to work with kids. It was in the genes, After graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Josh accepted a job with the YMCA Fun Company and was eventually transferred to Saint Matthew School. From that experience, Josh was able to start our own after school care program. The children enjoy indoor and outdoor free play, competitive mini-games, art activities, snacks, and food activities on a daily basis. The children have the opportunity to go to a designated quiet area to do homework, as well. Extended Care allows children from different age groups to come together for a couple of hours and play with people they do not normally hang out with during the school day. This time also allows Josh to get to know each child better, to make aftercare a more enjoyable experience. During the summer, Josh runs the SMS weekly camp programs. When not at Saint Matthew, you can find Josh outdoors playing soccer, basketball, kayaking and spending time with friends.

Heather Maguire

As we expand our inclusive education program at Saint Matthew School, we welcome Heather Maguire as our inclusive ed teacher. Heather has 25 years of teaching experience from kindergarten through college level, regular and special education, in public and Catholic schools. She has a Master's in Special Education and Educational Leadership and Administration. She is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Williamson County and has worked as a pro-life counselor at crisis centers in Albuquerque, NM, and Cincinnati, OH. "I have been passionate about special education since the beginning of my career because I am in awe of how God makes each and every one of us unique and different, vet still and always, in His likeness and image. I love the challenge of connecting with the individual learning styles of students. I am committed to embracing and integrating students who want a Catholic, faith-filled education as I strive to meet the academic, social and spiritual needs of each learner. As members of the one body of our church, and of Christ, it is our responsibility and our joy to recognize, value and foster the individual gifts that God has blessed us with. thereby creating a truly inclusive school community."



and say goodbye!



Mrs. Barbara Rowley

We say farewell to Barbara Rowley, who is retiring in May from teaching middle school language arts and religion at SMS. She graduated with a degree in Art and Art History. She worked as a graphic designer for Coca-Cola and did some freelancing before getting her Master's in Theological Studies. She then began teaching adults and was eventually asked to teach theology and creative writing at St. Pius X High School in 2004. Her initial response was, "I don't think so. I'm currently teaching those who want to be in the classroom; I don't think I can teach those who are required to be in the classroom." Her first principal then said, "God does not call the equipped, God equips the called." Barbara will miss her students and colleagues but will enjoy her extra time creating in her art studio and spending more time with family.

Mrs. Vicki Dooley

Even as a child, Vicki Dooley knew she wanted to be a teacher. After 30+ years of a career in education, Mrs. Dooley is retiring from Saint Matthew School. She taught our middle school science and led the Science Olympiad Club for the last three years. Prior to that, she taught 27 years in the Metro Nashville Public School system teaching grades between first and eighth, eventually turning her focus on middle school science. She will miss the feeling of motivating children and the accomplishment of a great lesson plan, but plans to continue in education with a part-time job. Her retirement plans will include lots of travel and time with family. She hopes to get back to her favorite hobby of trail running in a few months, as well as gardening, trip planning, and reading.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
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Studying Abroad

Studying abroad has consistently been one of the best ways for accomplished college students to expand their world view, gain unique experiences, and discover a new culture. And our Saint Matthew alumni are no different. We are so proud of our numerous former students who have gone on to experience new countries all over the world.

From various cities across Europe, to Sydney, Australia and every continent in between, our alumni have studied, traveled, worked and served in all corners of the world. SMS graduates have experienced countries such as China, Argentina, Chile, Morocco, Israel, Palestine, Madrid, Rome and many others.

Studying abroad is an unforgettable experience that allows for personal growth, résumé building, and invaluable knowledge that can be used in a student's career after college. It is especially useful for students studying business, international relations, foreign languages, and liberal arts, but most universities offer programs and opportunities for students in every area of study. As the growing trend in international education continues, most colleges have started offering significant scholarships to help fund these trips, which many of our alumni have been awarded, as well. Most study abroad programs involve taking classes while also offering opportunities such as group travel and excursions. Additionally, many of our alumni have even participated in a "home-stay," an opportunity where the student lives with a local family in order to better experience the culture through experiencing authentic food and lifestyles while learning the local language.

