

INNOVATION CENTER

NEWSLETTER

Monthly Highlights

What's New at the IC



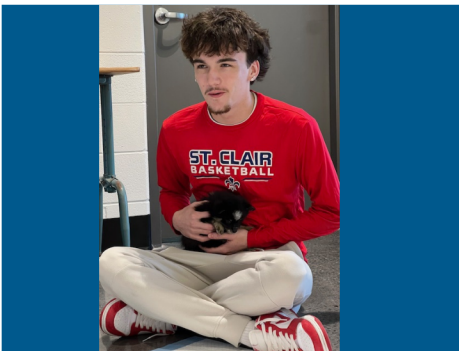
VISIT WITH A PURPOSE

Eighth-grade students from Marine City Middle School and St. Clair Middle School attended an engaging tour of the Innovation Center. The students' tour included a hands-on STEM activity and a trivia game in which IC-branded prizes were awarded to the winners. This event was designed to highlight the center's resources and cultivate student interest in STEM disciplines.



FESTIVE MYSTERY FUN

6th Hour Theater, presented by J. McCulloch, featured the "Theater A" Troupe in an original 10-minute Holiday Murder Mystery. The students' performance was marked by suspenseful and clever plot twists, providing an engaging experience for all attendees. The play was well-received, and the students were commended for their creativity and talent.



PAWSITIVE IMPACT

We extend our gratitude to Jeanne's Half-Pint Pups for facilitating the socialization of their puppies with the East Star students. Their presence has enriched our students with joy and provided valuable opportunities for social interaction.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Jan. 2 - Christmas Recess End
- Jan. 5 - Classes Resume
- Jan. 14 - ½ Day Exams (1st & 2nd hrs)
- Jan. 15 - ½ Day Exams (3rd & 4th hrs)
- Jan. 16 - ½ Day Exams (5th & 6th hrs)
- Jan. 16 - End of 2nd Marking Period
- Jan. 21 - PLC Early Release

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As the 2025 calendar year comes to a close, I am incredibly proud of the academic progress that our students have achieved and am looking forward to all that 2026 will offer. This month we hosted all of our district's 8th grade students at the Innovation Center to build excitement for 26/27 and beyond. Next month we will be completing the first semester of the school year and will also be starting the scheduling process for the 26/27 school year. I hope that everybody is able to enjoy the Holiday Break with family and friends!

With Kind Regards,
Michael Walling



FOLLOW



INNOVATOR OF THE MONTH



TEAGAN PONDO
12th Grade

Teagan received a gift bag full of goodies, which included an IC water bottle, portable phone charger power bank, and some sweet treats. Congrats to Teagan!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getting to Know...



KATHLEEN VOLPE

What is your favorite aspect of teaching?

"Getting to know my students"

What is one thing about you that most people would not guess?

"I lived in Las Vegas"

If you could only eat one meal (repeatedly) for the rest of your life, what would it be?

"Pizza"

What is your favorite sports team?

"Women's National Soccer Team"

What was your favorite thing from this past summer vacation?

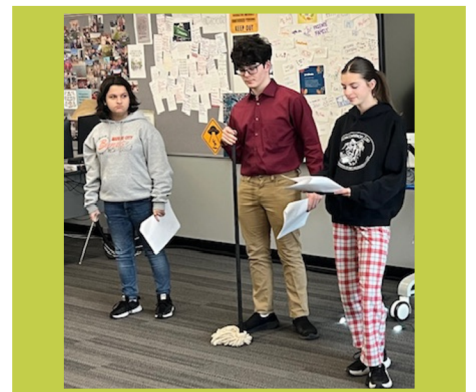
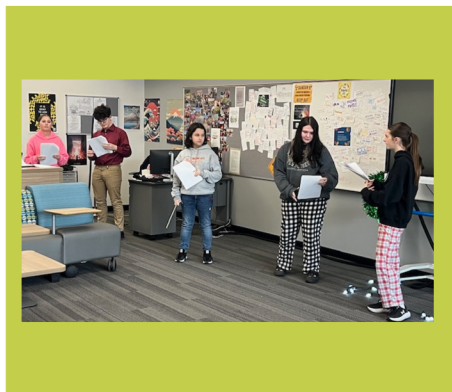
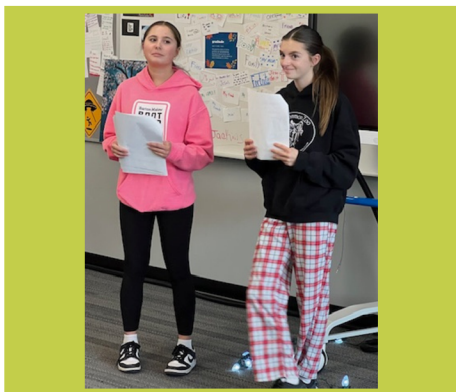
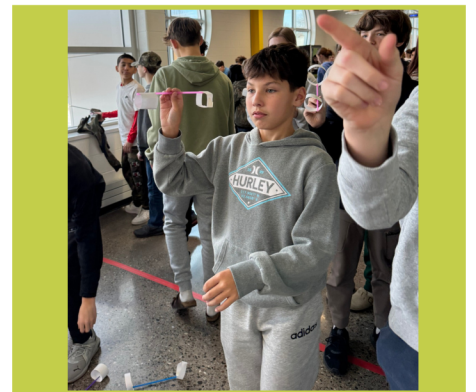
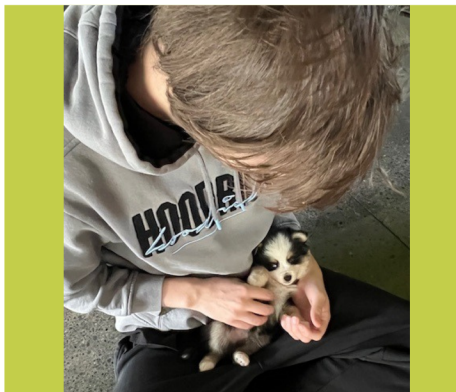
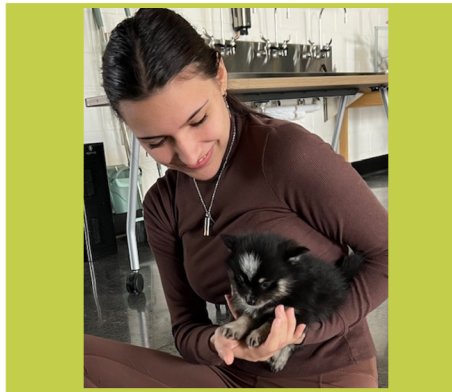
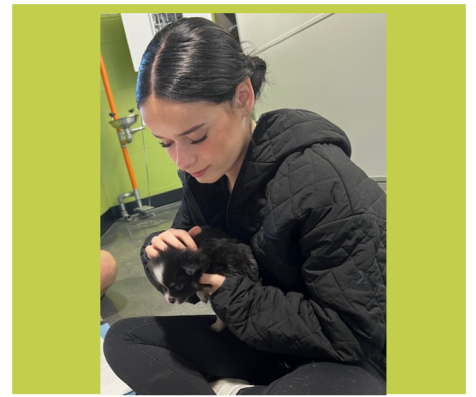
"Spending time pool side"



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5th & 6th Hour Intro to Engineering & Design



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