



Alumni Highlight—Molly Jendryka



Pat Sandrue can attest that Molly was always an observer first and, often for a while, before she felt comfortable enough to dive into a work. The Montessori Method allowed for that as a valid learning style and is why it worked so well for Molly. Both Brian and I would say that we were more likely to join right in to a new situation and so we didn't always understand her style early on. Honoring Molly's learning style, we believe, was key to her developing confidence in herself, in her own time. It has really paid off!

Molly, now 14, really enjoys school and school work! She devours books and according to her teachers, is an excellent writer and student. Molly isn't afraid of challenging herself and has taken on a full schedule with advanced level courses. Throughout elementary and middle school she has participated in: the band as a clarinetist, the Twin Boro Bears and MTMS Cheerleading programs, Mendham Little League Softball, horseback riding, Girl Scouts, Peer Leaders and Student Council and on the crew each year for the Middle School play. She's empathetic, enthusiastic, dependable, tenacious, and very social. She grabs hold of volunteer opportunities including fund raising to build a well in South Sudan (top student fundraiser), has been involved in several capacities with Maggie Doyne's work through BlinkNow and with the Mendham Twp. Library. Molly even finds time to babysit and the little ones love her!

Most recently, Molly received The Morris County Superintendent Leadership Award. This award is presented annually to a graduating middle school student, whose actions and deeds represent and model citizenship and leadership, in their respective school community. Each district selects one student to receive this award.

Molly loved the independence she was given in the classroom at Westmont and remembers especially how much she loved painting and playing the recorder. She also met some of her closest friends at Westmont, such as Jamie and Will. Mrs. Sandrue was a huge part of Molly's preschool years, and she remembers liking that she was her teacher for all three years she spent at Westmont.



Written by proud parents – Jill and Brian