

JDMS JOURNAL

April 2025



Student Council + Crimestoppers Spring Dance

The Student Council and Crimestoppers put together our spring dance! Detective Raymond was our guest DJ for the evening, we had a wonderful floral donation from Bonnet's, as well as handmade decorations by students! We had several student helpers that made this dance a success! A special shout out to Thomas Bird, Cylus Borkhardt, Anthony Boyd and Noah Doyle as well as our student committee members for their dedication to our school!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Thomas Vanvooren

Abigail Dellitt

Paisley Cullison

Sarah Tun

Kobey Warren

Jesus Lopez-Martinez

Lila Lempke

Luke Mccarty

Jordan Stroup

Ella Jackson

Emma Delarosa

Izabella Blackwell

Angel Solis



THANK YOU FOR BEING

RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, AND READY!



UPCOMING!

April 2025

IAR TESTING

Starting Thu 03 Apr

Non-Attendance

Fri 18 Apr

Earth Day

Tue 22 Apr

Lunch on the Lawn

28-29 Apr and 01 May

**Click here for
the
JDMS Calendar**





SPARTAN SPORTS

Girls Basketball

The Girls' Basketball teams played a hard season with everyone making lots of points to win the games! One of our top scorers was Macey Hogran. Overall, it was a great effort from everyone. Great work, Spartans!



Wrestling- State

Brayden Jones placed 1st in the 2025 IESA State Tournament followed by Benjamin Fobert placing 2nd, Matthew Hoss placing 3rd. Josh Nguyen also went to state and they all represented JDMS well! WAY TO GO!



SPARTAN SPORTS



SPARTANS WALK OF CHAMPIONS TO SEND OFF OUR STATE BOUND WRESTLERS

A SPECIAL GOODBYE TO COACH
FRANCESCON. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
WRESTLING MEMORIES.

GO SPARTANS!

Congrats!

75 POUNDS BRAYDEN JONES

95 POUNDS BENJAMIN FOBERT

100 POUNDS MATTHEW HOSS

145 POUNDS JOSH NGUYEN



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

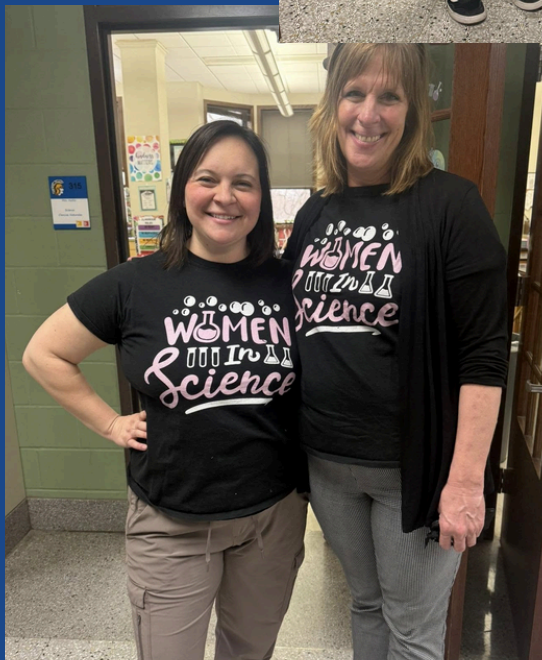
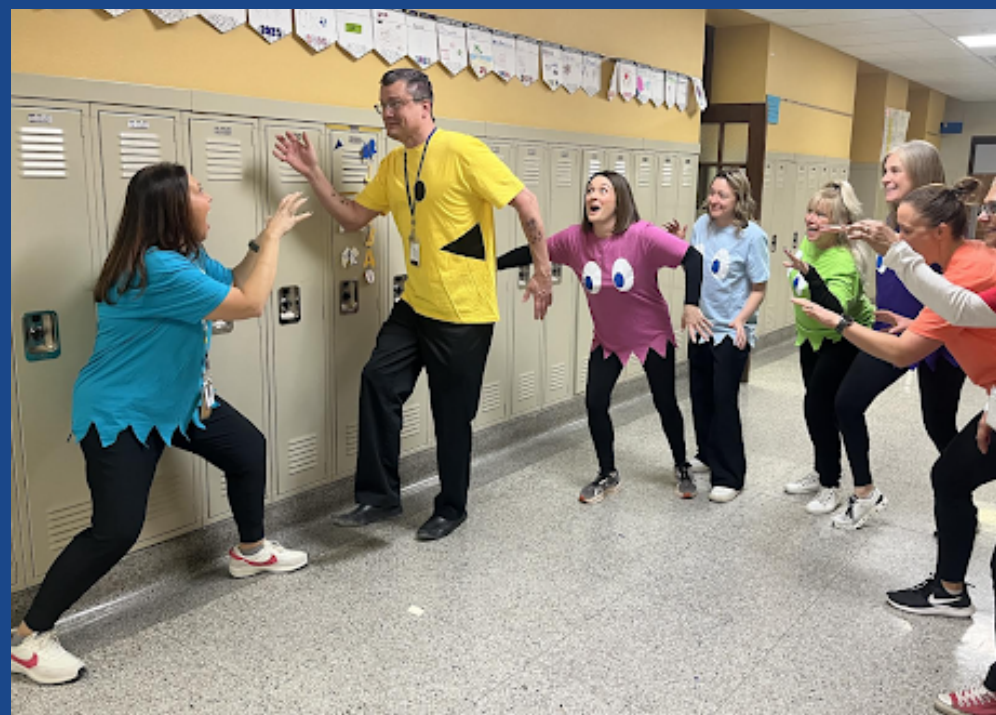
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Mrs. Hutto's class wrapped up a unit about Force and Motion with a project to build marble roller coasters. Lots of creativity and fun went into this project! Great work, Spartans!!!



