Building a Foundation

of EXCELLENCE

St. James EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Jaguar Spirit

December 18, 2020

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THINK.
BELIEVE.
BECOME

HOHOHO

MERRY CHRISTMAS

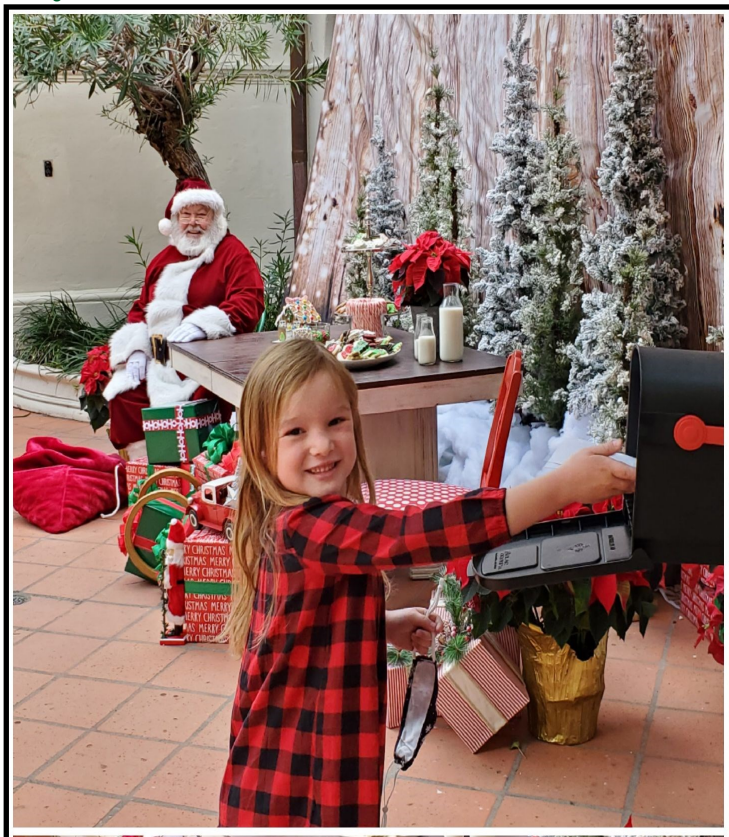
Just A GIRL who loves CHRISTMAS

Pre-Primary scholars used Multiple Intelligences to explore the themes of colors and Christmas!

Pre-Primary

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is excitedly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas! They have carefully written letters to him and enjoyed his visit to our School.



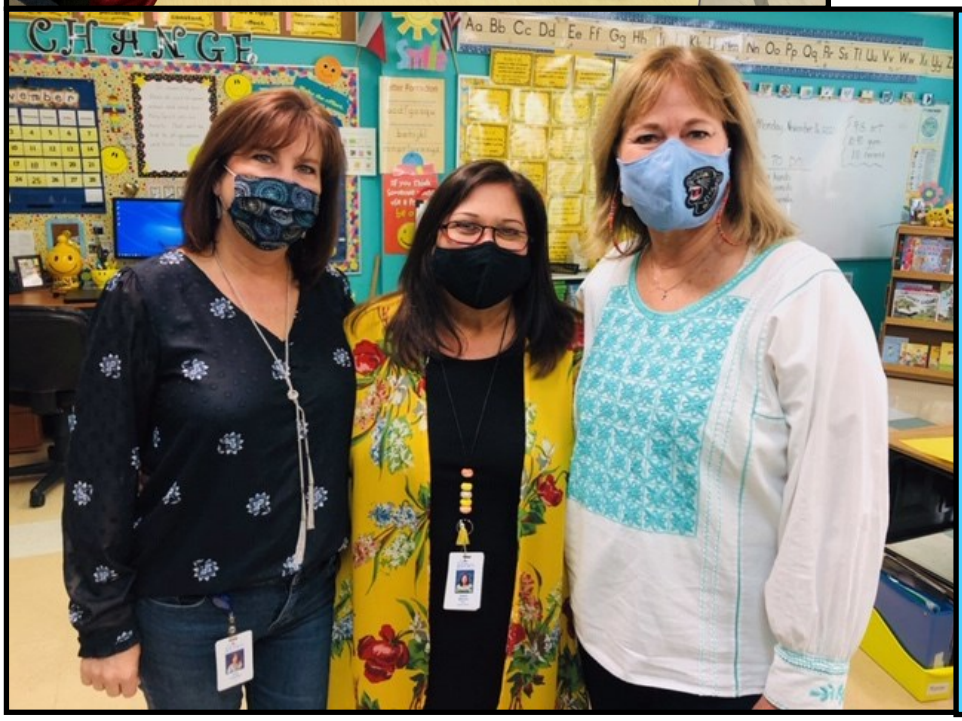
Kindergarten has been learning about the importance of giving. They created their blanket project to help cancer patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Kinder has also been working hard learning their sight words which they know by heart.