So whether you are interested in serving in Honduras like Ellen Thoni ('11), traveling across China like Henry McIntyre ('12), or backpacking through Europe like Madie Bellante ('11), please see the photos noting some of our recent alumni who have studied abroad, and reach out to them through the SMS Advancement Office at advancement@stmatthewtn.org if you have questions about their respective cities or countries!

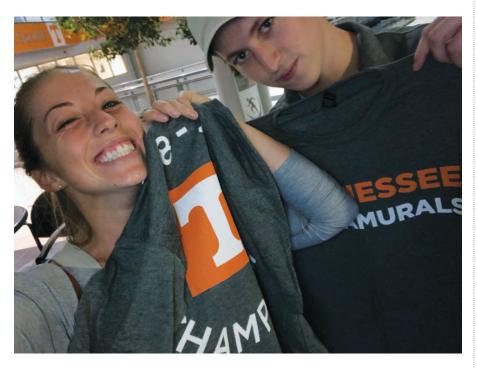








We have a special place in our hearts for those who have helped make Saint Matthew School such an amazing place over the years. Here are just a handful of our alumni and what they're currently accomplishing.



KATY & SIDNEY CASSIDY

Congratulations to this brother-sister duo winning the UT Intramural Ping Pong Championship. Sidney also reigns as the UT Intramural 3 point champion in basketball.



HANNAH PERRYMAN

Hannah Perryman, a 2010 SMS alumni and nursing graduate from Clemson University, went on a medical mission with FOCUS to the outskirts of Puerto Maldonado, Peru, in the Amazon rainforest! She worked alongside the local community, the Family of Jesus the Healer, to provide medical care and share in the loving mission of Christ with vulnerable populations.



SHELBY DAIGL

Shelby Daigle has been selected to serve as an intern for Congressman Jim Cooper this summer. The highly competitive program provides interns a unique opportunity to learn about the workings of all levels of government (federal, state and local) by meeting with elected officials, nonprofits and businesses and religious leaders. She will participate in community events to learn more about Nashville. Shelby is pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Economics and Management at Mississippi State University.

TESSA BELLANTE

Tessa completed the requirements for her Girl Scout Gold Award this spring. She conducted a cheerleading camp for Saint Matthew girls to build their skills and support our cheer program. Our own Ms. Lombardi was her project advisor!

Attention Parents of SMS Alumni:

If your son or daughter has moved from your home, please contact Lori Bellante at lbellante@stmatthewtn.org with his/her current address. We'd love to keep in touch with them.





AWARDS AT FATHER RYAN

Congratulations to this group of well deserving alums who were inducted into the St. Vincent de Paul society at Father Ryan. Each of these service-minded young students has completed a minimum of 120 service hours. Of those, at least 40 were to one organization, demonstrating a notable commitment level to that non-profit. Congrats to Mary Hampton Hayden, Tessa Bellante, Rachel Knapp, Mary Elle Glaser, Emily Armstrong, Zoe Dillard, Isabel Derrick, and Helen McCall! Not pictured is Drew Sloan, another very deserving SMS alum, who was also inducted.



CECILIA VON MANN

Cecilia Von Mann, SMS class of 2011, has been recognized by Spring Hill College for her dedication to teaching English to students from countries such as China, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico. She is living out her passion for service and justice through this kind of teaching. The experience also led her to launch a first-ever social media campaign to help boost retention and increase awareness of this service program at Spring Hill College. Cecilia will be attending Emory University Law School in the fall.



EMILY HUMPHREYS

At the Honors Convocation at Berry College, Emily (SMS Class of 2011) received the Outstanding College Student in Biology award.

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July 23 Middle School Matters - Girls

July 25 Middle School Matters - Boys

Aug. 12 First Day of School

Join the Fun!



Session 1: June 3-7

All Sports Camp

Session 2: June 10-14

Drama Camp (rising 4th-8th grade)

Session 3: June 17-21

Flag Football/ Dodgeball Camp

It's Girl Time (rising K-4th) (9 am-12 pm)

Pre-K Play (age 3-5) (9 am-12 pm)

Session 4: July 8-12

Co-Ed Soccer Camp

Robotics (rising 3rd-5th grade)

Session 5: July 15-19

Co-Ed Basketball

Session 6: July 29-Aug 2

All Day Play

Advanced Robotics (rising 5th-7th grade)

Dance, Dance (9 am-12 pm)