



Good morning parents,

Exciting things are happening here at St. Paul's! Our brand new gym is open and fabulous, the Legacy of Faith Campaign has reached the goal mark, we received full accreditation with accolades and now... we are implementing a STREAM program!

Our new STREAM classroom will host weekly classes for grade K-4. Mrs. Stucki will be our STREAM coordinator and is so excited to head this program as we seek national STEM certification over the next couple of years. We welcome Ms. Savilla, who is taking over technology instruction for grades K-4 as we complete this transition. We are blessed to have this faith-filled, talented teacher join our faculty!

Thank you to the families who purchased equipment and donated funds for this endeavor, especially the Bowler family who made this renovation possible. The students will be so proud of this new lab.

So what is STREAM?

STREAM – educating students in **Science**, **Technology**, **Religion**, **Engineering**, **Art**, and **Math** using an interdisciplinary and hands-on approach. In our STREAM Lab subjects (and students) do not work on their own; instead they are woven together in practical and seamless ways to allow the students to apply their learning and skills to real-world problems outside the classroom. That means science is not *just* science, math is not *just* math- we teach the students how the subjects interact with each other.

STREAM is not a “new” or “millennial” way of learning – it is simply a way of understanding that subjects compliment and support each other. We are blending their knowledge.

The learning is project-based and hands-on to pique student interest and help them develop skills that they will use in their everyday lives. By putting the learning at their fingertips, we are developing a sense of inquisition in the students. They are given problems and they must work together come up with a solution to that problem. Students will use and foster their innate sense of creativity and critical thinking to work collaboratively to find end results in their own way. Failure is a good word in the St. Paul's STREAM Lab. It is an opportunity to try something new and different to make an idea come to life. And if attempt 2 doesn't work? Move onto attempt 3.

Students feel a profound sense of accomplishment when they finish something using their own ideas. They will also build the vital skills needed for our success in today's world...creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking!

Onward!

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