

Ararat

Manoogian School News

October, 2024 A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School Southfield, Michigan

Hello, Readers:

Welcome back to another year of the Ararat Middle School Newspaper. The newspaper staff and I are pleased to bring you news of what's happening around Manoogian School.

There always seems to be exciting events happening in and around our school. It is our goal to share these events with you along with pictures we have taken along the way.

Please feel free to reach out to any of our reporters or to me if you have any ideas you would like to share. Also, we are looking for contributing writers: Do you have an opinion you would like to voice? Do you have pictures or artwork you would like to share? Get published. Send your piece to mpupa@manoogian.org.

The Ararat Middle School Newspaper staff wish you the best school year ever!

Best Regards,
Mrs. Pupa

NEWSPAPER STAFF

Lillyana Akrawi
Zaven Andonian
Emily Demircioglu
Mary Donigian
Rosaria Elias
Danavella Kalabat
Kohar Karapetian
Lourdes Najar
Vana Shihadeh
Tamar Souss
Andreea Szabo
Alena Yaldo



Hallway Mural

Andreea Szabo

Over the summer, this new, inspiring mural was added in the middle school hallway near the science room. Thanks to Mrs. Twal, (and the help of Mrs. Pupa and Ms. Bologna) for getting the job done and posting the positive message that every person who walks by can live by.

RECOGNITIONS

Caught 'Ya

By Tamar Souss

At Manoogian, we have a reward system for kindness, where if a teacher sees you doing a good or kind action, they give you a pink slip called a Caught-Ya Card. If you get a card, you write your name on it and turn it into the Caught-Ya Card basket in the office. Every month they draw around 8 or 9 names to win a \$5 gift card. This month, we had a total of 11 winners!

The sixth grade winners were:

Lara Ajemian
Isabel Flisnik
Nareg Kevorkian
Christina Smith

The seventh grade winners were:

Catherine Ayar
Peter Bolis
Dominik Ivasyshyn
Cameron Jappaya
Sarina Saleem
Mark Yalda

And the winner from eighth grade was Kohar Karapetian.

Congratulations to all!



IN A
WORLD
WHERE
YOU
CAN
BE
ANYTHING,
BE KIND.



NEWSPAPER STAFF

Lillyana Akrawi
Zaven Andonian
Emily Demircioglu
Mary Donigian
Rosaria Elias
Danavella Kalabat
Kohar Karapetian
Zabelle Mastropietro
Lourdes Najar
Vana Shihadeh
Tamar Souss
Andreea Szabo
Alena Yaldo

RECOGNITIONS

Welcoming Sixth Grade to Middle School

By Tamar Souss & Lourdes Najor

The 6th grade said they are very excited to be in middle school this year because there are lots of changes. Some 6th graders are looking forward to having more bake sales and fundraisers while others said they look forward to being able to join in more clubs. Some said one of the downsides to being in middle school is having only four-minute passing time between classes. Overall, they enjoy being in middle school, and look forward to what this year has to bring.

Ms. Appenheimer Interview

By Danavella Kalabat

Manoogian School has a new art teacher, Ms. Appenheimer. Ms. Appenheimer said that everyone made her feel welcomed which helped her to become more comfortable in her new work environment. She said she has always wanted to be a teacher, even as a kid. One fun fact about Ms. Appenheimer is that she used to be a volleyball coach for all grades.

So far, doing slime and Oobleck in her classes has been her favorite art activity so far. She hopes to do stop motion pictures with one of her classes.

Welcome, Ms. Appenheimer, our new art teacher, to the Manoogian family.



ADMINISTRATORS LIST, HONOR ROLL, AND CITIZENSHIP

By Emily Demircioglu

Every school year, the middle school has an Administrators, Honor roll, and Citizenship list. If you're on any of these lists, you get free dress every Wednesday. This is 2023-2024 School Year's Citizen, Honor Roll, and Administrators List.

