

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Last month, OLSM students, faculty & staff celebrated Black History Month with events related to the extraordinary accomplishments of historical African Americans in our nation. We are continuing to uplift the inspirational contributions of Black artists, writers, musicians, scientists, politicians, and religious figures through a variety of activities that we are excited to share.

**ART CONTEST** • Students from all grade levels could submit an original work for posting on campus for all to see. Winners in both the Boys and Girls Divisions were selected. They will receive \$250 to the Campus Bookstore. Art submissions were submitted to Mrs. Saldana. Boys Division 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was **AIDEN BROWN**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was **NATE DRESSELHOUSE**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was **NATANAEL BARAN**. Girls Division 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was **WILLOW RHODES**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was **ANNALIESE WEBBER**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was **ELLA BASSETT**.



**ESSAY CONTEST** • Students from all grade levels could submit an essay highlighting the impact an African American historical figure has made in changing the world for the better. A winner from each grade level was selected for both the Boys and Girls Divisions. Winners will receive \$200 to the Campus Bookstore. Essays were submitted to Mr. Matyus. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was **EMANUEL TAYLOR** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place **ANNA BLAZEVIC**.



**HIGHLIGHTING AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSICIANS** • Throughout the month, music inspired from Black musicians in the 20th century was played on campus in the hallways.

**SCAVENGER HUNT** • On February 26th, students participated in a scavenger hunt on campus and matched the description of the historical figure to a picture of the individual.

**CELEBRATION** • The closure of Black History Month culminated with celebrations of the winners of the contests, highlighting the significance of the month, and providing students with vanilla ice cream (*along with a lesson connecting a unique Black History invention to the revolutionization of vanilla*).