

## Bishop Bambera gets first-hand lesson in STREAM technology

SCRANTON — The kindergarten students inside Molly Sullivan's classroom at All Saints Academy were all smiles as they welcomed Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Wednesday, October 16.

What the Bishop didn't know as he entered the room was that he was going to help the youngsters with one of their lessons for the day.

The students, paired off in teams of two, were tasked with making apple trappers out of just paper and tape. The students later tested their inventions to see if they could successfully retrieve a paper apple from a nearby table while standing more than a foot away.

Like any new invention, some of the apple trappers didn't work at first — but the student teams went right back to work to correct the problems and develop a device that was successful.

"He's invested in their future. It shows them that he's coming to our school to look at what we're doing. It's amazing for the kids to see that he's on their level," All Saints Academy principal Brittany Krupski said about the Bishop's visit.

Just weeks after the Diocese of Scranton announced a \$1 million investment in its STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) initiative, Bishop Bambera was able to get a first-hand look at some of the new resources that have already been purchased for the initial implementation phase.

"This just seems like a whole

new world," Bishop Bambera said after he had witnessed many of the new devices that are already being used, including BeeBots and Spheros robotics. "The energy inside the classrooms is palpable!"

Bishop Bambera toured two individualized instruction classrooms and visited both kindergarten and first grade classrooms, before stopping by a seventh grade class which was studying Ancient Rome and joining another sixth grade music class. The bishop acknowledged that many people in the community are talking to him about their excitement about STREAM all across the Diocese.

"It's exciting to be a teacher right now. It's exciting to be a principal right now as well because you get to be a part of that collaborative effort," Kristen Donohue, Diocesan Schools Superintendent said.

The interactive lessons that many students at All Saints Academy are involved in won't soon fade from their memory.

In the first grade classroom that the Bishop visited, some students were excitedly gluing photographs of their prior lessons and experiments inside their STREAM journals.

Besides helping students in the engineering and design process for some projects, the journals will no doubt be something students use to look back on their experiences.

"You want them to remember, even in a couple years, to see how far they've come," Krupski said.

## Diocesan schools receive more than \$400,000 in school safety grants

HARRISBURG -- The Pennsylvania Department of Education has awarded the Diocese of Scranton's Catholic School System \$441,875.34 in competitive 2019-2020 Safe Schools Targeted Grants. Grants have been awarded to Diocesan schools to purchase safety and security-related equipment and enhance emergency communication with law enforcement.

"We are incredibly thankful that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided these grants to help strengthen our security measures," Jason Morrison, Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Chief Executive Officer, said. "This money will

be used throughout our individual school buildings to build upon efforts that have already been taken to keep our students and faculty safe."

Schools in the Diocese of Scranton plan to use the grant funding to update surveillance cameras and install modernized mass communication systems that will decrease vulnerability.

"Having the most effective and efficient mass communication system can make the difference between chaos and stability," Kristen Donohue, Superintendent of Diocesan Catholic Schools, said. "We are very appreciative of our state lawmakers who have seen the value in making these grants available to both public and nonpublic schools."

On October 17, 2019, the Pennsylvania Department of Education announced the recipients of \$7.2 million in competitive 2019-2020 Safe Schools Targeted Grants. More than \$4 million has been awarded to public schools. In accordance with Act 18 of 2019, this year \$3.2 million has been awarded to nonpublic schools.

"Students perform their best when they feel safe and secure," Pedro A. Rivera, Pennsylvania Education Secretary, said. "The Safe Schools Targeted Grant program provides school leaders with options when determining which safety tools work best for their own school communities."



**Bishop Joseph C. Bambera was the principal celebrant for a Mass at Saint John Neumann Regional Academy in Williamsport on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. In addition to celebrating Mass with the students, the Bishop also visited students and classrooms at Saint John Neumann Regional Academy's Lower Campus.**

**Bishop Bambera has made a commitment to visit all 20 Diocesan schools this academic year. While he has already visited four schools since the beginning of the year, his monthly schedule remains:**

**November 2019:** Holy Rosary Elementary School; Saint Clare/Saint Paul School

**December 2019:** Holy Family Academy; Notre Dame High School & Elementary School; Monsignor McHugh Elementary School; Wyoming Area Catholic Elementary School

**January 2020:** Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Elementary School

**March 2020:** Good Shepherd Academy; Our Lady of Peace Elementary School; LaSalle Academy

**April 2020:** Holy Cross High School; Epiphany School; Saint Agnes Elementary School; Saint Nick/Saint Mary Elementary School

