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Dear Parents, Guardians, and the St. Joseph School and Parish Community,

Another week of faith, fun and learning at St. Joseph's School! A big thanks to everyone that was able to donate toys to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Toy Drive. Our Student Council was able to load up the St. VdP truck and they were very appreciative.



4th grade explored the four different types of fossils – trace, mold, cast, and true form – by using clay and small fossil models to make their own designs. The students wrote about each and synthesized everything onto a sheet that was displayed in the hall. Some future paleontologists at work!



The 5th grade took a trip to the Tilles Center to learn about the science of magic. They learned some cool tricks and how science plays a role in making them work. I thought a magician never revealed their tricks... I suppose the presenter was more of a scientist! They also had fun in Tech class, as they got to race the robot cars that



they've been building. The next step is building more complex machines!

Speaking of Tech class, the 3rd grade is beginning their work on the 3D printers – here, they are designing Christmas ornaments from scratch using our software program.



Our GRASP after-school program participated in their annual gingerbread house-making! A lot of set-up, a lot of mess, and a lot of clean-up...but also a lot of fun! A big thanks to Mrs. Bateman and Mrs. Mott for making it all possible.



Finally, we had a big night Thursday night with our annual Kindergarten *Polar Express* movie night along with our Middle School Christmas Show and Nativity Tableau. The Kindergarten got their golden tickets, hot chocolate and bells – the full experience! A big thanks to Miss Williams and Mrs. Noulas for putting it all together. Our 6th and 7th grade wowed us with their playing of the bells and singing, while our 8th graders were poised and graceful in their recreation of the Nativity scene.



Monsignor Swiader ended the night by thanking the students for getting us into the spirit of Christmas, a most joyful and holy time, and I would like to echo those sentiments.



One more week to go until our Christmas break. We'll be sure to share pictures at the end of next week of our performances, prayer service and classroom learning experiences. We can't wait!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
Principal, St. Joseph School