



### **Why STREAM?**

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, STEM occupations are growing at a rate of 17% per year compared to 9.8% for other occupations. STEM education became a focus in U.S. schools because business leaders across our country were having difficulty finding graduating students with the necessary skills to stay competitive. In recent years, it has been increasingly evident that our economy is driven by innovation, and the creativity and communication nurtured through the Arts. Rooted in our faith as a Catholic school, Religion is woven throughout all subjects and completes the picture for a holistic approach to education. Our STREAM initiative will help students develop critical-thinking, research, and collaborative skills necessary to become future innovators, ready for a workforce in need of these 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.