



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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



We're back and ready to begin the season of Advent with faith, academics and fun! We started the week with a pep rally for our basketball team. As always, it was a fun and exciting celebration. We are looking forward to a great season!



Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders created Native American projects as part of an independent unit of study. Students explored the importance of natural resources in the area we now call New York. There were some really great creative designs!



The 6<sup>th</sup> grade had fun in our Science Lab with identifying rocks and minerals. Students had to use their deduction skills by recognizing properties (color, luster, hardness, etc.) and also used these minerals on glass and streak plates to figure out which was which. Another engaging, hands on Science lesson!





The 6<sup>th</sup> graders also had an Advent wreath blessing together as part of their Religion class. It was a very special moment to share with each other and reminded them of the importance of this time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade was also focused on the “reason for the season” – as they prepare in a special way for their Communion this year, they are preparing also for the coming of Jesus at Christmas – their 4<sup>th</sup> grade buddies used this theme at our First Friday Mass by keeping the focus on St.



Nicholas (on his feast day), and understanding that as we wait for Jesus, we should be prayerful and charitable.



Last, we had our Christmas tree lighting this week as well! Thank you to all of you that have brought in family ornaments to decorate our tree. We will be accepting ornaments throughout next week, so please feel free to continue to bring them in – we want our tree to be completely full!



Thanks again everyone – looking forward to a fun and productive two weeks before our Christmas break!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban  
Principal, St. Joseph School