CITIZENSHIP LIST

Current 7 Grade

Abdal, Hailey
Andonian, Zaven
Ashkarian, Laura
Francis, Olivia
Ginko, Oleh
Mastropietro, Zabelle
Matusinski, Eliza
Mykuliak, Mark
Savchencko, Sofiia
Simura, Polina
Zaiats, Yuliia

Current 8 Grade

Bassmagian, Armen
Bedrossian, Eduard
Dorosh, Ilona
Frangulian, Andre
Kalabat, Danavella
Karapetian, Kohar
Kucheinyk, Veronica
Najor, Lourdes
Sarian, Hagop
Shihadeh, Vana
Slewa, Chris
Souss, Tamar
Szabo, Andreea

Current 9 Grade

Antoniuk, Nelia
Bahnman, Tanya
Borovets, Ihor
Dzudzylo, Yan
Gevargesian, Aloria
Kada, Angelina
Maksymchuk, Khrystyna
Misko, Khrystyna
Semerenko, Viktoriia
Yastremska, Karina
Yatooma, Lavan
Zaiats, Anna

ADMINISTRATOR'S LIST

Current 7 Grade

Andonian, Zaven
Ashkarian, Laura
Bagdasarian, Mourad
Francis, Olivia
Ginko, Oleh
Mastropietro, Zabelle
Matusinski, Eliza
Mykuliak, Mark
Simura, Polina
Zaiats, Yuliia

Current 8 Grade

Akrawi, Lillyana
Bassmagian, Armen
Bedrossian, Eduard
Demircioglu, Emily
Kalabat, Danavella
Karapetian, Kohar
Kucheinyk, Veronica
Najor, Lourdes
Sarian, Hagop
Shihadeh, Vana
Slewa, Chris
Souss, Tamar
Szabo, Andreea

Current 9 Grade

Ashkarian, Shahan
Avetisyan, Samuel
Bahnman, Tanya
Dakessian, Lorin
Dzudzylo, Yan
Semerenko, Viktoriia
Tymuria, Sofiia

HONOR'S LIST

Current 7 Grade

Saleem, Sarina
Stepanyko, Emilia

Current 8 Grade

Antonichuk, Ilona
Donigian, Mary
Dorosh, Ilona
Trostinsky, Orest
Yaldo, Alena

Current 9 Grade

Bielozorov, Stanislav
Gevargesian, Aloria
Kada, Angelina
Maksymchuk, Khrystyna
Shamoun, Scarlett
Valikhnovskyi, Dmytro
Yatooma, Lavan

CLUBS & SPORTS

Student Council

By Rosaria Elias

Student council elections were on Friday, September 20th! Here is everything you need to know about this year's student council!

For student council, middle school candidates from each middle school grade had the opportunity to run for any office. During this process, students worked hard to produce their own campaign and speech.

These are the students who chose to run for the different student council positions. For president: Lillyana Akrawi, Polina Simura, Louis Salatyan, Kohar Karapetian, and Veronica Kucheinyk; for vice-president: Zaven Andonian and Dominic Ayar. For the position of secretary, Andrea Szabo and Laura Ashkarian ran, and for treasurer, Lourdes Najor and Diran Rasho.

The class representatives candidates were Lara Ajemian, Armen Avedissian, Nareg Kevorkian, and Nora Ourlian who ran for sixth grade. Seventh grade only had two candidates running, so they won by default. In 8th grade, Alena Yaldo, Emily Demircioglu, Tamar Souss, and Danavella Kalabat ran.

And the winners are:

Student Council:

President Polina Simura
Vice-President Zaven Andonian
Secretary Laura Ashkarian
Treasurer Lourdes Najor

Class Representatives:

Sixth grade: Armen Avedissian
Nora Ourlian

Seventh grade: Eliza Matusinski
Stella Shina

Eighth grade: Emily Demircioglu
Alena Yaldo.

Congratulations to everyone who ran! We are looking forward to what fun ideas the student council is brewing up!

The New NJHS Members

By Lourdes Najor and Tamar Souss

There are many new recruits for this year's National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). NJHS is one of the highest honors you can receive in middle school. The new members of NJHS this year are Zaven Andonian, Laura Ashkarian, Mourad Bagdasarian, Oleh Ginko, Zabelle Mastropietro, Eliza Matusinski, Mark Mykuliak, Sofiia Savchenko, Polonia Simura, and Yuliia Zaiats.

Many new members, like Mourad Bagdasarian and Laura Ashkarian, said that they are overly excited to be on NJHS and are proud to be given this honor. Many members are looking forward to participating in the community service projects because it means a lot to them, and because it is especially important to help others.

The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony occurred on October 15 in the school library to welcome all new inductees and introduce them to the club.



GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON,
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE IS COMING UP!!

