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Migration In Slavic Village, The History Behind the Cleveland Central Catholic Ironmen.


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Migration in Global Context Teacher Symposium

On October 22nd, 2015, Mrs. Mary Brondfield and Mr. Matt Aber facilitated a cross curricular migration themed event for 180 students from Cleveland's Central Catholic High School and North Olmsted High School. The purpose of the event was twofold: to explore how migration has changed the Slavic Village neighborhood of Cleveland over time, and to encourage students to reflect on the role migration has played in shaping their community, family histories and personal identity. Students explored the theme of migration in Slavic Village by conducting an oral history interview with former resident and Case Western social historian Dr. John Grabowski, touring St. Stanislaus Polish national church with lectures by Choir Director, David Krowkoski and historian, Rob Jagelewski and visiting the Baxter Avenue Jewish cemetery with author, Jeff Morris. The event was used by the teachers to implement project based learning assignments in their respective classrooms that corresponded to the migration theme. Mrs. Brondfield's students studied migration through the lense of art and created personal migration narrative paintings. Mr. Aber's students studied the industrial era immigration experience in American history and were encouraged to explore their family's migration stories through oral history projects of their own.