Student Council put together a coordinated attack to throw off students with our secret staff spirit wear!

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Maertans

Mrs. Maertans is our newest 7th grade science teacher this year and we are so thankful she chose JDMS! Mrs. Maertans graduated from Moline High School and lives in the district with her family. “It has always been a goal of mine to come back to the district that I graduated from,” she says. Mrs. Maertans is married to her husband Kurt, who works for an agriculture company. They have a daughter and son. Their daughter, Hadley, is 6 years old, she loves space and all things princesses. Jase is 4 years old and loves dinosaurs and has enthusiasm for all things that move.



In her spare time, Mrs. Maertans loves to spend time with her family and travel. Some of her favorite adventures have been to Australia, South America and their favorite family destination, Wisconsin Dells. She also loves to play volleyball and be outside in nature, on hikes or on the water in a kayak. Mrs. Maertans graduated from St. Ambrose University with her teaching degree and will be pursuing her masters degree in curriculum this summer!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Gavin Bates

**GAVIN WON A GOLD MEDAL
IN THE BASKETBALL SKILLS
CATAGORY FROM THE IL
STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS
COMPETITION.**

YOU ROCK GAVIN!

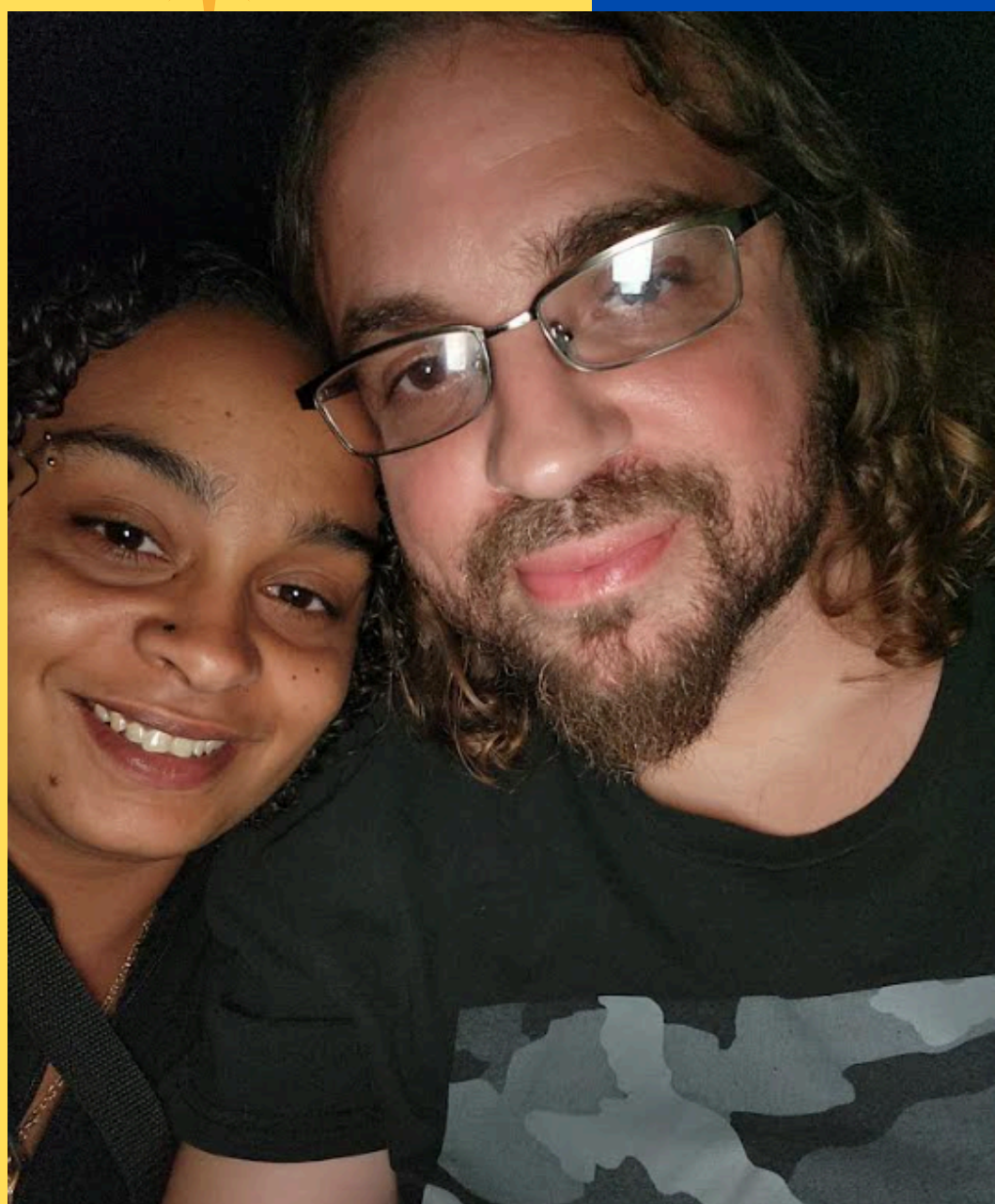
Spartan pride!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Alexa Stoner

Our Campus Attendance Supervisor, Ms. Alexa Stoner is a wonderful new addition to our school! Her daughter, Nyeli, is a student here and when she heard of the position, she thought it would be a perfect job! Ms. Stoner has two daughters, Nyeli (a JDMS student) and Neveya (a student at Logan). She loves being outdoors, cooking, traveling, spending time with my family and playing video games, Call of Duty MW3 Zombies is her game right now! Ms. Stoner is a former Moline student and attended Lincoln Irving Elementary, John Deere Middle School and Moline High School.