fabulous first grade

First Grade spent some time outside working on Math subtraction problems while enjoying the beautiful weather.

Dear Santa
I'VE BEEN
GOOD-ISH
ALL YEAR!



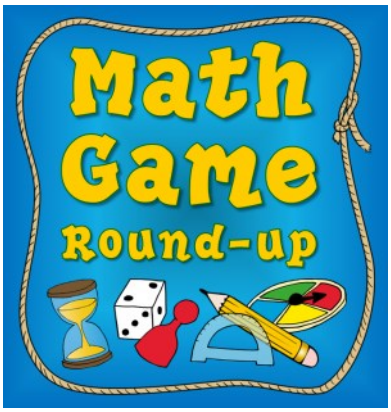
Welcome back,

Mrs. Moreno!

Your SJES Family missed you and is glad to have you home!

2nd GRADE

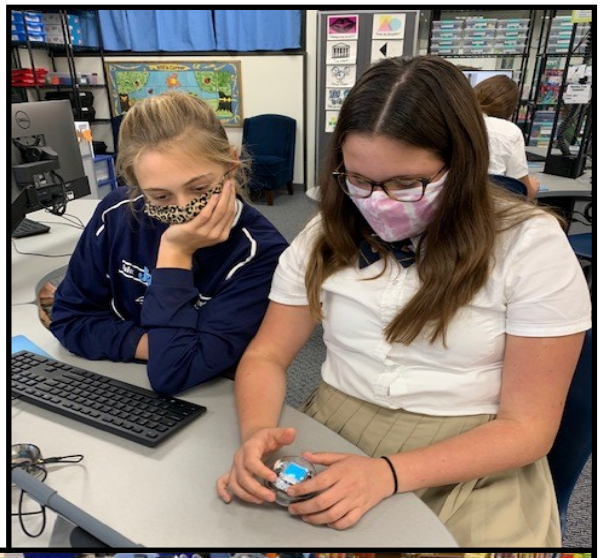
Second Grade scholars enjoyed learning while playing Place Value Battle together!

