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

Another week at St. Joseph School is complete! It's hard to believe that we've finished our first month of school. We're happy with the progress our students are making and we are looking forward to more growth as the year continues.

This week, we have a common theme of immersive and engaging classroom experiences to share! First, our Nursery participated in a literal "team building" STREAM activity by putting together a road across the classroom using wooden blocks. They worked together so well and were proud when they finished!



The 4th, 5th and 6th graders all had a chance to participate in engaging, online



review/learning games for a variety of subjects. The 6th grade used Quizlet to enhance an ELA lesson, the 5th grade used Kahoot to review a Science unit on the states of matter, and the 4th



grade used Kahoot to solve Math word problems by using their



Chromebooks. The 4th grade also completed their first online

Math exam in preparation for this year's computer based State assessments. Technology is an important learning tool that, when used appropriately, increases engagement and can provide students with many different learning experiences – we are thankful to our teachers for their careful planning when immersing students in technology at St. Joseph.



Our Pathways program began this week for our Middle School students. We offer a variety of elective courses that cover potential career paths, application of important life skills, and unique learning opportunities – one of those being *The History of Jewelry Making* taught by our Middle School Social Studies teacher, Mrs. I. Students in this course study specific histories of people throughout time and link changes in geography and customs to different styles of jewelry. Students get the opportunity to mimic these designs each class. We would be happy to have any

parents with unique knowledge or skillsets to offer ideas and volunteer their time for future Pathways offerings!

We're looking forward to the week ahead – on Friday, we will continue one of our newest traditions, the Blazer Ceremony for our 6th graders. It will most certainly be featured in next week's *Week in Review* as well as on our social media pages. We are also glad to congratulate Sara Da Silva (President), Irene Molina (Vice President), Sophia Gonzalez (Treasurer) and Eva Da Silva (Secretary) for winning our Student Council election. Our first meeting is this coming Tuesday, and we look forward to all of the wonderful things these young women will accomplish with the help of their peers.



Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
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