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



We're already halfway through January (how fast the time goes!) and St. Joseph School students are busy learning and having fun! Nursery starts this week's recap with a fun STREAM activity – students used Thomas the Train and a building block set to create their own city together. One thing that sometimes goes overlooked when talking about the importance of STREAM is teamwork. Our young students are already learning how to problem solve and make decisions together, an extremely important skill in a growing, 21st century world.



Pre-K wanted to share two of their exciting events with you from this week. First, Pre-K students went on a “moon walk” and learned fun facts about astronauts and space. They'll return to their spaceships later this year when they study planets. Also, students got stuck in their own snow globes! This craft allowed students to be imaginative and creative.



All of our students benefitted this week from new recess equipment. Thank you to our Family Association and all who purchased baked goods at our Fall Festival – we raised \$3,000 for this initiative! Expect new indoor recess equipment (for cold and bad weather days) soon.





Our Middle School continues to be immersed in our technology program in different ways. Students build 3D structures from scratch, and through trial and error come up with some really great designs! They are being pushed to build larger and more complex designs as they learn more

about what the software allows them to do. They are also learning to code – though they are learning simple computer language now, over the course of their years here at SJS they'll learn to build their own websites and more! Another important 21st century skill.



6th Grade went on a trip to the DNA Learning Center and participated in a lab that allowed them to extract DNA from wheat germ. This kind of science will allow

future generations to meet the nutritional demands of the world's growing populations, helping to address the concern of hunger across the globe. This is real STREAM in action, as our core values of helping others lead us to new discoveries.



Last, our 2nd graders went on a confessional tour with Monsignor Swiader as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this month. Their First Holy Communion is coming up sooner than they think! What an exciting time for all of us at St. Joseph, as we welcome more of our young students to receive the Eucharist.

Thanks again everyone, and we'll see you again next week!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
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