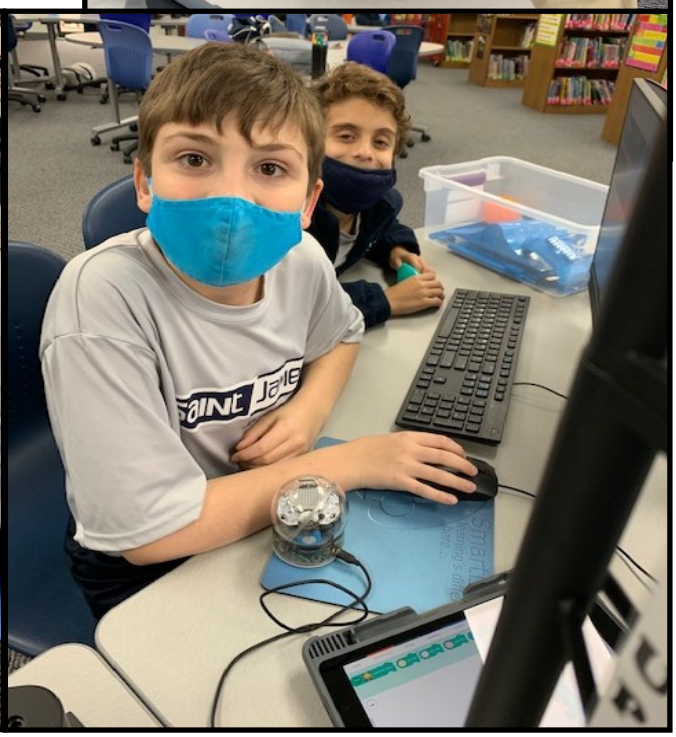


FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Graders have been learning about inference skills. They were tasked with figuring out what Ms. Ramirez has been doing based on clues provided for them.

ST. JAMES STREAM LAB





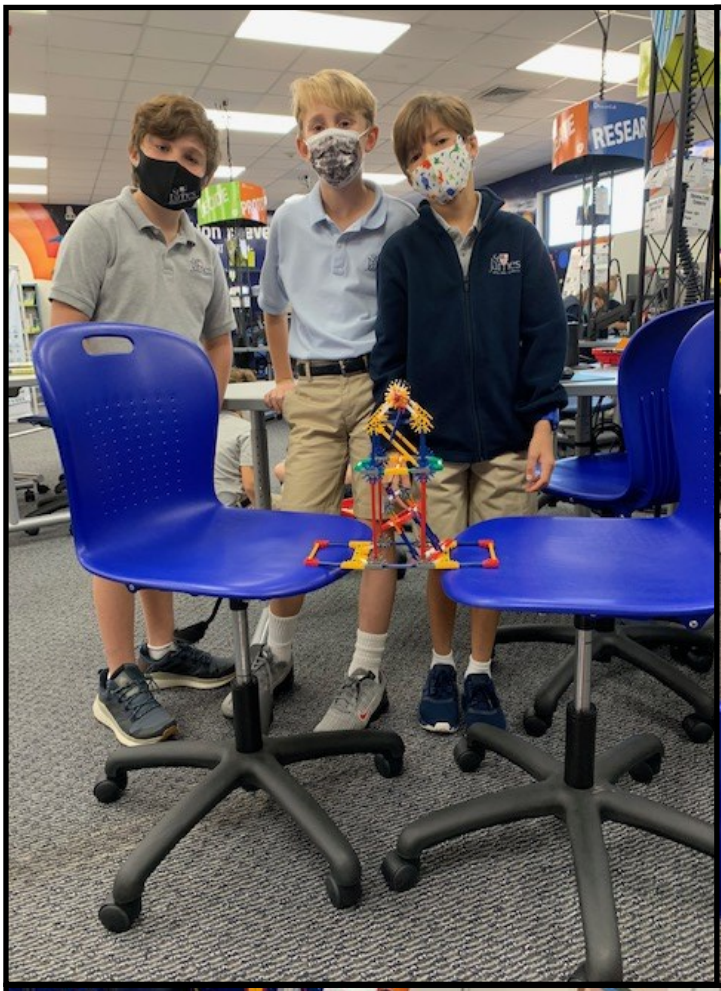
Middle School scholars spent some time in the Frazier STREAM Innovation Center working with a **BOLT** which is a STEM toy robot used to teach programming by block-based coding or java script. BOLT is Sphero's most advanced app-enabled robotic ball to date, providing more ways to express creative ideas and experience the power of programming. BOLT's LED light matrix allows scholars to program their robots to display characters, vector graphics, sensor data, or play games on the matrix itself.