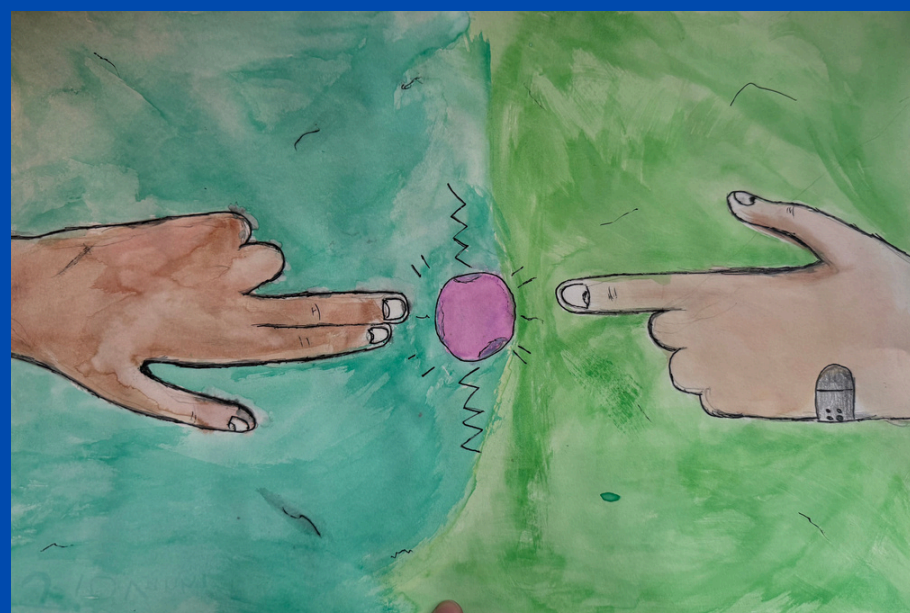
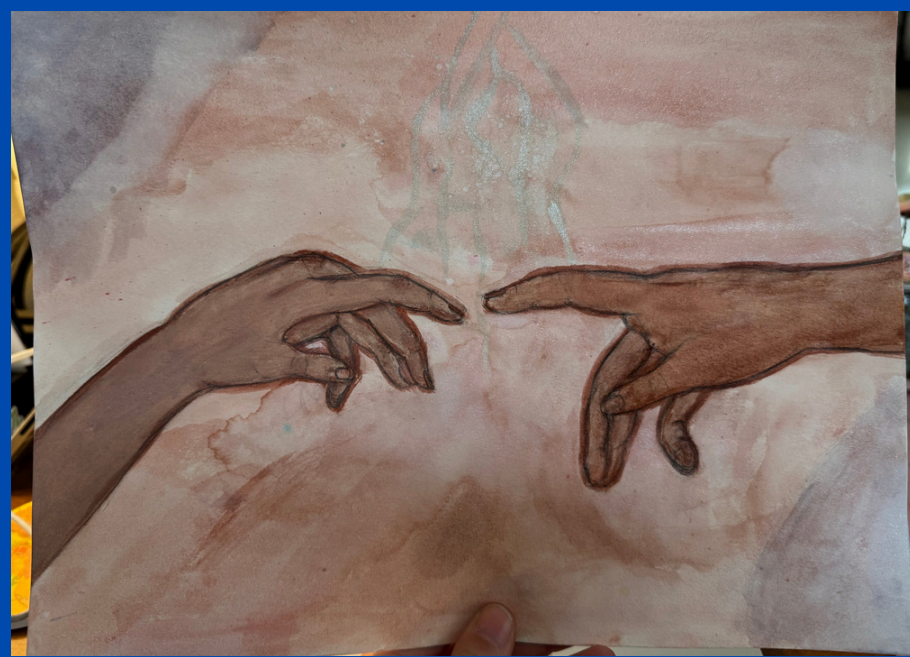
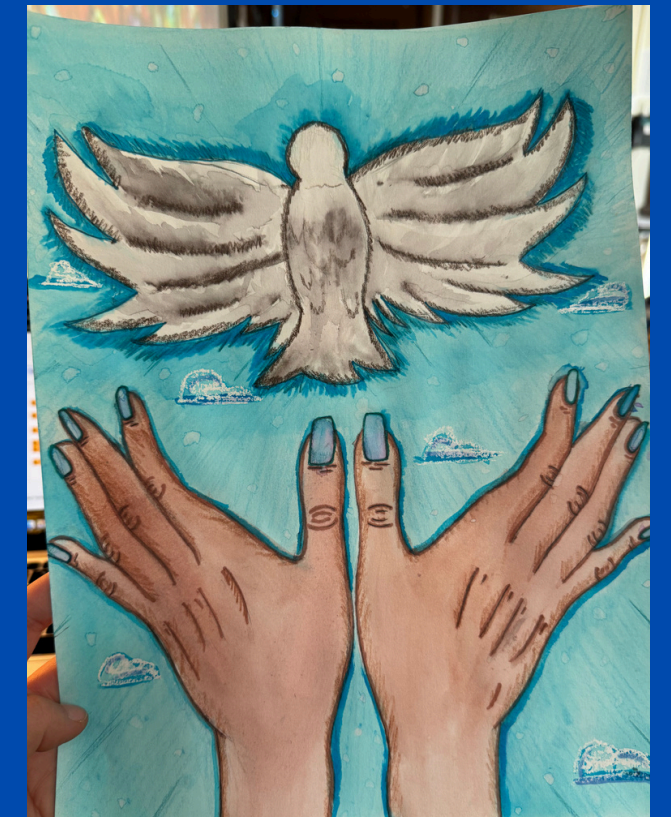


