

## NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

### **Mariemont Junior High Writers Excel at District Competition**

On December 5, student teams from Mariemont Junior High School (MJHS) competed in the Power of the Pen district writing competition at Goshen Middle School where the Mariemont 8th grade team finished in 1st place and the 7th grade team earned 2nd place. Twelve teams competed at the district level with almost 150 writers.

MJHS team members also took home many individual writing awards. For the 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Hans Hinebaugh came in 1st place overall with all perfect scores. Grace Bales - 2nd place; Cate Donahue - 3rd place and received a best of round for one of her pieces; Olivia Erhardt - 10th place; and Taylor Giordullo - 12th place and also received a best of round for one piece.

For the 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Andi Christopher- 2nd place; Addie Shelley - 10th place; and Lindsay Siegfried - 12th place.

Power of the Pen is an interscholastic competition for young writers with tournaments throughout the state of Ohio. Since its inception in 1986, Power of the Pen has grown from a single writing contest to a statewide educational enrichment program. Over 8000 students will participate in the district, regional and state tourneys this year alone.

The MJHS Power of the Pen teams are coached by teachers Leslie Jordan and Erica Eppert.



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*JHPOP8: Members from the Mariemont Junior High Power of the Pen 1<sup>st</sup> Place 8<sup>th</sup> grade team are: back row-Jon Bezney and Evan Doran; front row- Hans Hinebaugh, Taylor Giordullo, Grace Bales, Olivia Erhardt and Cate Donahue*

*JHPOP7: Members from the Mariemont Junior High Power of the Pen 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 7<sup>th</sup> grade team are: back - Lindsay Siegfried, Gusty Pohlman, Addie Shelley, Andi Christopher and Micaela Duever; front - Spencer Peppet*

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