STEM
THINKING
CIRCUIT COMPONENTS

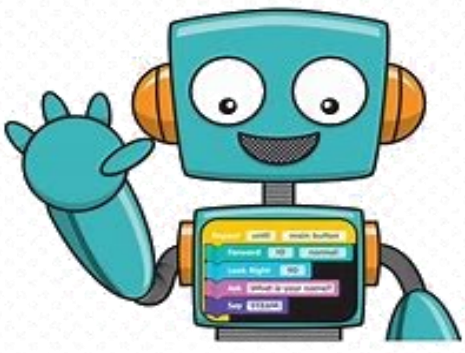
8th Grade

Science Mobile Toy System
IQ KEY

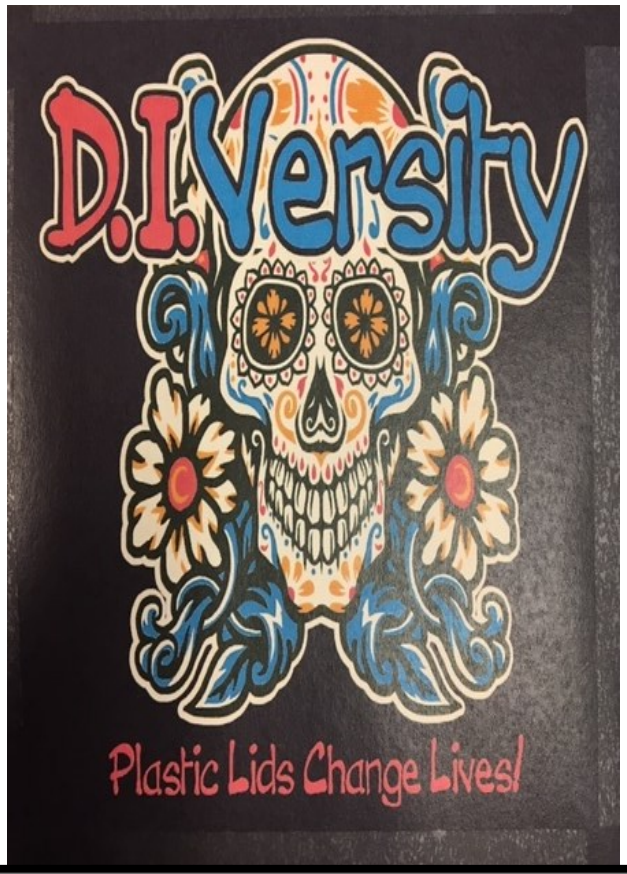
Getting Started
with Photoshop



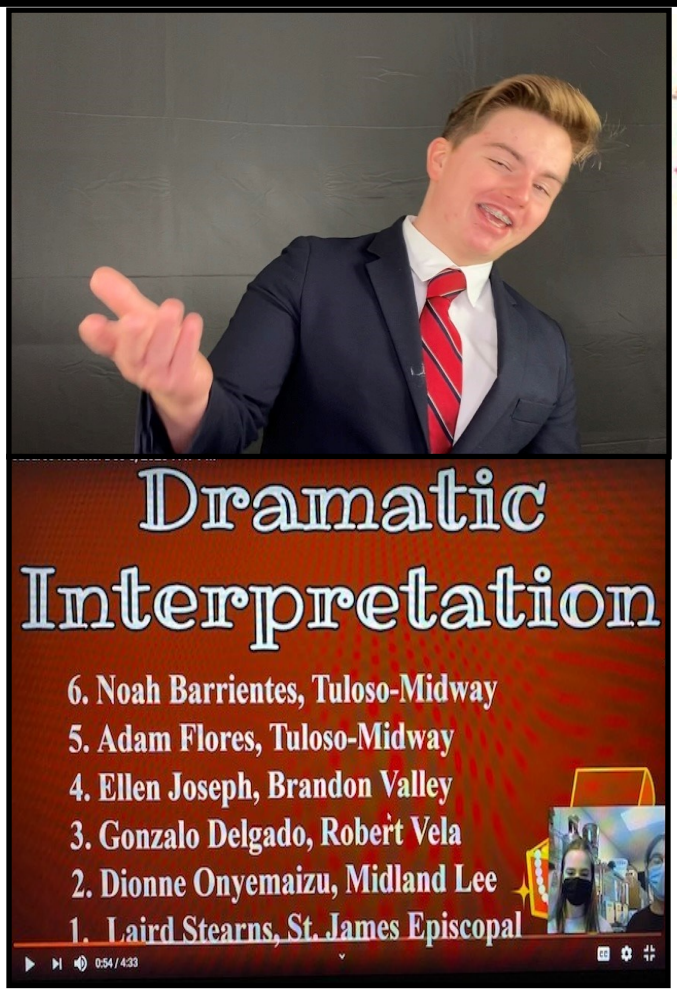
CODING + FUN WITH OZOBOT



Middle School News



8th Grade scholars Lillian Batchelor, Addie Clore, and Laird Stearns are collecting plastic lids as part of their DI team. Collected lids help provide chemotherapy treatments to children in Mexico. Approximately 1,000 plastic lids will purchase one treatment. Please send scholars to school with lid donations...any and all types of plastic lids will help!



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Scholar, **Laird Stearns,** for his recent win in Dramatic Interpretation. **Laird** won 1st Place at the London Treasures TFA High School Speech & Debate Tournament. **Laird** was the only Middle School student to compete in this event, and he beat high school students from across Texas, as well as South Dakota and Arkansas.

TEN MINUTES WITH…
MRS. MARSH

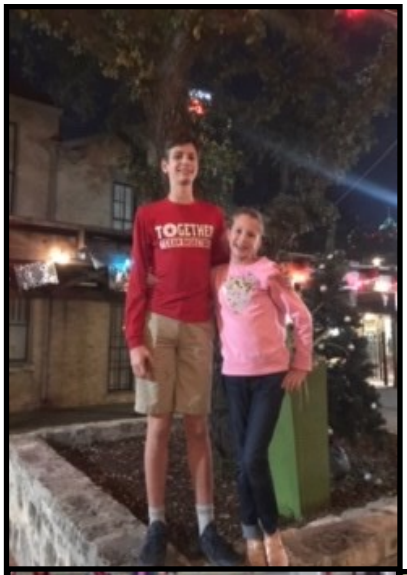
By Maggie Croft

Maggie: What other schools have you taught at? **Mrs. Marsh: I have taught at Windsor Park, Baker Middle School, Taft Elementary School, and Yeager.** How long have you been teaching at St. James? **This is my fourth year here at SJES.** How many years have you been teaching total? **I have been teaching for 15 years.** What grades have you taught? **I have taught Pre-school, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 6th grade. This year is exciting because I am teaching Kindergarten all the way through 8th grade.** What is your favorite restaurant? **I love a Turkish restaurant in Houston called Istanbul Grill!