CLUBS & SPORTS

Future City

By Zaven Andonian

Future City; it has a good name to it, but it gets even better when you know what it's about. Future City is a middle school engineering competition. It helps us think about things for our future world by focusing on engineering and geography. Each year the competition theme changes but it is always about young engineers building a future city. This year the topic is how rising water levels means creating floating islands. So, what do you do?

The Manoogian team, along with our mentors Dr. Torossian and Mrs. Pupa, are hoping to have another outstanding year and make it to the world competition in Washington D.C.

Good Luck Manoogian!



Middle School Robotics

By Lourdes Najor

In Middle School, students have the opportunity to join the Robotics Team. Robotics meets every Monday and Wednesday after school from 3:00 to 4:00 PM to prepare for the area competition.

This year, the team is competing in FTC which stands for FIRST Tech Challenge. FIRST Tech Challenge is a program where students build and code a robot to complete several types of challenges by developing certain strategies.

This year the competition is called "Into the Deep." The team needs to develop a strategy to earn as many points as possible to win.

Wishing the Robotic team best of luck in their competition later this fall.

Middle School Cross Country

By Kohar Karapetian

The Middle School has an official cross-country team and records are being set! Mr. Novak, the coach, is proud to be in charge! The team holds practice on Thursdays and has had three races! Everyone runs two miles and are doing an amazing job!

Middle Schooler Yuliia Zaiats has set the girls' record time at 19:53! On the boys' team, Anton Tymura has set the record at 13:50! Well done!

Congratulations to all the Middle School Cross-Country runners and keep up the good work!

CLUBS & SPORTS

Middle School School Store

By Emily Demircioglu

The Middle School is thrilled to have the Manoogian Munchies School Store back! During lunchtime and dismissal, students are allowed to go to Mrs. Pupa's room to purchase snacks for reasonable prices. These snacks include chips, muffins, candy bars, Pop Tarts, and more. You can find any treat for anywhere between 75c to \$2. The school store is most definitely the student's favorite part of their day. Make sure to get there early when buying so you do not have to wait in that line!



Manoogian Soccer Team

By Lillyana Akrawi & Mary Donigian

The Manoogian high school's soccer team is great this year with many wins. They have been doing very well. Their coach, Mr. Mondello, is a truly kind man, and he works hard for his team to succeed. The soccer team is a fantastic way to get teens to exercise at an early age. There are plenty of students on the team who are determined to win their games and get far in the athletic community. If you are interested in soccer in high school, you should try out for the Manoogian team! Go Cougars!!

New Members Joining National Honor Society

By Kohar Karapetian and Lillyana Akrawi

The National Honor Society (NHS) is an honorable privilege that is granted to any hardworking High School students with a GPA of 3.5 or above with leadership skills.

This year, the following students have been chosen to join:

- 12th Grade: Arman Danielian
Sviatoslav Kashchyshyn
- 11th Grade: Jessica Bahnam
Hiyk Ghazarian
Lili Hovhannisyan
Diana Kovalchuck
- 10th Grade: Shawn Abdal
Erika Amirdzhanian
Karyna Andreieva
Jurius Azar
Veronika Charuta
Sviatoslav Hoshkoder
Kyaneh Karapetian
Jad Khalife
Alina Malynovska
Liusea Salatyan
Larisa Saleem

Congratulations to all the new members who have been selected. We hope the best for you!



AROUND SCHOOL

Ninth Grade Interview

by Andreea Szabo & Alena Yaldo

We interviewed a ninth grader to find out how she feels about being a new high schooler.

When asked how it has been adjusting to high school, the student answered, "I'm not good with change and felt high school was a big and scary push. But you get adjusted; it just takes time. You just have to be confident in your work and character."