THE ARTS



ART CLASS

Q3 Hands and Animals

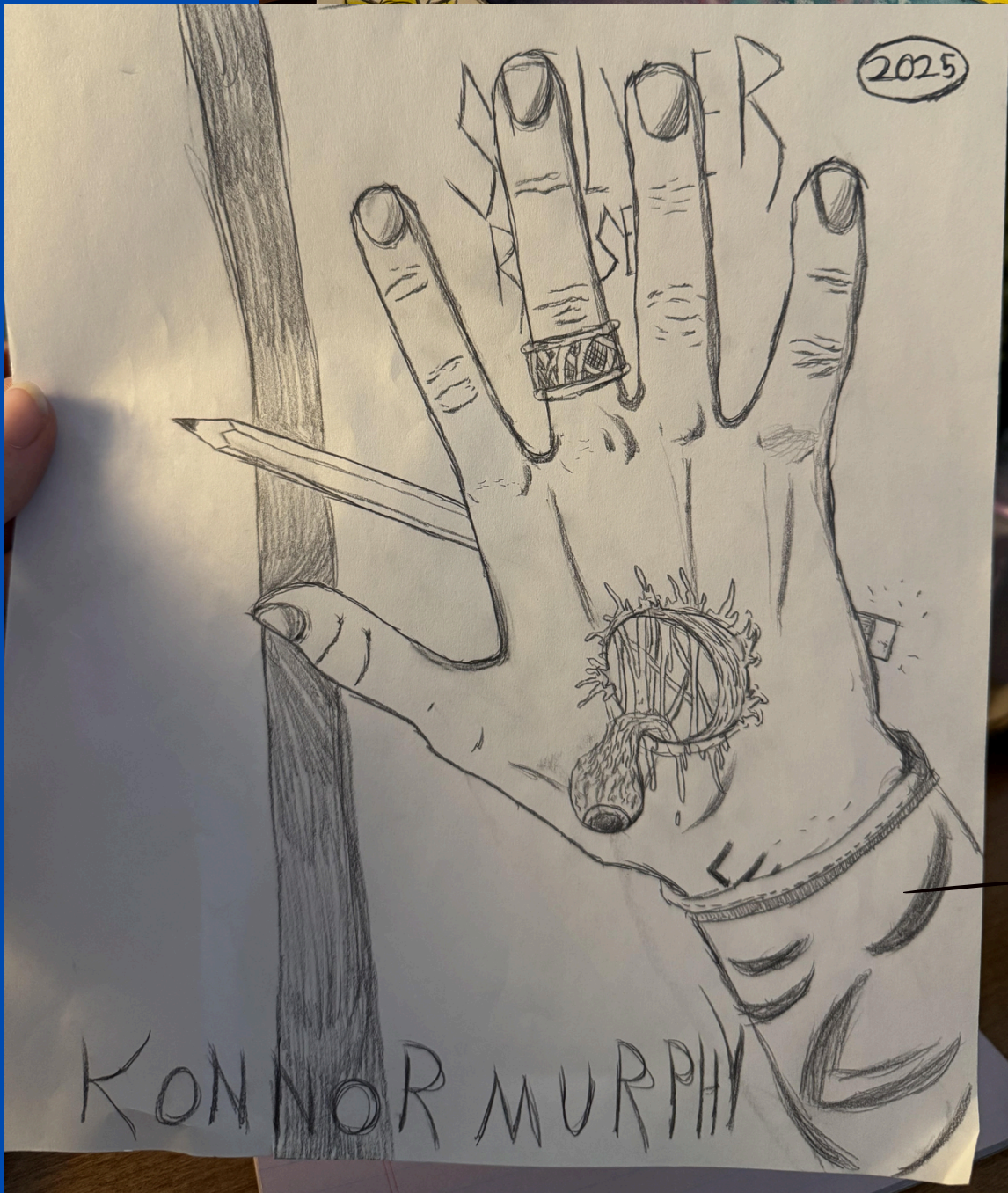




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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