** Where did you go to college? I **attended Texas A & M University at College Station, Del Mar College, and Texas A & M University at Corpus Christi.** What is your favorite holiday? **I LOVE Halloween!** Do you have any exciting summer plans this year? **I was planning to go to Paris, but we are not really sure what will happen now… it just depends on what will happen with the virus.** If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? **I would love to go to Lake Como, in Italy.**

Alumni Spotlight

Cage Ranton Class of 2018 By Gigi Ranton

Cage Ranton is an IB Junior at W.B. Ray High School. Since Cage's sophomore year, he has been a varsity athlete for the Ray Texan Basketball team. Gigi: What is your favorite subject? **Cage: History because it is interesting to learn about.** What was your favorite Outdoor Ed Trip during your time at St. James? **Camp Eagle because it was a good experience and the zip line was fun.** Who was your favorite teacher at St. James? **Mrs. Garcia because she was quirky, informative, and she made me want to learn when she taught History.** Do you still see any of your classmates from SJES? **Stone Fitzgerald and Fischer Brown, because we are good family friends, Thomas Barnick when playing basketball, and all three when we have shot skeet.** How did SJES prepare you for high school? **Mr. D and his math class prepared me for my freshman and sophomore years of high school and Dr. Jacobs and her English class taught me how to write an essay.** Looking back at your experience at St. James, why would you recommend St. James? **St. James has close bonds with the teachers and students and I don't think all schools have that like SJES had for me. St. James has a great education which has prepared everyone after they leave St. James.**