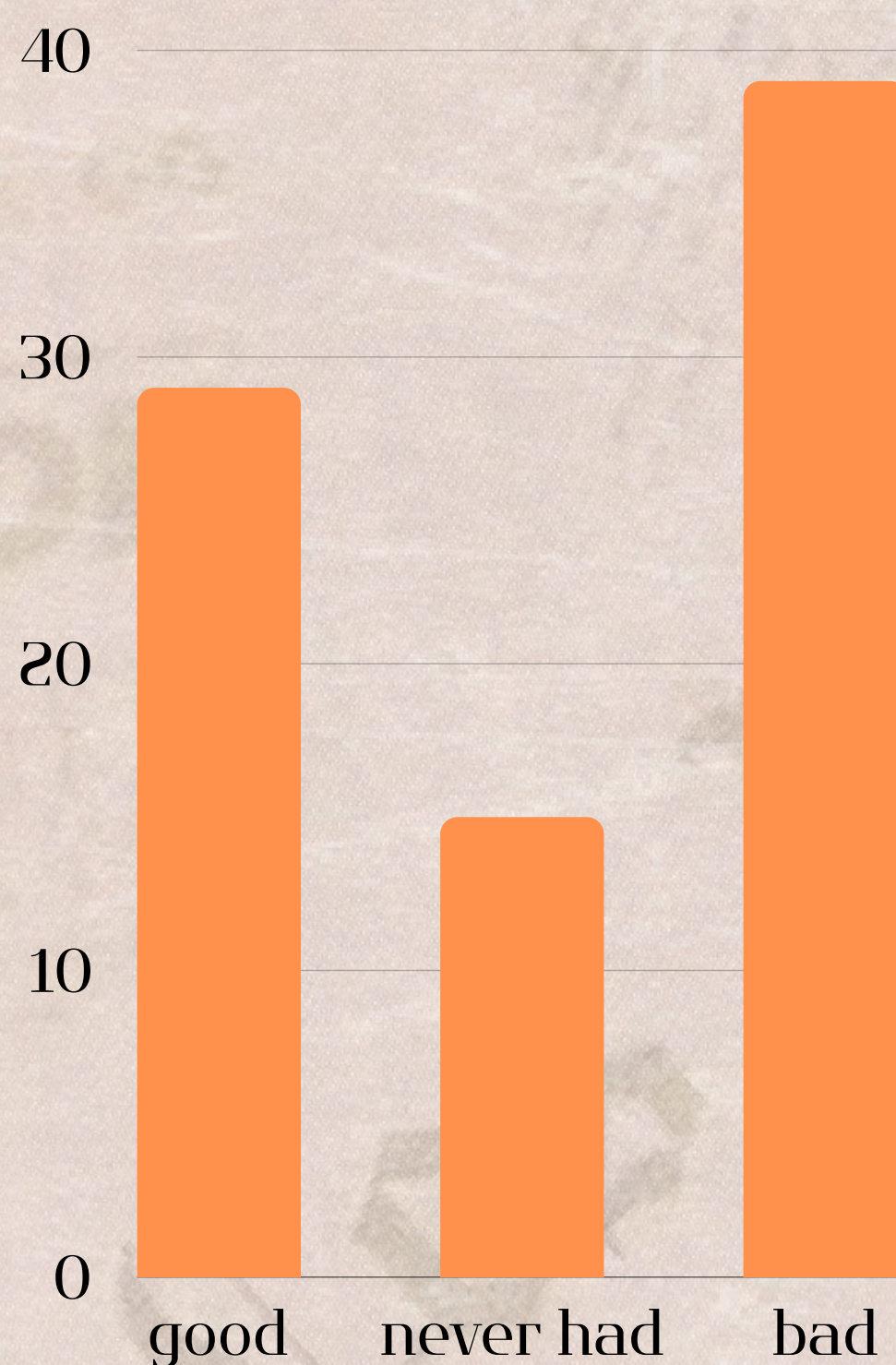
Of course we needed to know what exciting classes she had. "I would say the class I was most excited for was Honors English because I heard Mrs. Vargas was fun and bubbly. I was also excited for graphic design because of the different types of projects you can create."

The final question we asked was about her favorite part of high school so far? Seems it's freedom and opportunity. "My favorite part is the freedom. At first, I wasn't used to people just getting up during lunch and walking where they would like, but I soon started enjoying that freedom and the different paths I can take. There are many options and opportunities in high school. Also, it's just a new experience overall."

Ordo Lunches

By Vana Shihadeh

We have had ORDO lunch in Middle School for about two years. I was wondering how the students felt about having this option at lunch time. Here are the results.



GET READY! PTO CHICKEN AND PILAF LUNCH IS NOVEMBER 8!

AROUND SCHOOL

Fleece and Thank You

By: Lillyana Akrawi

During Middle School Spirit Week, the National Junior Honor Society led Fleece and Thank You with Mrs. Holsinger. The middle school was divided into groups to make a blanket for children who are in the hospital to help keep them warm during the winter and to offer them comfort. The students recorded video messages to accompany each blanket to be given to the child who receives that blanket. It was fun to make the blankets and to know it would help someone. We hope they enjoy the blankets we made them!