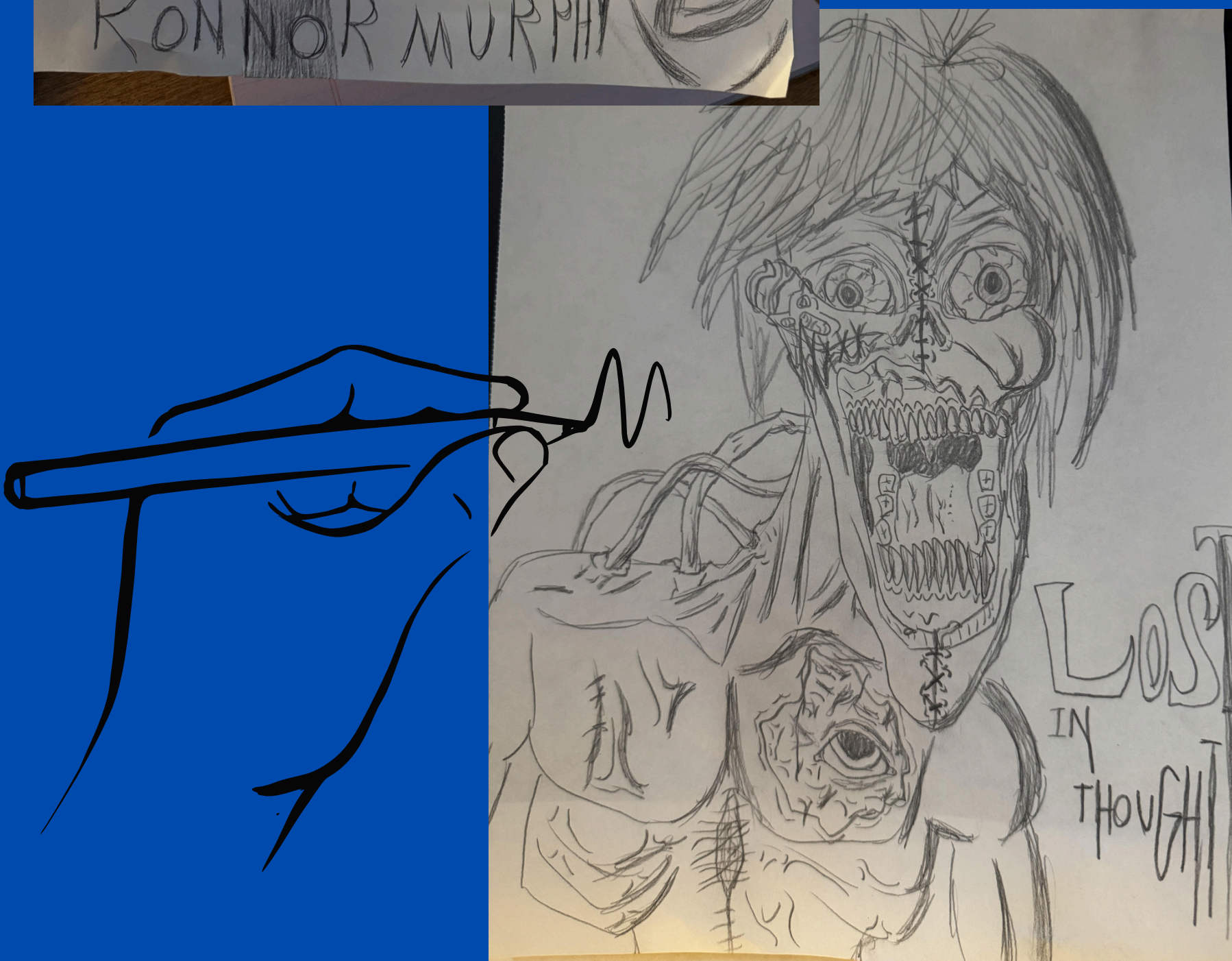


About the Artist

Konnor Murphy

Konnor Murphy is one of our 7th grade students who shows exceptional artistic skills.

Currently, Konnor has been working on his own graphic novel with sequels called the Nightwalker. Konnor is always sketching and developing his artistic style.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Spartan Families:

Starting Tuesday, April 1, John Deere Middle School will begin administering the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). The IAR is a computer based assessment that measures student progress in attaining learning targets in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The IAR schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 1: Math Assessment # 1
Thursday, April 3: Math Assessment #2
Friday, April 4: Math Assessment #3
Tuesday, April 8: ELA Assessment #1
Thursday, April 10: ELA Assessment #2
Friday, April 11: ELA Assessment #3
Mon, April 14-Thurs, April 17: Make-up testing

Please ensure your child brings a fully charged Chromebook to school along with headphones/earbuds and a pencil.

