

Principal's Report

May 9, 2017

I. Enrollment updates

- Total students enrolled: 376 students.
- Preschool students: 91 students.
- K-8 has 285 enrolled students. We have 258 families in our school.
- PSR has enrolled 73 students.
- We have 40- 8th grade students graduating and 26 families in the 8th grade class with their last child graduating. 35 are enrolled for Kindergarten as of now.
- We have 354 students registered for next year Preschool thru 8th grade.
- Summer Camp has 71 students registered for camps preschool thru 6th grade.

II. Good News About School

- We prepared for Lent with Reconciliation for the students in 3rd thru 8th grade.
- We prepared 20 Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities.
- CTK students visited Hope School with Easter Baskets for classrooms and were able to watch their performance of Cinderella.
- Mission Club had a Bake sale for the Missions and collected \$457.05. Our Mite boxes brought in \$339.68 for a total of \$796.74 for the Missionary Childhood Association.
- Our students participated in a memorable Stations of the Cross for the Parish.
- Sterling Raskie gave a "Money Smart" presentation to our Jr. High students after Easter.
- We celebrated with our Administrative Professionals on the 26th of April with a Luncheon, flowers brought in by students and massages given by a therapist.
- The principal attended a Principal's Leadership Conference at the Catholic Pastoral Center. We had Mass together and listened to several speakers on topics ranging from Discipleship & Stewardship; state recognition; Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline; and Human resource updates from the Diocese. Earlier in the month I went to Champaign with Regional Principals for an ISBE Conference on Equitable partnerships with public and non-public schools.
- April drew to a close with our \$10,000 Raffle drawing!
- Children prepared for their First Holy Communion by attending a Retreat in Roesch Hall, followed by Reconciliation, lunch and practice.
- First Communion was at 2:00pm, Sunday April 30th. Fr. Joe joyfully blessed gifts students received on Tuesday after 8:30am Mass.
- On April 28th CTK hosted a Father/Daughter Dance in our gym.
- Our first Wednesday all-school liturgy included the presentations of 8th grade ribbons to our graduates.
- May Crowning took place on the afternoon of May 3rd. 2nd grade students wore their First Communion outfits and brought flowers to the altar where mothers assembled a beautiful crown of flowers for Mary. Two 8th grade students crowned Mary as we prayed together, sang together and honored our Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Hope School students came to a Sneak Peak of Honk! Jr. our school musical on May 4th, the day before opening night. Honk! Jr. ran for 3 shows, with Saturday night being a dinner show.
- Track students had a successful Regional with a long list of qualifiers for the State meet. We took home plaques in each division with the 7th grade boys winning the Sectional Title, the 8th grade girls taking 2nd, and the 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys taking 3rd place out of 14 teams. GO COUGARS!
- Our last Spirit Day was Monday May 8th! Kindergarten led us in prayer. Later they shared what our preschool students have to look forward to next year!

III. Curriculum Updates

- Kristen Curtis and Cassie Hansen our Science Teachers for the 5th thru 8th grade students have decided to have a Science Masters club after school next year. It will be to challenge those who have above average science skills. This will be by invitation and take place after school next year. They are firming up plans.
- We are adding to our Religion Curriculum and Science Curriculum. We want to be sure we connect all the dots grade to grade and cover all the standards for each grade level. We are adding Pflaum weekly gospel readers in religion, and Foss kits in Science next year!
- Our new Math coach is taking 2 classes this summer to learn more about talented and gifted Math students and Math assessment. Angie Collings has asked for our Math books from each grade level so she can grasp what the focus for instruction at each level looks like. Angie is creating quarterly assessments for grade 6th thru 8th so she can create data on each problem, and help plan for “bell ringer problems” and provide assistance for teachers to circle back to concepts for better retention of information. These assessments will provide talking points for conferences with parents. She’ll be looking closely at our Math curriculum maps for what is needed to fill in gaps.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Living Rosary Friday, May 12th at 10am in the church. Grandparents, special friends, parents and parishioners are invited. 11:15am dismissal.
- State Track meet: Friday and Saturday in Peoria.
- 8th Grade Awards ceremony, Monday, May 15th 1:15pm in Roesch Hall.
- Preschool Graduation at 10:00am on Wednesday, May 17th in the Gym.
- 8th Grade graduation, 5:30pm Mass, May 19th.
- May 21st, Athlete/Clubs Recognition Mass, 5:00pm.
- May 24th Fun Day! 1:45pm Dismissal for Records Day.
- May 25th Last day of school, and day of service! Dismissal 1:45pm

V. Staff

- Tony Nika, our 5/6th grade English teacher is leaving. I have hired Susan Maziarz. She has more than 25 years teaching 5th grade English Language Arts, is a certified teacher and has National Board recognition and certification for Early Adolescent Language Arts. She is more than qualified and is excited to be teaching in a Catholic School.

- Gina Snow, our Librarian is retiring, and Savannah Skonberg is a certified school Librarian. I have hired her for next year as a Librarian.
- Beth Hoyle is leaving in 3rd grade and Kathy Zanger has asked to return to this post.
- Kathy Zanger is leaving PE for 3rd grade so I have hired former SHG Math teacher, and CTK parishioner, Angie Collings as our new PE teacher and Math Coach. She is excited to work with CTK teachers and challenge our students physically and mentally!
- Several aides will not be returning next school year. New faces will be 2 part-time aides in first grade: Mary Petrilli & Pam Cerveney. New part-time preschool aides MWF will be Kalina Cook; Anna Thoele; Monday thru Friday Amanda Workman will move from playground to Preschool Aide.
- We need a playground supervisor.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Music/Art room lighting. Ballasts are being replaced May 25th and 26th.
- The windows in the building are inefficient, handles are broken, and cool air and heat escape.
- Thinking about sharing our Chromebooks with the 4th grade students. We will need a charging cart for these to be stored in the 4th grade.
- Our Fund-A-Project this year was cafeteria tables. I received 18 tables from School Outfitters. We received two more donations to cover the balance of what was due.
- The Multi-purpose room floor needs to be replaced.
- The roof had a few spots that need repaired. Roofers predicted a new roof will be needed in a few years.