Scarecrow Contest



WINNERS OF SCARECROW CONTEST

Lourdes Najor
Ilona Antonichuk
Diana Lesheha
Arina Gorda
Veronica Kucheniuk
Emilia Jamardova
Sofia Savchenko



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Family Fun Night

By Zaven Andonian

On September 20, 2024, a wonderful event occurred at the AGBU Manoogian Rec Center where everyone was socializing and having fun as a community: Family Fun Night!

There were sections for everyone. For example, the dads were outside at the barbecue cooking, socializing, and having an exciting time. At the Preschool playground, a bunch of little kids were playing and also having a great time! The moms were helping in the kitchen and sitting in the main area socializing and doing mom things!

Then there was the food: the cheesy, creamy, and wonderful mac-n-cheese, juicy pork, crazy good salad, and some soft drinks. Lastly, everybody danced to various types of music all night.

Overall, it was a great night for the Manoogian community. So next time Family Fun Night happens, be sure to go!



Goofing around in the gym at Family Fun Night

Manoogian's 55th Birthday

By Kohar Karapetian

October 26, 2024, was the Manoogian's 55th Anniversary Party at the St. John's Cultural Hall! Many people celebrated this special evening! The Nigosian Band, Shant Massoyan & Aram Hovagimian, and DJ M-Kay were all playing! There was a lot of dancing along with food, appetizers, and a Silent Auction!

Four people, who recently retired from the school, were honored at this event: Dr. Hosep Torossian, the previous high school principal, Mr. Paul March, the previous CFO, Janice Torosian, a previous school board member and Osep Sarafian, also a previous school board member.

Congratulations to the Manoogian School for this special night and for educating us for 55 years!!



Mrs. Audry Armoudlian, Mr. Dickran Kourtjian, and Mrs. Sonia Kalfayan recognize the school's newly retired members.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Trunk or Treat

By Alena Yaldo and Rosaria Elias

This year Manoogian School held our 4th annual Trunk or Treat! There were many fun themed trunks and lots of participants. There were several exciting themes like Mario Brothers, Being at School, and Halloween, just to name a few. There were also lots of other fun activities including cider and donuts, and a trunk competition. All the students who participated in this year's Trunk or Treat got free dress!

Lastly, the moment many of us were waiting for: the winner of the trunk competition...the Avedissian Sports Zone themed trunk put on by Armen and Aren Avedissian.

We hoped you enjoyed this year's trunk or treat and join us for next year's fun!



AYF Spaghetti Lunch

By Zabelle Mastropietro

On October 6th at noon, an event took place at St. Sarkis to help fundraise for displaced Artsakh families. Admission into the lunch was \$15 for lunch and one dollar for a raffle ticket.

AYF is an organization geared towards younger Armenian individuals who can join at 10 years old. Its purpose is to connect Armenians to their culture and to help fundraise for Armenian charity.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

CATHOLICOS ARAM I

By Kohar Karapetian

On Wednesday, October 22, 2024, his Holiness Catholicos Aram I visited our school! The elementary and Pre-K students performed dances, sang songs, and recited poems. Everyone did an amazing job!

Later that night, at the St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, his Holiness joined us for a greeting with the blessing of the bread and salt, along with flowers for his welcoming. Many groups of Metro-Detroit performed at the evening reception during his stay. We were all very fortunate to meet Catholicos Aram I on this special occasion!





HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH



A V N F P U M P K I N O R D L U A C L Z R E V O
 K G N I N E T H G I R F I C Y X E H A M A I R G
 C G H N Z H P D B W M U N S X T H O U V I B H D
 O A P T T O X D I M M P Y T P E M W P Z O M J D
 L U L I V B Y X R R Z U L O M E Y L L N B O H U
 R R A I M S C A R Y P K T T R N C N R B O Z X R
 A R D J R E D I P S D C T O M B S T O N E Z A V
 W U G O B L I N B W I T C H D O X R E U S H U T
 B H A U N T E D H O U S E D M E E K D R U E X J
 R P Z C P E I J M X S N N U U Z F L O W E R E W
 O N V T X L B M D P N E T H M M W S H A D O W L
 O R U G B A Z I O P I X B D M Y G X J H Q K E T
 M R N Y T P A O F Z E U M N Y J M V Z N J Z Z Y
 S M U A U R K Y N S T X X O O E O O S I F W O R
 T N T R F Y E M U T S O C E T F R V L R F A K E
 I M Y A H F M O W L N F C T R N L I W K M C P T
 C V J F P S S Z T H E B R O Y D A G P N D F Y E
 K L C R E E P Y B M K J S K B P F H H M J R D M
 N U K X S L H S V K N Q N P I W H T P O A Y N E
 X T G T F U C E L F A E E R I E E F B I S V A C
 Y T R A P O L N V P R Z L Q X O S B F T D T C Y
 T O N K H H P O U Z F L T A E R T R O K C I R T
 E G A X X G P B B G C S M Y T L S C R E A M X L
 S N O T E L E K S O Z J A C K O L A N T E R N N

