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



Another exciting week – the second week of Advent – here at SJS. With Christmas quickly approaching, excitement is what you'd expect! I apologize for not sharing this last week, but we'll start this *Week in Review* with a picture from December 3rd – our first (virtual) Family Trivia Night! Families and faculty that participated had a ton of fun, and we are looking to do at least one more in the near future – stay tuned for details.



We are also busy decorating the trees in our hallways. Here we see some of our Early Childhood students hanging up their ornaments on the tree outside of the gym. You can still send in ornaments early next week – they will be returned starting 12/17.



We celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday as a school with a special morning prayer and activities throughout the day. Teachers spent time teaching grade-appropriate lessons regarding the holy day. Here are some pictures from the fun and focused activities.



For the second trimester, Tech class will feature work with our



process.

10,000-piece robotics kit across grade levels.

Here, Kindergarten is having fun driving their remote-controlled robot cars! Work with our robotics kit will get more advanced as the trimester continues, including integrating our new iPads into the building/control





Kindergarten also had fun with one of our favorite traditions here at SJS – Polar Express movie night! Thanks to our teachers and parent volunteers, the students were able to experience



the magic of the event safely. We're always glad to offer moments of joy and a sense of normalcy during what has been a very difficult time for all of us.

Our Student Council Toy Drive has been a huge success thus far! Thanks to all that have contibuted. Remember that you have until 12/18 to bring in new, unwrapped toys. The picture here is only about half of what we collected so far, and we're fully prepared to take on more. Let's bring the joy of Christmas to as many young people as we can!



Another great way we are spreading Christmas cheer is through Macy's "Believe" campaign. Students write letters to Santa, and each letter turns into a donation from Macy's for the Make a Wish Foundation. We thank Miss Diffley for bringing this program to our school – last year just for Middle School, and this year for the entire school. Here, 8th graders are working on their letters which will be delivered shortly!

We also had a special visitor earlier today – Santa Claus! The school was greeted by Santa during dismissal – what a great way to end the week!

One more week until our Christmas break – I'm sure it will be a good one!



Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
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