IMPORTANT DATES
~SPRING SEMESTER~

Jan. 5……..……..Scholars Return
Jan. 7……...…Friends of St. James Meeting
Jan. 13-15……...….Semester Exams (7th/8th)
Jan. 15……..…..End of Semester
Jan. 18……...……...No School, MLK Day
Feb. 7……St. James Sunday
Feb. 15……..…..No School, President's Day
March 8-March 12……...…….Spring Break
April 2-April 5……..……Easter Break
May 5……....Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 10—13….. …….Middle School ODE Trips
May 21……...…….Field Day/11:30 Dismissal
May 27……..Celebration Chapel
May 27……..8th Grade Baccalaureate
May 28……...……...8th Grade Graduation
May 28…….....Last day of school
11:30 Dismissal

JANUARY

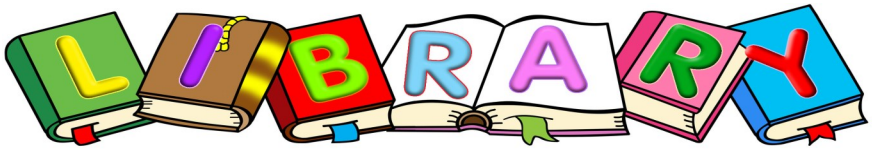
1st — Tommy Rios
2nd — Betty Murry
6th — Kayci Hunt
11th — Sandy Wheeler

Dear St. James Scholars,

After weeks of reporting back to the North Pole, I am overjoyed to inform you are all on Santa's Good Girl and Boy List! Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Love,

Elfie Sulik



Church of the Good Shepherd News

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

Sundays - Outside at the Youth House

- **Middle School Games (6th - 8th) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
- **Middle and High School Dinner 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **High School Games (9th - 12th) 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Our Youth Minister, Glenn Meschko, has created a fun and safe way to meet. We have games, fellowship, and a boxed dinner each week.

Activities and dinner are held outside. You must wear a **mask** and we will provide hand sanitizer. We will follow the protocol of the school/church, diocese and the state. Bring a friend!

Glenn is looking for parent volunteers for the Youth Group. Please text Glenn at 210-460-8788 to volunteer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Resumes January 10

9:30 a.m.

We are following all Phase 2b protocol from the diocese. Masks are required and we social distance.

Sunday School for Children meets in Water Street Classrooms:
3 year olds - 1st grade meet in Room 107
2nd - 5th grade meet in Room 102
6th grade Confirmation meets in Room 106
7th - 12th grade Youth meet in Room 102

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Nursery (1 and 2 year-olds)
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Sundays

We are able to accept children ages 1-2 in the nursery. All infants under the age of one are welcome to go with parents to adult Sunday School classes and church. We have three rooms in the nursery for social distancing.

Children's Chapel (3 year olds - 1st grade)
10:30 a.m. (Meet outside the chapel)

Temperatures will be taken upon arrival and masks must be worn. Hands will be sanitized. We will go to gym for story and playground for play. Then they will join parents in the church.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Service
10:30 a.m. Service
5:30 p.m. Service

In-Person Worship:
The safety protocols are in place and are working well. We ask that everyone wear a mask.

Worship Live or Online:
You can also worship live online at 10:30 a.m. on our website, and you can also view the recorded service.

THEME FOR 2021

Our Good Shepherd theme for 2021 will be from Psalm 122:1 - **"Let us go the the house of the Lord."** Coming together for worship is a vital part of our lives as Christians. We are the Body of Christ. Our Sunday School and Wednesday evening classes will be based on this theme. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, January 24
9:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

All church members are invited to come hear about the impact the church made in 2020 and the direction we are headed for 2021. We will also vote on new Vestry members.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

2021 Women's Retreat
Save the Date!
March 26 - 27
Special Guest Speaker:
Ashlee Sallee Kinsel