C.H.O.I.C.E.S.

On December 13, 2019, South Gallia Middle School C.H.O.I.C.E.S. program traveled to Ashland, Kentucky to watch Tchaikovsky's Moscow 's Great Russian Nutcracker at the Paramount Arts Center. The ballet is a Christmas story about Uncle Drosselmeyer preparing his gift of life-sized Moore dolls for his niece Masha and nephew Fritz. One feature unique to the ballet were the tall innovative rolling backgrounds which were inspired by Eisenstein's cinematic technique. Tchaikovsky's music set the mood for each act from fanciful mood for a Christmas party, to the conflict between the Rat King and Nutcracker, to peace and harmony when Masha wakes up from her bad dream. The ballet was performed by professional dancers as well as local talent. The Paramount Arts Center was built in 1931 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The focus of the art center is on educational opportunities for youth. Before the ballet students enjoy eating at Fat Patty's.

Activities
Golf
Japanese Language/ Culture
Yoga
Science Fair / Beta
Quiz Bowl
Wii
Healthy Snacks
Ping Pong
Robotics
Remote Control Car
Archery Weight Lifting
Bowling

Events
Healthy Kick Start
Out of This World Community Event Trunk or Treat
College and Career Readiness
Mystery Dinner Theater
Pottery Place Visit
Science / Energy Fair Night
Russian Nutcracker Play
Lights in the Park Stroll

Remote Control Vehicle Club Activity

C.H.O.I.C.E.S. program is offering the students a new hands-on remote control vehicle activity. The vehicles that students have to choose from are SWAT, SUVs, RC cars, Rally rock climbers, and off-road jeeps. Students are learning how to control the vehicle's movements by going around cones and corners, maneuvering obstacles courses built by the students using material that they bring in including ramps, jumps and ponds and racing competitors. Throughout the activity, students focus on understanding and calculating the distance, rate, and time to run races and obstacle courses. Students love this new activity and have a lot of fun. This activity is offered on Mondays in the afterschool program.

Remember !

Trip to Wicked Play in Columbus for all students with 30 Days of attendance in their Afterschool program.

Afterschool resumes on January 6, 2020. Monday—Friday 7:00 am- 7:45 am and Monday—Thursday 2:30 pm—5:30 pm each week. Take advantage of this great opportunity. Registration forms and calendars will be available in the office.

Science Fair / Energy Fair Family Night

On November 19, 2019, students participated in a Science Fair. Parents were invited to the school in the evening to see the projects, watch the students receive their awards, and participate in the Energy Fair. Stations were set up that focused on different types of renewable energy. Middle school students were in charge of the stations to instruct students, teachers, and parents on the energy for that station. They, also, guided the participants in an activity that focused on that particular energy. Everyone enjoyed the evening and walked away with an increased knowledge of renewable energy.

Crafts

Kids love crafts! In the afterschool program students have been creating some beautiful crafts. The afterschool program purchased some pumpkins. Using tools and their creativity, the students were able to carve their own jack-o-lanterns. They used the jack-o-lanterns for decorations around the school for the Trunk—or—Treat event at the end of October. Another craft highlighted is the making of Christmas tree ornaments. Students made different kinds of ornaments such as snowmen that light up, melted beads into Christmas shapes, and painted scented pine cones to decorate their Christmas tree in Gallipolis City Park and be a part of the community that supports Gallipolis In Lights.   The Pottery Place out of Huntington came to the school and brought clay 3-D ornaments for the students to paint. They took the ornaments back to Huntington to fire them in the kiln and returned them in time for the students to take them home to hang on their trees.