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

Wow, what a week! Not even a snowstorm stopped us from having fun and making the best of our Catholic Schools Week events!



Our week actually began last Saturday with our most recent alumni receiving their Confirmation. We are so proud of the class of 2020 – they were our inspiration for this year’s virtue of *Resilience*, and we’re happy that they were finally able to have this experience together.



We also got through an incredible snowstorm with smiles on our faces! We enjoyed a traditional snow day on Monday and a remote learning day on Tuesday. Our students made sure to use their down time to have some good old-fashioned snow day fun! Here are just a few of our favorite pictures from our families.



Tuesday night was our second Trivia Night of the school year, this time with a Disney theme. Congratulations to the Dolan family for coming in first place out of 30+ families/faculty that joined in on the fun! We hope to make Trivia Night a more frequent occurrence based on its success so far.



Our Middle School presented projects that they worked on surrounding both Black History Month and the decades. Here, a 7th grader presents his version of the lawn mower patented by the African American inventor John Albert Burr; also, a presentation in 8th grade about the 1950’s, outfits included!





The first grade also made time for important learning with their iPads. Students used games to practice their tens-frames in Math. Just a simple way we use technology at SJS as a tool for learning and engagement.



Wednesday and Thursday were full of Catholic Schools Week fun! We had a mask decorating contest for “Wacky Wednesday” and we saw some very interesting and creative designs!



Thanks to everyone for participating. We also had student participate in “Minute to Win it” games both in



the classroom and the gym, ensuring social distance so students could be safe while having fun. Normal items like cups and toilet paper were included in simple but exciting games that kept students smiling and engaged. The events were livestreamed from the gym to classrooms so students



could cheer on their classmates. A big thank you to our Family Association and parent volunteers for making the day a huge success for our students!



I wanted to end this week with a note on our teachers. Today, Friday, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day at St. Joseph School. Our teachers are the embodiment of our Catholic Mission to teach, serve, protect and build a faith foundation for our students. They’ve seamlessly

adapted and have given so much extra time this year. Without their hard work, we would not have had the success we’ve been able to enjoy. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, teachers!



Warm Regards,

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