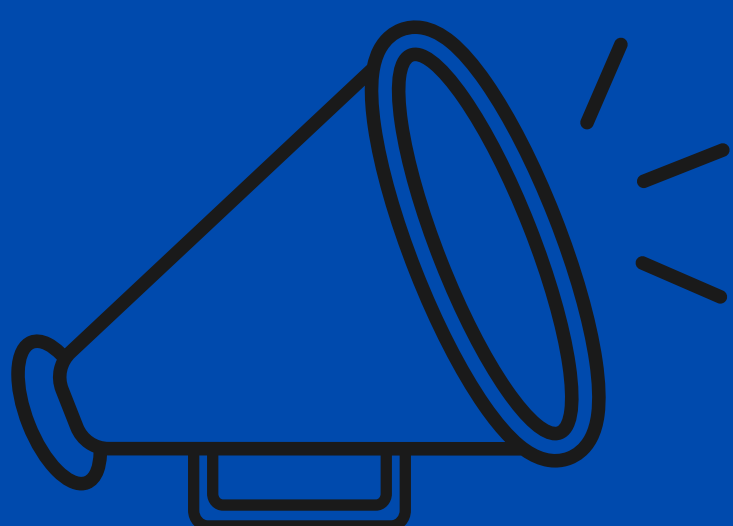
Also, specific materials are PROHIBITED in the testing room including:

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- eBooks
- iPods/tablets

Students will be required to turn off all electronic devices and store them in their lockers or turn them into the teacher supervising their test session.

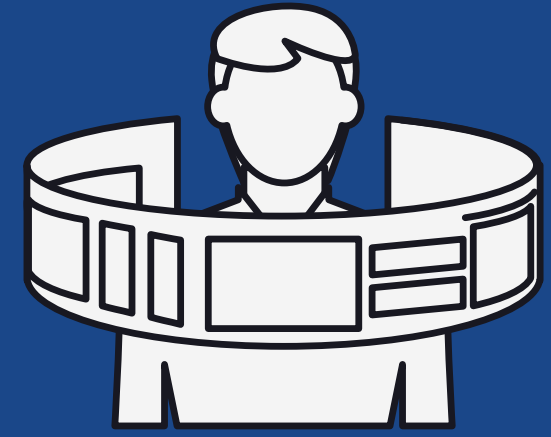
If you have any questions, please contact the office at 743-1622

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Dusti Markham



**SHOUT OUT TO OUR INCREDIBLE
CAFETERIA WORKERS!
WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

TECH AND MEDIA NEWS



- **SPLIT FICTION IS A NEW DUO PUZZLE GAME FROM THE CREATERS WHO MADE "IT TAKES TWO". YOU CAN EVEN HAVE ONE PERSON PURCHASE THE GAME AND THE OTHER DOWNLOAD A FREE GAME PASS TO PLAY WITH THEM! THIS GAME IS AVAILABLE ON ALL PLATFORMS**
- **GOOGLE INTRODUCED THEIR PIXEL 9A**





IN OTHER NEWS



- Tanzania has created a helium mining licence
- Michael McKell, a Utah Senator, is trying to pass a bill to make going to a rodeo an excused absence from school
- A large flood has hit mainland Spain.

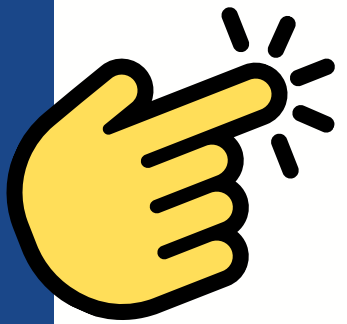


FUN AROUND JDMS

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CHECK OUT OUR
JOHN DEERE
MIDDLE SCHOOL
FACEBOOK PAGE
TO SEE
HIGHLIGHTS OF
COOL THINGS
GOING ON INSIDE
AND OUTSIDE OF
THE CLASSROOM!



THIS OR THAT?



Click the link to
participate in our poll!

Results: 81/19 for *loosing*
hearing over sight



#SPARTANPRIDE



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