



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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Teaching Minds. Guiding Hearts.

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

We've come to the end of our first full week of school! We're happy to know that spirits are up and energy is positive, as we look forward to continuing our shared Mission together: Growing in Wisdom as a Catholic community of faith, compassion, respect, service, and witness to Jesus' love.

This week, we were lucky to have Bishop Barres visit us! He visited every classroom to speak to our students, answer



questions and give a blessing. He was very happy with our progress and how much support the school gets from our Pastor and parents.

Our Pre-K started their first full week this week. Our program affords them the opportunity to begin learning about God and the Catholic faith, as well as immersing them in a rich academic curriculum. Here, the Pre-K (over 70 students!) stopped for a photo op during a walk on our



beautiful parish property.

Our 4th grade highlighted two collaborative activities this week: First, students participated in a flower dissection during which they sorted and classified different plant parts and discussed their findings.





Next, the 4th grade teamed up with 3rd grade for their weekly group STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) project. Today, 3rd and 4th graders discussed their goals for the weekly projects that will be ongoing throughout the year. This provides an opportunity for collaborative learning and socialization in an academic setting – the perfect combination!

Our 7th and 8th graders had the opportunity to participate in a “book tasting” with Miss Marshall, our new Library and Literacy teacher. Students were given short periods of time to read a book, then switched over to a new one, and so on. This gives students the opportunity to find a few books they might want to read in a short period of time. We were really excited about this new and unique opportunity!



Thank you again for your continued support and cooperation as we head into our second full week next week. With our R.I.S.E. programs starting up, we will have even more to share!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
Principal, St. Joseph School