

Our Scholars

Kennedy School announces Students of the Month for December

John F. Kennedy Middle School recently announced the names of its December students of the month. Teachers nominated these students for their academic improvement or performance, exemplary citizenship, and/or participation in extra curricular activities.

The sixth grade students of the month are Benjamin Chasse, Jacob Chasse, Laura Koba, and Aaron Tiscione.

Ben, the son of Dean and Debra Chasse, was instrumental in rallying his team to make the Builders' Club food drive a huge success. Polite and conscientious, he is very helpful both to students and staff. Ben is a member of the Builders' Club, the honor roll, and the Ping Pong Club. He plays town baseball, and he loves music from the 70's and 80's.

The son of Dean and Debra Chasse, Jacob was a primary force in helping Team B to play a major role in the favorable outcome of the Builders' Club recent food drive. A positive role model, he works well with his peers and is always ready to provide a helping hand. A member of the Builders' Club, the honor roll, and the Ping Pong Club, Jacob is on the town's All Star baseball team, and he enjoys music from the 70's and 80's.

Laura, the daughter of Michael Koba and Sondra Koba, consistently exhibits the qualities of a leader and sets the highest of standards for herself. Her exuberance and enthusiasm for learning make her a role model for others and a pleasure to

have in class. She is a member of the Drama Club, the orchestra, the honor roll, and the select strings. Laura also plays town softball and is active in the Teen YMCA.

Aaron Tiscione is the son of Christopher Tiscione and Sherry Kendall. A hardworking student who puts forth his best effort on a daily basis, he is friendly, well-mannered, and a pleasure to have in class. Aaron is a member of the honor roll, and his interests outside school include playing with his dog and helping his dad at his garage.

The seventh grade students of the month are Marissa Asal, Rachel Babon, Matthew Maxwell, and Isabella Russo.

Marissa, the daughter of Michael Asal and Elizabeth Asal, is the seventh grade Unified Arts student of the month. An outgoing, friendly, and polite young lady, she is enthusiastic and full of humor. In addition, Marissa is very talented in art and extremely helpful as a member of the Environmental Club.

Rachel, the daughter of Christopher and Teresa Babon, is a hardworking student with a fantastic attitude. She loves to participate in class and help other students. Rachel is a member of the honor roll, Project Discover, the softball and volleyball teams, and the band. She is on the town softball and basketball teams and works at a concession stand during basketball games. Rachel includes shopping, watching movies, and reading var-

ious types of novels among her interests.

The son of David and Susan Maxwell, Matthew works hard and diligently without teacher direction. Kind, considerate and funny, he is a dedicated student who displays exemplary effort in all aspects of school life. A member of the honor roll, he plays town baseball and he wrestles. Matthew also enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing video games.

Isabella, the daughter of Frank and Lori Russo, is a compassionate, respectful, and hardworking student who has made a successful transition into her new school and is already a respected leader in the classroom. She is a member of the chorus, the swing choir, and the honor roll, and she was a participant in the Young Author competition. Outside school she plays town softball.

The eighth grade students of the month are Alexander Martin, Kylie Sarantides, and Michael Walczak.

Alex's parents are Brian and Emily Martin. He is the eighth grade World Language student of the month. Intrinsically motivated, he is conscientious and polite, inquisitive and well-liked by others. He is a morning announcer, and a member of the chorus, the soccer team, the National Junior Honor Society, and MATHCOUNTS.

Kylie is the daughter of James and Amy Sarantides. With awesome grades and work effort, she gets along



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Back row, Rachel Babon, Mr. Angelo Campagnano, Principal, Kylie Sarantides, Matthew Maxwell, Alexander Martin, Robert Walczak and Mrs. Pam Aldi, Assistant Principal.

extremely well with her peers and teachers. She is a member of the honor roll, the National Junior Honor Society, and serves as photography editor of the school newspaper. She plays for the Southington Lightning team and takes gymnastics at the YMCA. As a volunteer, she helps with gymnastics classes and meets and with the field clean-up at Panthorn Park. Kylies also enjoys drawing, reading and designing.

Michael, the son of Frank and Angela Walczak, is a hardworking, conscientious, and responsible student who gets along well

with others and is very supportive of his peers. Michael skis and plays

baseball with the town league, and he helps at home with his siblings.

Magician wows two middle school audiences



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Pictured is Jameson with DePaolo student Rachel Dufresne.

Scott Jameson, who specializes in magic and juggling, visited students at DePaolo and Kennedy Middle Schools and dazzled them with his innovative theatrics.

Jameson's presented "The Magic of Communication." This program aimed to help students develop an appreciation of varied forms of communication, with each other and the world, and was comprised of three acts: non-verbal communication, verbal communication, and communications technology.

He explained how

learning different varieties of communication could open students up to many opportunities in life.

He demonstrated how Aborigines of Australia use the didgeridoo to share legends to preserve their culture. He taught a student how to successfully perform a magic trick in Spanish by using his body language.

Jameson also showed another student how to spin two balls on his fingers without saying a word. Students loved all of the interactive activities and were amazed when Jameson made items disappear right before their eyes.

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