

## Principal's Report

November 6, 2018

### I. Enrollment updates

- We have 417 enrolled. Families with preschool and K-8 students are 34; – not included in this count are the Moore family joining us in 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and two other families the King family with 4 children and Hoene family with a 1<sup>st</sup> and preK-4 student. So we could have 8 more students or 425 students!!
- We have 58 preschool 3's enrolled.
- We have 52 preschool 4's enrolled.
- We have 307 students in K-8
- We have 50 in PSR enrolled
- We have 100 preschool families, 58 preschool families with only a preschooler; 8 preschool families with twins or 1 in 3's and 1 in 4's;
- We have 18 Families leaving us in in May with their youngest graduating.

### II. Good News About School

- Greg Matthews and the Levi, Ray, and Shoup Foundation donated \$60,000 to CTK for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Chromebooks and items listed in an LRS proposal for hardware to update the school's technology resources. The Chromebooks will be a nice addition so students will be able to access the new Science curriculum, Amplify, and be able to work on Reflex Math to strengthen their computation skills. We are incredibly grateful for this blessing and generosity. Wow.
- Teamboards were replaced in one 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom and four preschool classrooms with Smartboards from an online donation for the school. School board president, Rod Hollenstine donated his time to drive to Paris, IL to get them for the school. Thank you, Rod!! Long day on the road there and back, but so appreciated!
- A Living Rosary in church was prayed October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm. October is the month of the Rosary. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students were the leaders this year leading a beautiful Living Rosary.
- CTK Grandparents Day, Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Outstanding performance and celebration with our grandparents.
- Vision and Hearing Screenings took place Oct. 9 & 10. PTO helps with this cost.
- Flu shots were offered to staff before school in our Faculty work room Oct. 10th.
- Fire Drill with our Fire Marshall was practiced Oct. 11th. Great Shake out, earthquake preparedness drill took place on 10/18 at 10:18am.
- Picture Day took place on October 15 & 16th.
- Mission Mass was October 15<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral. All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students attended.
- Oktoberfest was chilly this year due to it being a windy fall day. It seemed to be well attended although the weather was questionable. Lots of cute decorated trunks participated.
- In-house 2 day workshop for teachers on Guided Math was extremely well received by teachers. They are looking for funds to implement some of the excellent ideas that were presented on these two days.

- 7<sup>th</sup> graders led our Spirit Day assembly this month. It was a moving Right to Life prayer service.
- We attended Mass on All Saints' Day, a Holy day of obligation.
- K-1-2 had parent/teacher conferences. I had parents send me extremely positive emails about how well informed they were and the excellent staff.
- Report cards were emailed to parents after the quarter ended Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Halloween was celebrated with the Montvale Estates residents. Our K-1-2 students paraded to Montvale to bring them a little Halloween cheer!
- Author Mr. David Biedzycki came to our school to share his gift of writing. He spoke to our K-4 students about what he does as an author and illustrator. PTO paid for this visit.
- Early Bird drawing winners for CTK Raffle: Nicholas Schweska and Troy & Laura Scott won \$250 plus \$50 for selling the ticket! This was a LIVE facebook event held in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. Our next early bird drawing will be on November 29th!
- All month the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been updating us with an Illinois Bi-Centennial Minute each morning over the intercom. We will play trivia on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate the Illinois Bi-Centennial!

### III. Curriculum Updates

- We are exploring a new curriculum for Social Studies/History for next year.
- New Science curriculum – Amplify. K-8 program that address all of the Next Generation Science Standards. Develops problem solving.
- iLit – online program for students struggling with Literature.
- REFLEX Math – Grades 2-5 and others that would benefit from computation skill practice.

### IV. Upcoming Events

- Fall sports pictures.
- Training with Smart technology again! Training during our faculty meeting 2-4pm.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball – Pack the Gym night on November 7<sup>th</sup>!! Come support your Cougars!
- Veterans Day Mass and celebration with our parish Vets. The George's are sending their half-track vehicle for students to explore!
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at the store.
- School Mass of Remembrance
- Thanksgiving Baskets for Catholic Charities.
- Reconciliation for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade before their Confirmation and retreat.
- Preparations for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade making their first Reconciliation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Reconciliation during Advent.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences for 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

V. Staff

- Patti Kaufmann will sub as Cafeteria Manager for a maternity leave in February for Samantha Black. She is expecting a baby girl then. She will be off for 12 weeks, but will come in to do payroll and clerical work.
- Amanda Chadoin replaced cafeteria worker, Sandy Colburn who resigned.
- Scott Carr maintenance worker resigned.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Roof & windows are in poor condition. More leaks are becoming visible with each rain. Dan showed me pictures of patches on top of patches on top of patches. He also believes the multi-purpose floor being destroyed may be from roof and window leaks in the old gym. Can we designate fundraisers to replace the roof some are asking? Some have asked can we have a Pizza fundraiser, kids bike fundraising parade, other fundraisers specifically targeted for a roof?
- Simplex Fire panel has flaws in it and requires expensive visits to test control panels. Might want to consider replacing with George Alarm – local & parishioner.
- Flooring in the Multi-purpose room and Music Room needs replacing. Dan is wondering if this water under the floor boards has come from a roofing problem.