



Welcome to Crusader News!

Through this new e-newsletter, we'll be sharing **academic and curriculum updates, science and technology initiatives, student and faculty achievements** and more. While you'll still receive email reminders about important dates or upcoming events at DMCA sites, be sure to check out Crusader News to stay up-to-date on what's going on in and out of the classroom. Please feel free to contact me with comments or questions. In the meantime, many thanks for your continued support.

Tom Smith, Principal



SUMMER STREAM CAMPS

It's not too late to register your child for our free summer STREAM camps!

- **Life is Science** - June 25-28, 8 am - 3 pm
- **Video Storytelling** - July 9-12, 8 am - 3 pm

These first-ever camps are open to students in grades 3-6. Space is limited so call 539-5313 today to register your child!

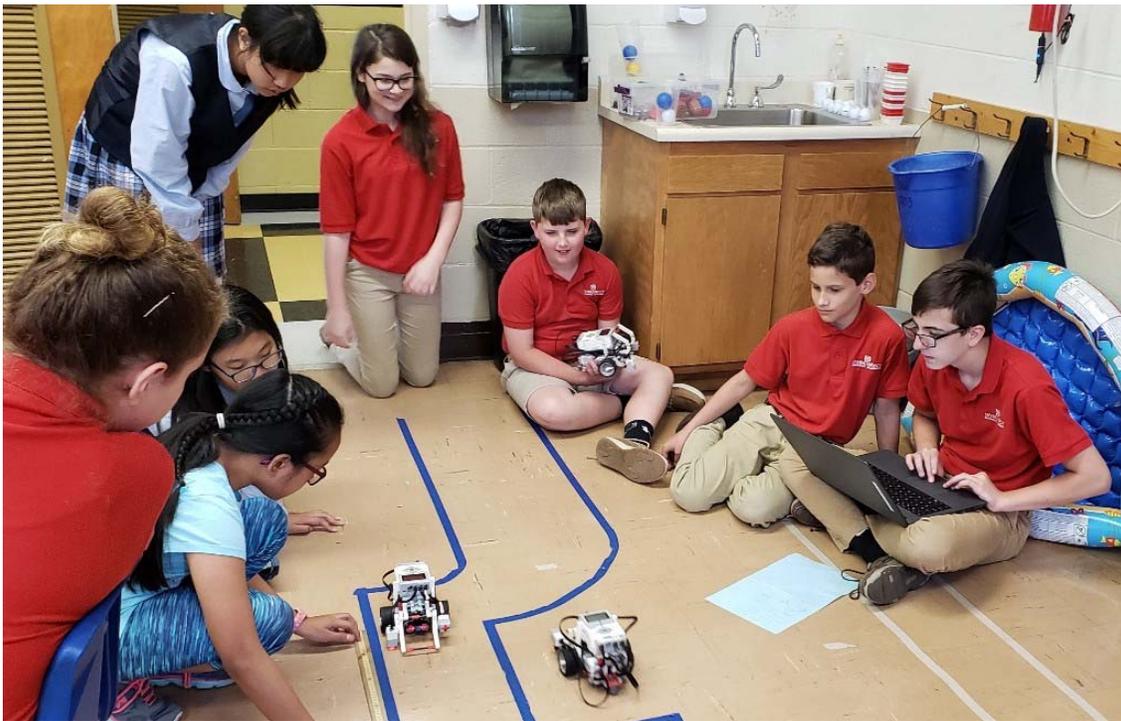
And for our Preschoolers and Incoming Kindergartners ...



Introducing interactive summer camps for incoming PreK and K students! The week-long camps will be held at both campuses from June 25-29, July 16-20 and July 30-August 3 from 9 am - 2 pm and cost \$100 per week. Spaces are limited so contact Alyssa Mallin (East Campus) at mallin.alyssa@divinemeracy.academy or Deb

Leventry (West Campus) at leventry.debra@divinemeracy.academy to register your child today!!

And this just in! Join us for a **Virtual Reality (VR) Classroom Open House on Friday, 6/22 from 9 am - 1 pm on our West Campus** for an insider's look at some of the equipment and programs in place in our STREAM labs. Teachers will also be there to learn more about integrating these resources into their classrooms.



DMCA 6th graders test the coding capabilities of the Mindstorm ev3 robots they designed and built.

Full STREAM Ahead!

In January, we launched the **first-ever K-6 STREAM* labs** at our East and West campuses. Guided by **STREAM instructor Justin Oglie**, our students learned by doing as they explored engineering and robotics, coding, sustainable energy and more.

This spring, we launched a **Digital Video Production** (DVP) program for students in grades 7-8. Although in its early stages, the program is introducing interested students to DVP, including how to write, edit, produce and air a weekly news series. [Crusher News](#) is fully

"Our labs and STREAM program build on children's natural curiosity," Mr. Oglie explained. "It's a hands-on space where our students work together to take a few risks, make mistakes and then learn from them. It's a dynamic space designed to help them learn how to solve problems, communicate with their peers and improve their critical thinking skills."

Our K-6 students aren't the only ones having fun with STREAM.



produced by DMCA DVP students in a specially designed production studio that opened on the Bishop McCort campus in early 2018.

Our STREAM investment doesn't stop there. In August, we'll open a **state-of-the-STREAM lab for 7th and 8th graders**. The lab, also located on the Bishop McCort campus, will be equipped with a 3D printer, laser cutter and other STREAM tools and resources. Stay tuned for updates in Crusader News throughout the summer!

**Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math*



Kindergarteners build aluminum boats in the East Campus STREAM lab to test buoyancy principles while older students prepare to test energy principles in the West Campus lab.



Just a reminder that DMCA students in grades 3-6 are expected to complete at-your-own-pace summer math and reading programs to help them strengthen their foundational skills and bridge any potential summer learning gaps. Check our [website](#) for program specifics and more info.



Congratulations to the Class of 2018, who graduated on May 24 at St. John's Cathedral and then danced the night away at the 8th grade celebration. Check out the evening's video [here](#). Best wishes to all of our graduates for your continued success!



Upcoming Events

- 6/22** VR Classroom Open House, West Campus
- 6/25-6/28** Life is Science Camp
- 6/25-29** PreK-K Camp
- 7/9-7/12** Video Storytelling Camp
- 7/16-7/20** PreK-K Camp
- 7/30-8/3** PreK-K Camp
- 8/27** First Day of School; Summer Reading Journals Due

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