

Principal's Report

January 4, 2022

I. Enrollment updates

- PreK 3 – 49
- PreK 4 - 60
- K – 61
- Total Students 481

II. News About School

- November and December were busy months.
- During November we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, Veterans Day, the Mass of Remembrance, and a Thanksgiving Mass. Students learn how our church community is an integral part of these celebrations.
- Our 4th graders went on an outdoor fieldtrip to New Salem and experienced Pioneer Days! They used the parish center to have a day of learning about the Pioneers and dressed up, churned butter and had loads of fun.
- Teachers had a training day for I-XL, a technology component we adopted with EANS grant money during our November Faculty Meeting.
- Our bonus raffle was a hit, with two early bird drawings in November and the grand prize drawing in December. We sold 4,826 tickets. Income: The final count \$120,650 (Last year we had 3,613 sold tickets) Sponsors: \$400 Income: \$121,050 Expenses: Prize Payout: \$21,250 Advertising: \$366 (for 3 ad printings in Catholic Times) County Clerk Raffle License: \$200 (estimate) Postcard printing and mailing: \$525 (estimate) Postage: \$100 (estimate) Expenses: \$22,441 Approximate Net Income: \$98,609
18 families sold 0 tickets = 288 tickets (\$7,200)
There were also 19 families who did not sell all of their 16 tickets. The outstanding ticket balance for all those 19 families is 148 tickets (\$3,700) Estimated to be billed: \$10,900
- We collected food and money to assemble 60 Thanksgiving Food Baskets for Catholic Charities! We gave them \$800 for the turkeys etc. and perishable food items.
- We had successful in-person parent/teacher conferences before Thanksgiving. Thank you for the dinners that late evening!
- Advent began the weekend after Thanksgiving. We were sure to bring out our large manger and Advent Wreath for our students to use during the Advent season. They fill the manger with yellow strips of paper, or straw for the bed, and on the strips they write their kind deeds, prayers, and good work as they prepare for the birth of our Saviour. Each week students prayed as they lit the next candle on the Advent Wreath.
- A few 7th/8th grade students participated in a Speech Meet Dec. 4th and won First Place.
- Breakfast with Santa on Sunday Dec. 5th was a hit.
- Students received Reconciliation in church during Advent on the 1st and 8th.
- Eighth grade students served the Over 50 Club Christmas Dinner in Roesch Hall Friday Dec. 3rd at 5:30PM. They were very willing to help with this annual event!
- The three Kindergarten classes presented a Nativity Program for their parents in church on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during the last week before Christmas. First, Second and Third grade students sang during the program. I narrated it. It was sweet and just

perfect. Acting out the Nativity is just another way our younger students learn to demonstrate practicing our faith.

- Our Cougar Chorus performed around Springfield during December and also for our students on the last day of school before break. They are quite talented with their choreography and voices! Very impressive. Their beautiful voices sang for Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00PM.

I can't wait for the school Musical, Frozen Jr. in May. Auditions will be in 3 weeks for 5th – 8th grade students.

- Winter Camp was a success during our Christmas break. Dec 20-23 & Dec. 27-30. The first week we had 118 total for 4 days and the second week 70 total for the week.
- Thank you to the School Board for the Café Moxo breakfast on December 16th. It was more than delicious. The staff is so grateful for your generosity.
- This year we are able to award 13 students with \$38,250 in Empower Illinois scholarship awards. Eleven donors gave this year. The last scholarship was just awarded on 12/7.
- MAGIC match sponsors picked up one more donor (38) giving \$23,750 this year to teachers classrooms!

III. Curriculum Updates

- None currently

IV. Upcoming Events

- Altar Server training Jan. 11th and 25th.
- Empower Illinois Reservation Night for parents Jan. 12th at 6:30PM.
- Preschool Vision and Hearing Screening
- Local March for Life January 21st.
- Sonogram event for Jr. High students.
- Field trip for 3rd graders to the Cathedral before sacraments received.
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 3rd graders at the Cathedral on Feb. 15th 7:00PM
- Tours for new prospective families.
- Auction- Virtual Spring Fling in March.
- First Reconciliation for 2nd grade 6:00PM Tuesday March 22nd.

V. Staffing

- Letters of Intent to go out for next year staffing.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Windows need replacing.
- Preschool Boiler aging out.