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Dear Families,

This week was an exciting one as students participated in the annual All Saints Academy's STEAM Challenge. As is the school's tradition, students across campuses were tasked with working together to observe, solve, create, and construct. In the Preschool and Kindergarten classes, students were challenged with building "bone" bridges and gummy pumpkin towers and creating marshmallow ghosts and rainbow art with skittles. Activities in grades one through four included Room on the Broom, Sailing Ghost Ships, Little Monsters and Pumpkin Stand. At the middle school, challenges included Creature Catcher, Bone Bridge, and Golf Ball Transfer. Students were excited and challenged as they worked cooperatively in these Halloween themed activities. Special thanks to FASA for providing *Goldfish* snacks and apple juice to everyone!

Thursday morning found our community celebrating the Feast of All Saints at Mass with Fr. Sanders and Fr. Adam. After the homily, students in fifth grade each presented the Saint project they had been working on in religion class with Mrs. Berthiame. They took pride as they presented their research dressed as their Saint. I was most impressed with the reflective and thoughtful questions they would have asked the Saints if they were able. After the Mass, students in eighth grade were presented with their special clothing, a three-quarter zip pull-over that was voted on by the class and designed by Mrs. Crowley. As another tradition in the school, it was a special moment to celebrate our oldest students and role models.

Next week we will celebrate the first New England Catholic Schools Week. Special events include the Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by FASA, Special Persons' Day, our first Fall Open House, and the Veterans Day Breakfast. Thank you to all of you who have worked hard to pull these events together!

Yours in Christ,

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