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



Feeling refreshed after our break, we had a great week that we'd like to share with you! First, our Nursery learned about the letter "R" – and practiced by making red rectangles! This fun project helped them recognize and repeat (more "R" words!) their new letter.



Pre-K enjoyed a visit from me during their lesson on planets, one of my favorite things to study. I took the opportunity to use my *StarWalk* app to show them the locations of all the planets in real time. I love my visits to our Early Childhood classrooms, as they are so happy and eager to learn.



Speaking of planets, the 1st grade has worked on them a lot lately. Here, the students hold their 3D planet models that they also did reports on. They also took a trip to the Cradle of Aviation



recently to see a planetarium show. Although this happened before our break, we thought it was better to share later rather than never!



St. Joseph School celebrated Black History Month in a number of ways. Here, the 3rd grade read books about famous African Americans and created a project using a cereal box. We also had our 8th graders (not pictured) read biographies of influential African Americans each morning over the loudspeaker. We thank the students for their hard work with this very important topic.



Our Middle Schoolers are given a number of opportunities to practice their public speaking here at the school. In ELA, students in 6th grade gave oral presentations about descriptive essays they had written, while 8th graders practiced with argumentative speeches on a number of different topics.



Our Middle Schoolers also had the amazing opportunity to create fun and engaging projects for our yearly STREAM Fair, which came to a conclusion last week after months of preparation. The variety of



topics and ingenuity on display Tuesday night was truly incredible – looks like our STREAM focus throughout grade levels is really paying off! Congratulations to our 4th winners, who will represent us on April 4th at the Diocesan STREAM Fair.



Our students also had the opportunity to receive ashes this past Wednesday during a school prayer service at the church. Though we will continue to enjoy our school experience, we will also take the time during this Lenten season to call to mind our sins, remember Jesus' sacrifice for us, and strive to become the best possible versions of ourselves.



As always, thank you for your support, and we hope to share more about our programs in the weeks to come.

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
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