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

Hello everyone and welcome back! We're glad to share some things with you that are not only from this week, but from just before Thanksgiving also. First, our Nursery class is getting ready for Christmas through this season of Advent. Through different lessons and crafts, they are truly beginning to understand what Christmas is all about – but of course we can't forget to decorate our trees!



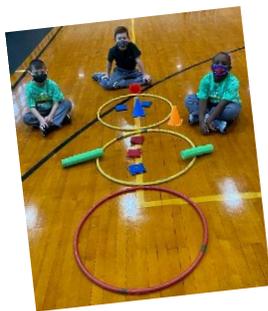
Speaking of trees, some Christmas elves – in this case, our wonderful parent volunteers – helped spread some Christmas cheer by putting up lighted trees in both buildings as well as outside. Thanks so much for continuing to help make our school beautiful!



Pre-K is pictured here practicing breathing activities and “I love you” rituals, both of which are playful means to promote optimal brain development, increase attention span, build self-esteem and facilitate language development. We're proud that our Early Childhood program is focused on the whole child, from academics and faith to social-emotional wellbeing.



In gym class, 1st grade students had relay races to collect items to build snowpeople! What a creative way to tie in the season with Phys. Ed. requirements, all while practicing safety in the gym.

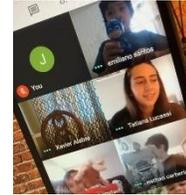




4th grade had one of our parents come in as a volunteer to talk about his experience in government. Giving students the opportunity to speak with experts and gain real-life experiences and build connections with what they are learning is truly special.



Our Virtual “Drill” – a proactive practice day in case we are ever mandated to go remote – was a success! Thanks to the teachers for providing meaningful learning experiences for our students. We are fully prepared for all possibilities in this ever changing environment of education.



Middle School has been afforded the opportunity to safely play outdoor intramural soccer. Thank you to our teacher facilitator and our parent volunteers for ensuring that our students were able to have this awesome opportunity while still practicing safety protocols. Middle Schoolers have also had the opportunity to present projects in Spanish class that allow them to showcase what they’ve learned about an array of Spanish and Latin cultures.



Our 2nd grade presented our second school Prayer Service of the year just before Thanksgiving, and the whole school community got to watch the video. They were very well prepared and did an excellent job! Even our remote students were able to get involved!



Though unfortunately due to COVID concerns we did not have our 5th grade participate in our First Friday Mass as planned, the teachers brought the two classes together virtually for a prayer service of their own. We are looking forward to giving them the opportunity to prepare a mass later on this school year.



I hope you enjoyed all of the wonderful things we had to share this week!

Warm Regards,

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