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

Our first full week of October is finished, and we'd like to share some highlights from this week. First, more words of thanks to our community, especially our students, for being resilient and following protocols. We continue to find ways to provide a "normal" school experience while keeping safety our number one priority.



In Early Childhood, other than masks and distancing protocols, we are as close to normal as we can be! Students are still enjoying learning through movement, class projects (especially those that



get a little messy, like our shaving cream art project in Pre-K!), and engaging lessons, such as the one pictured here on fire safety. We are still in the mood to celebrate also, and



even though birthday treats might not be on the menu right now, our students are still being recognized and are feeling special on their birthday!



The first grade is learning about the rosary and that October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The students enjoy praying together with their teacher and classmates. We made sure to get our friends learning remotely to join us in prayer as well!



4th grade took steps to connect in-person learners more directly with remote learners. During this Science lesson, students were put in Google Meet groups to work with each other on their 1-to-1 devices within the physical classroom. This type of group work promotes both physical social distancing and social connectedness through communication and teamwork. Not an easy balance, but one we are working on perfecting!



Last, our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Martello, was blessed with the opportunity to adopt newborn twins from another state. She will take the next couple of months to bond with and care for her babies. Though we will miss her, we are so happy for her and her husband! We are looking forward to her return in January, and to meeting the two newest members of our SJS family!

I hope everyone enjoys their 3-day weekend – stay safe!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
Principal, St. Joseph School