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

Another busy week here at SJS! The major focus this week for our Review will be our Middle School, especially since we had our virtual Open House! More on that later, but for now let's start off with the 2nd grade completing their i-Ready diagnostic. i-Ready is replacing IOWAs and CoGats this year for grades K – 8; the diagnostic is completely online and gives teachers data in real time. We will use the program to provide specific learning objectives to each student and to make important curriculum decisions. We're excited about the potential for growth through the i-Ready platform.



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We also had Unity Day on Wednesday, which is a day that we stand up against bullying and promote kindness, compassion and empathy. These are things we do every day at St. Joseph School, but we were happy to have the opportunity to celebrate anyway!



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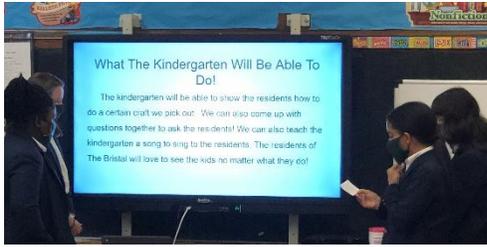


their respective groups. We are so proud of all of our students and we look forward to continuing the theme of unity all year long.



As I mentioned before, this was a particularly busy week for Middle School! The first feature is our 7th grade Science class, where they used everyday school supplies to learn how to interact with the triple beam balance. We're happy that we can still have students work in pairs and small groups as we follow strict safety protocols for wearing masks and cleaning materials between uses.





The 8th grade and Kindergarten are working together on the first service project of the year, which has given 8th grade a wonderful opportunity to act as role models to their younger buddies.

Here, you'll see the 8th

grade giving presentations to their class regarding which community based organization they would like to support. The presentations were streamed live via Google Meet to the Kindergarten classes as well! After a vote, St. Jude's Children's Hospital came out on top – congratulations to Mia and Ava for their wonderful ideas! We will begin implementing their plan next week – we'll share more details with you as their vision comes to fruition.



We were blessed to be able to continue one of our most beloved traditions here at St. Joseph this week – the Blazer Ceremony – during which our 6th graders are formally inducted into Middle School.

Monsignor Swiader called upon them to wear their blazers with pride, and remember that it is a symbol of leadership and potential. Since our 8th

graders couldn't actually place the blazer on the 6th graders as they usually would, they instead hand-wrote notes of encouragement and advice. We're confident that our Middle Schoolers will be excellent role models and leaders for the rest of our school community.



A big thanks to everyone that contributed videos to our Middle School virtual Open House



this past week. Parents, alumni, current students and more really contributed great information and insight. We welcome you to view these videos on our



website at this link: <https://st-josephschool.com/celebrate-middle-school-week-october-19th-2020> .

Next week, we'll have our Early Childhood virtual Open House. Can't wait to share that with you as well!

Warm Regards,

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