

## B2 REGION

### Ms. Famularo makes math hands-on

By: *Mia Torrado*



*Students work through one of the complex escape room puzzles.*

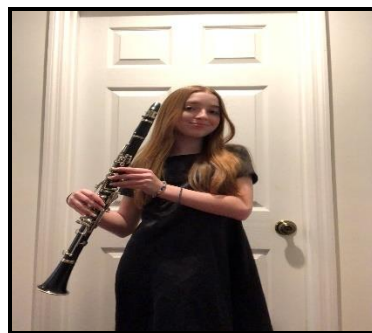
On Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Famularo's algebra class did an escape room activity. Students were placed on different teams. Through three levels of math puzzles, each team tried to "escape" by solving equations and entering an answer code online. Mrs. Famularo did not only set up the escape room to get her students to do algebra, she also did this to get students

involved in math in a different and interesting way. When I asked Mrs. Famularo why she chose the escape room over a worksheet activity, she said, "Fun activities like this get people engaged who aren't usually engaged." Mrs. Famularo is just one of the many amazing teachers at Montford who use different methods of hands-on teaching activities. Way to go!

### Student Spotlight

By: *Bella Sosenko*

This year we have decided to shine a spotlight on Jasmin League. Jasmine is a wonderful student and always makes sure she works hard in school. Although she is only in 7th grade, she is currently taking three high school classes- Musical Theatre, Earth Space Honors, and Algebra I Honors. Not only does she balance a rigorous schedule, she is also outstanding at the clarinet, one of her favorite hobbies. She stays motivated by focusing on



*Jasmin poses with her clarinet.*

being successful someday. One of her goals is to be a journalist and write for the New York Times. Jasmin is a true role model for her peers.

### From rags to roses

By: *Layla Adams*

culture garden is in full bloom, with beautiful winter greens such as kale, cabbage, radishes, colorful flowers, and even fresh strawberries flourishing! Don't forget to contact Mrs. Fain to special order fresh eggs from the chicken coop. Want some fresh strawberries? Support agriculture's fundraiser by purchasing a one-pound box for \$24.00! Half of the proceeds go back to the school. Order forms can be found on the MMS website on the "Strawberry Farm" flyer!



*Beautiful flowers bloom in the Montford garden (top). A harvest of green vegetables flourishes (bottom).*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester TOP Awards

By: *Audrey Johnson*

The Top award is earned by an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Montford Middle school each semester. Top Award students must not only demonstrate excellence in the classroom, but also participate in community service. The first award went to Conner Whitney. His teachers have described Conner as a hard-working student. Mr. McManus states that Conner is a, "model of consistent work ethic." Mrs. Hogan shared that, "[h]e has been one of my most exemplary academic students in 15 years of teaching."

The second quarter Top Award went to Mia Torrado. Mia's teachers described her as "kind and cheerful." Mrs. Thompson says that Mia, "always has a smile on her face." Mrs. Bell says, "Mia often offers to help out new yearbook students."

Connor and Mia are both noteworthy students and clear examples of what Montford Mustangs should embody both behaviorally and academically. They truly are both "Top" students and very deserving of this award. Congratulations to you both!

## C3 REGION

### Girls' soccer team continues dominating

By: *Mariam Randeree & Emily Redfern*

Congratulations to everyone who made the 2023 ladies' soccer team! We want to give special recognition to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are playing for their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year on the team- Avery Blair and Savannah Craig. In their first match of the season, the Lady Mustangs faced Cobb Middle School on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Cox Stadium. They brought home

a victory with a final score of 5-0. They played Swift Creek Middle School on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and brought home another win with a score of 3-0. Andrea Suarez scored 3 goals for the team- a Hat Trick. Lead by Coach Swart, the girls continue dominating the soccer field. Coach Swart has been the head coach of the team for 13 years straight. We wish you all the best of luck for the remainder of the season and hope we continue into the championship match!



*8<sup>th</sup> Grader, Avery Blair, dribbles the ball down the field.*

### Taking it to the hoop!

By: *Alyssa Lowe*

The boys' basketball team this year is playing great! While they unfortunately lost their first game versus Raa Middle School on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, they were able to pick it back up and win their second game. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, the boys team faced their rivals, Deerlake Middle. The Mustangs dominated the court! They were able to get a few fast breaks and

had some good layups. The team's passing game was great, and the boys worked tirelessly to clench a win versus the Bucks, with a final score of 62-33. The student stand was buzzing with energy as the crowd helped cheer on our team. The gym went crazy every time the team scored. Hopefully the boys can lead us on to more victories this season. Come to Nims and help support the team at their upcoming game on February 6<sup>th</sup>!

### Behind the scenes with Ms. Stallworth

By: *Mikayla Toms*

Mrs. Stallworth has been an inspiration and a guide for the students for years. Get to know more about the hobbies, motivation, and advice from one of Montford's A.P.s with this Q&A!

**Q:** What did you want your career to be when you were in middle school?

**A:** A lawyer. It's mentally challenging, and I'd get to sit down and help people every day.

**Q:** What is your favorite thing about being an assistant principal at Montford?

**A:** Interacting with kids. It's always an adventure, no matter the circumstance.

**Q:** What inspires you in your job?

**A:** Knowing that something I do or say has the ability to change the trajectory of someone's life.

**Q:** What advice would you give to middle schoolers today?

**A:** If you do what's right when no one is looking, you will only succeed.

### Get ready to walk the red carpet

By: *Madelyn Hayes*

Mustangs are preparing for the upcoming Hollywood Gala on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Surrounded by glitz and glamour, students will perfect their red carpet looks, spend time with friends, and enjoy good music. 8<sup>th</sup> grader Siena Mikota says, "I'm excited to make memories with my friends and have a good time outside of school." The dance is open to students of all grades and will be many Mustangs' first formal dance. Tickets cost \$15, and students are encouraged to buy tickets in advance. We hope to see you there!

