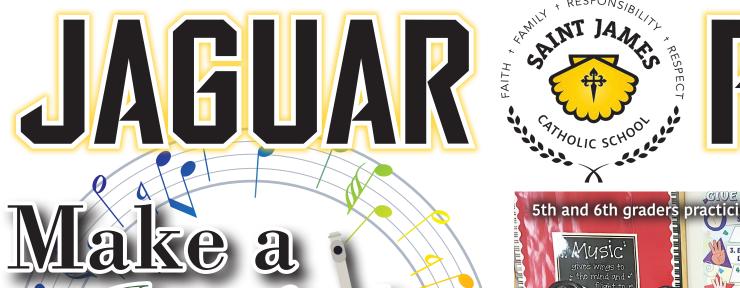
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5th and 6th graders practicing a song together.

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Music is an important part of any child's education. One of the best ways to help students find a love of music is to put an instrument in their hands. Thanks to a very generous donation, the music program at St. James was given the opportunity to do exactly this and add pre-band instruments to our vocal music program. The instruments from Nuvo resemble full sized concert instruments such as the clarinet, flute, horn, and saxophone, yet they are smaller in size for smaller hands. They are durable, lightweight, easy to clean, and easy to maintain.

Students in third through sixth grades are learning musical theory, articulation, and intonation as they enjoy the experience of expressing themselves through instrumental music. Third graders enjoy learning the recorder while older students choose which instruments they would like to learn, giving them an introduction to woodwinds and brass. The fundamentals that the students are learning can all be transferred to full sized concert instruments when they begin band.

The students are excited about the addition and it shows! Izzy in 4th grade says, "It's cool that we can learn instruments early in fourth grade," while Marlenn in 6th grade says, "I have never played an instrument before and I like it."

Other students have commented on how playing music brings joy into your life and how they are excited for the opportunity to explore instrumental music.













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