afraid
 eerie
 jackolantern
 specter
 bat
 fangs
 mummy
 spider

bones
 frankenstein
 owl
 spooky
 broomstick
 frightening
 party
 tombstone

candy
 ghost
 phantom
 trickortreat
 wraith
 zombie
 vampire
 warlock

cauldron
 ghoul
 pumpkin
 scary
 cemetery
 goblin
 scream
 werewolf

cobweb
 hauntedhouse
 costume
 creepy
 howl
 shadow
 skeleton
 witch

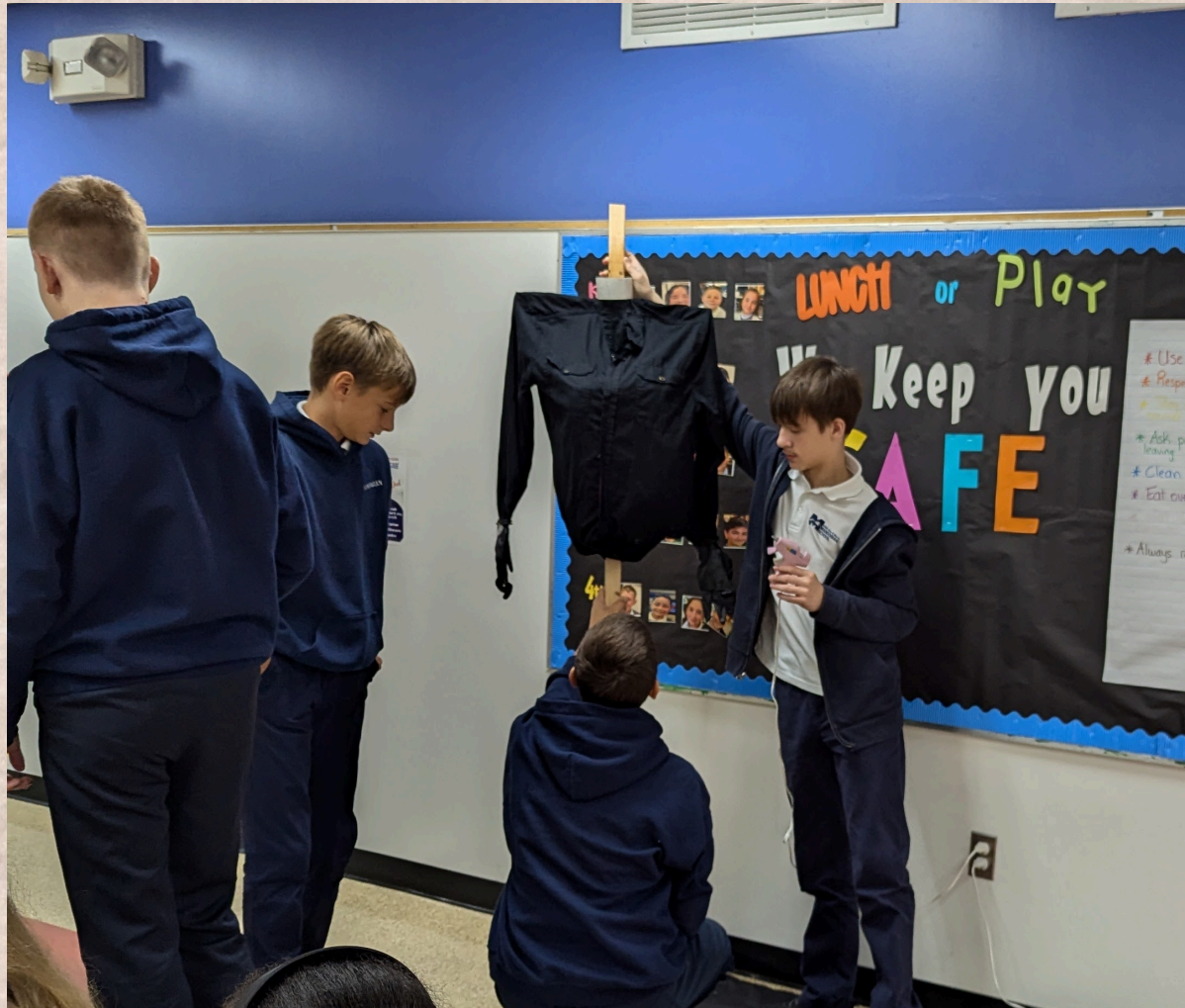
SMILE!!



