



OMPH School Scene

Finding your Inner Artist in Middle School Art



In 1855, Artist, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, gave the young Art student Edgar Degas advice he'd never forget: "Draw lines, young man, and still more lines, both from life and from memory, and you will

become a good artist." Becoming a good artist, or just being someone who can really see the world around them, is always Mrs. Amy Holland's goal when teaching Art to our middle school students. She aims to show students that like anything else they practice, whether it's sports, music, or chess, they have the ability to draw. With a little seeing and doing, students can draw what is around them. To accomplish this, the first trimester was spent working only in black and white. Sixth and Seventh grade spent their first lesson outside tracing each other's shadows in chalk lines. Eighth graders stayed inside, took off one of their shoes, and with a pencil and line began to really look. Middle school spent the rest of the trimester studying how to look and draw what they see, and not what they think what they're drawing should look like. Students learned about lines: contour, cross contour and gesture drawing. After studying and drawing shoes, they drew objects and still lives, then finally learning how to draw a person. Edgar Degas and the Impressionists were the inspiration for their figure drawing projects. Through Art, Mrs. Holland wants students to have the confidence to know, with practice, they could be anywhere and draw what they see. God is the ultimate Artist and made his masterpiece for us. Her hope is that they will live being inspired by it.

Girls Basketball Team Places in Tournament



Congratulations to the OMPH Girls Varsity Basketball Team, who placed sixth in the CYO Diocesan Tournament held in February. Thank you to coaches Vincent DePaul and Sue Mack for an outstanding season!

Students Attend MathCounts Competition

On Saturday, February 24, OMPH School Mathletes attended the PSPE Lincoln Chapter MathCounts Competition. Since 1983 the MathCounts Competition, sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers, has allowed middle school students to compete against their peers in solving complex math problems in live, in-person competitive events. Mrs. Emily Good coached the OMPH team this year. Friday afternoons during the last period of the day she worked with students to improve their problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills. Seven students participated in the local competition, held at Millersville University: eighth graders Mary M. and Danny L., seventh graders Sam C. and Matt M., and sixth graders Sydney D., Alec D., and Sean M. All seven competed in the Sprint Round, in which they had 40 minutes to solve 30 math problems without a calculator, and the Target Round, in which four sets of two word problems had to be solved in six minutes per pair. The seventh and eighth graders also participated in the Team Round, which allowed them to collaborate as they tried to solve ten problems in twenty minutes. MathCounts is one of many academic challenge opportunities offered to our students. Thanks to supportive parents and volunteers, OMPH has been a MathCounts school for over 15 years!



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