**May 2020:** Saint Jude Elementary School



**Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and two students from Molly Sullivan's kindergarten class at All Saints Academy use paper and tape to construct "Apple Trappers" as part of a STREAM lesson on October 16.**



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**Saint Jude School in Mountain Top**



**Notre Dame Elementary School in East Stroudsburg**



**Saint John Neumann Elementary School in Williamsport**



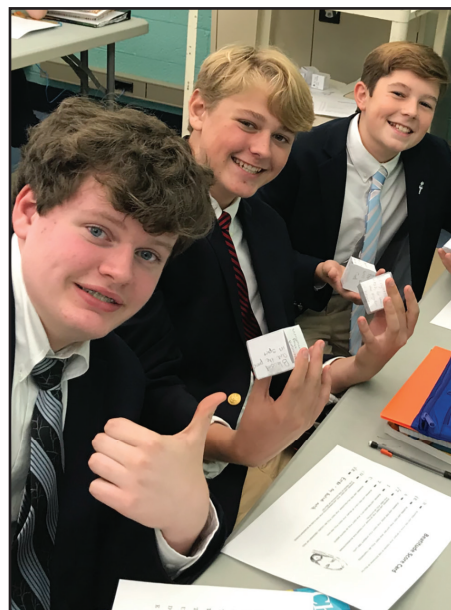
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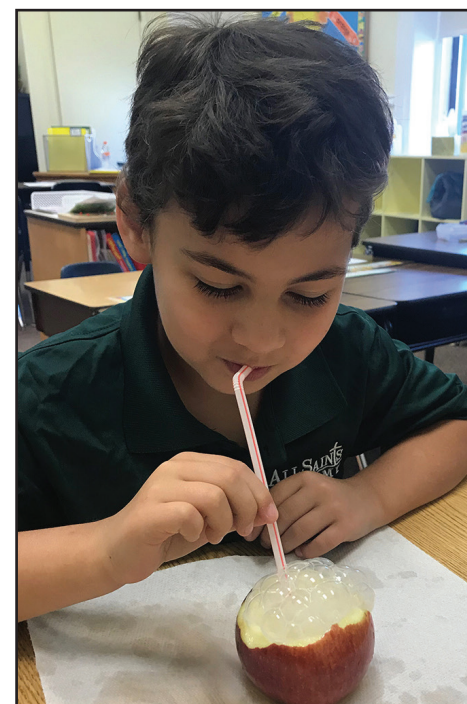
**Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco**



**Wyoming Area Catholic School in Exeter**



Jake Munley, Max Tierney and Finn Kane, eighth grade students at **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green**, enjoy a Beatitudes review game, using the Beatitude Dice they constructed and a score card.



**All Saints Academy in Scranton**

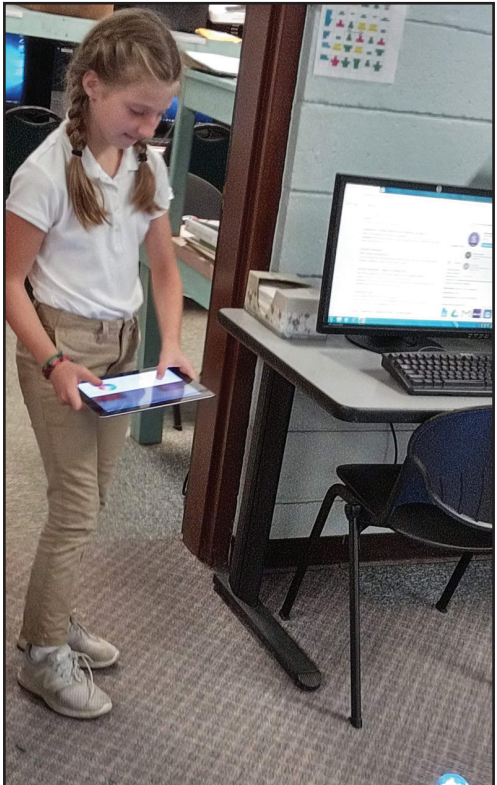




Ryan Sankey and Tessa Romani, seniors at **Holy Redeemer High School** in Wilkes-Barre, stand with their court after being named Homecoming King and Queen.



Timothy Beers and Nicole Siciliano, seniors at **Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High** in East Stroudsburg, were recently crowned the school's Homecoming King and Queen.



**Saint Agnes School** in Towanda



**Holy Family Academy** in Hazleton



The Individualized Instruction Class at **Good Shepherd Academy** in Kingston recently began an eight-week yoga class.



**Epiphany School** in Sayre



**Saint Clare/Saint Paul School** in Scranton