BINDER ORGANIZATION DAY



BUILDING SCARECROWS



BUILDING SCARECROWS



55TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



SMILE!!



BINDER ORGANIZATION DAY



SCARECROW BUILDING

FUTURE CITY

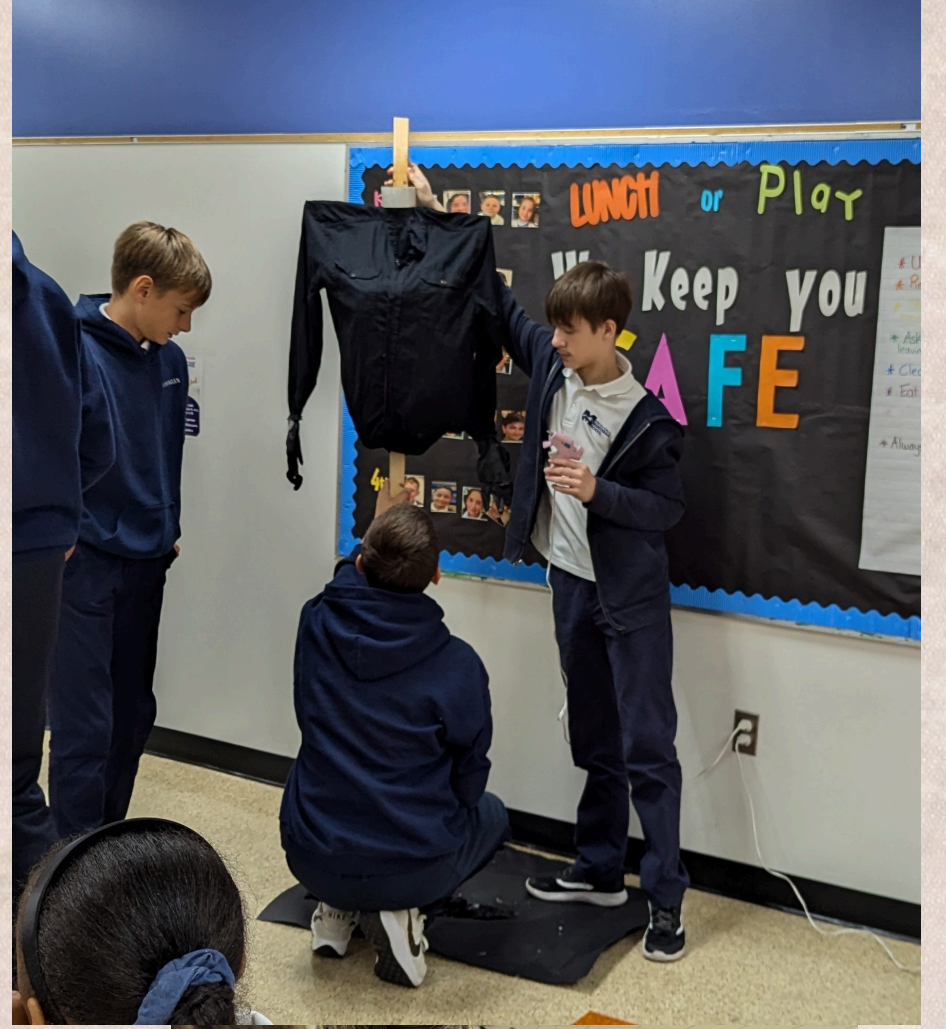


SCARECROW BUILDING

SMILE!!



SCARECROW BUILDING



SCARECROW BUILDING

SCARECROW BUILDING



SMILE!!



BINDER ORGANIZATION DAY



SCARECROW BUILDING



FLEECE & THANK YOU



FLEECE & THANK YOU



FAMILY NIGHT