



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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



Welcome to another week at St. Joseph School! We'll start, as always, with our Early Childhood classes. We were lucky this week to have relatively mild weather (and no rain!) which allowed for more fun outside in our playground. Students also practiced fine motor skills by tracing and coloring. Plus,



students in Pre-K completed one of my personal favorite projects – the “M is for Monster” tissue box!



In Music class, the 1<sup>st</sup> grade learned a song about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who we celebrate this coming Monday. The students had fun learning the lyrics, and while they can't sing (due to safety protocols) they were able to recite the lines together. Their remote friends joined in, too!

Second grade is in the process of connecting with pen pals from other schools in the Diocese. Here, they are pictured writing to students at Holy Angels Regional in Patchogue. Next week they'll write to their friends at St. Patrick's in Huntington. In a digital world where communication is lightning fast, there is something both important and nostalgic about handwriting a letter – we're glad to give our young students this opportunity.



4<sup>th</sup> grade created fossil imprints using Play-Dough and miniature dinosaur figures. We appreciate our teachers allowing for students to be creative and think outside the box.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade also prepared and presented our January Prayer Service on Tuesday. They did a wonderful job! Their theme, a new year of learning and serving, really resonates with us here at school. Though we have had difficult road, we are ready to begin anew and face whatever challenges lie ahead - because we know God is with us.



In Middle School, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders worked in small groups to collaboratively respond to questions about *The Outsiders*, their current novel. This set up allows for the perfect balance of safety and normalcy, especially when our remote students can also participate via Google Meet.

A big congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who received their high school acceptance letters this week! Schools that they will be choosing from include Chaminade, Kellenberg, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Mercy, Holy Trinity, St. Mary's and St. Anthony's. We are so proud of all that they accomplished, and though we will be sad to see them go, we know they will represent us well in their Catholic High Schools of choice.



Though we usually reserve the *Week in Review* for events that have already happened, it's important to note that Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching! Be on the lookout for our schedule of events which will soon be released. We are happy to be able to provide much of the same fun and excitement as usual, while still following our strict safety protocols. We're looking forward to being able to share more information with you soon, and hope that you'll be able to pass it along to interested friends, family members and neighbors.

Until then, be safe and be well!

Warm Regards,

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