

PIERCE PAG

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October and November Students of the Month

GRADE 6 Ben Lally Liam McKinney Josephine Chrispin Jack Lydon Madeline Allen Elijiah Eatheart Claire Deren Chloe Copenheaver-Smith Sara Callahan Luke Rowley Claire Deren Liam McKinney Sam Thomison Kavoy Plowright Grace Fernald Myles Craig Caiden Burns Connor Hynes Emma McFadden Avery Squiciarino

Josephine Crispin

Jack Fuller

Sophia Nitolo

John Griffin

Sophia Lang

Avery O'Neill

Caroline Melanson

Devon Thomas

Sophie Fish

Annie Goode

Myles Craig

Maggie Clisham

Amelia Ejigu

Ashlyn O'Neill

Laila Clarke

Grace Lusa

Rory Gorham

Annabel Gale

GRADE 7

Emma Dhima Grace Porter Nora Kelley Ryan Denny Jack Concannon Vivian O'Neil Tony Nguyen Emma Brown Shannon McDonnell Noah Woodley Vivienne Renaud Kate Bridges Ciara Zimon Channing Howse Nailah Hazelwood Gabrielle Beaudoin Mario Mardy Kailan Tate Madeline Stephen Daniel Lee El Craghead-Goldman Ania Robinson Teagan Sweeney Layla Raymond Xiomara Quinones Ellyson Ash William Wing Christian Louis Anna Robinson James Goodfellow Kaya Malkovich Talia Cecere Owen Kelly Elly Ash Matt Halloran

GRADE 8

lla Wick Theo Dhami Victoria Rooney Gretel Schewe Ruby Dolgon Tamara Carter **Tadghie Cross** Caleb Depina Naomi Osifo Ronan O'Connor Eilie Boylan Patrick Goonan Jack Schweitzer Alexander Alexis William Doyle Jacira King Lily Oslin Jennifer Lo Daniel Bienick Avaya Queen Megan Carew Nick Antoniewicz Ildi Bylyshi Molly King Sydney Burns Imani Williams Theo Dhami Reagan Gilmartin Jennifer Lo Mack Poles

LOST AND FOUND





The above items are in our lost and found. We've got three jackets, a sweatshirt, a hat, and a water bottle. If any of these items belong to you, stop by Ms. Mazzola's office.



REMINDER: Students need to have headphones or earbuds with them everyday at school.

TEENS TALK

Caroline Kessler

Henry McConville

Orion 8th graders in Mr. McElhinney's class engaged in important discussions about the events at the Capitol last

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

When given the opportunity to do something kind or unkind, we all know what our choice should be. Kindness, however, is more than simply the "right" thing to do. Doing kind things for others and watching kind things happen has a direct effect on our emotional and physical well-being. Acts of kindness reduce feelings of anxiety and depression and increase self-esteem, energy and optimism. In addition to helping us feel calmer and happier, witnessing and performing kind acts is also good for our physical health. It helps keep our hearts strong and healthy and decreases our experience of pain. Take time each day this week to actively look for kindness around you. Maybe you will see it from a teacher, a counselor or administrator here at Pierce. Maybe it will come from a family member or a friend. Also, take time each day this week to do something kind for someone else. Click <u>HERE</u> to watch a short video to help get you

Please remember, your Pierce Adjustment Counselors are here for you if you need us. Have a wonderful week!

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RENAISSANCE MUSIC

Mr. Ortiz's sixth grade music class was learning about Renaissance music. After learning about Renaissance composers, students needed to write a story or a play using at least one Renaissance composer as a central character in their story. Students wrote very creative and fun stories based upon information about the composers. This is Bobby Naumes' story.

..... JOSQUIN DES PREZ

In the early morning John woke up to get ready for the auditions for the chorus. He made himself breakfast and put on his clothes. He then set off to the center of town to where the auditions were being held. He was very early but that didn't bother him. He wanted to practice and meet the composer Josquin Des Prez who was holding these auditions.

Josquin Des Prez was one of the best composers of all time and he was a master of vocal polyphonic music. He mostly wrote sacred music but his secular music was still outstanding. When John approached him to introduce himself Josquin Des Prez said "Well you are very early aren't you." "Yes, I am but I'm just so excited to meet you and audition for chorus." replied John 'Very well then take a seat in the front row. And your name is?" "John" said John. As John walked back to take a seat he was even more excited than before. As time passed more and more people took their seats and John became nervous because there were only 5 spots available for about 100 people.

Then Josquin Des Prez broke the silence and said "Welcome to the auditions. There are only 5 open spots so only the best of the best will make. Let's begin" He sang a few notes and then had the people repeat them and had people play the same notes as he did on an instrument and then there was the Solo's. The hardest part of the audition was that there were only 25 men left after the 75 who were not good enough were eliminated from the process of making it. Josquin Des Prez would call one person up at a time and sing multiple notes with different pitches and the person up there would have to sing it the exact same way as he did if wanted a chance to make it.

John was 18th in line for his solo and he aced it, he sang better than he ever has done before. John was sure that he was going to make it. As the solo's ended Josquin Des Prez said "The following 5 people have made it." He started calling peoples line numbers because he didn't know everyone's name and he said "Number 3, Number 7, Number 14, number 18, and number 23. Congratulations to those that made it and to the others better luck next year." John couldn't believe it, he made it. The very next day him and his singing partners were learning the song and notes for the royals.



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