

Principal's Report

May 3, 2022

I. Enrollment updates

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

II. News About School

- We have 523 registered for next year . The enrollment reflects a need for more classrooms. We will need to increase our primary classrooms to three sections in K-1-2. We will have three Kindergarten classes, three first grade classrooms, and after next year, three second grade classes as well. The multi-purpose room will be turned into three first grade classrooms this summer if all goes well.
- MAP Testing was scheduled for grades 1-8 April 1-29. These results show improvement in test scores from the fall testing.
- Holy Family Food Pantry wanted hygiene items in lieu of Easter baskets. We collected an abundance of items for them.
- Honors lunch with the principal took place in Roesch Hall of the Parish Center on April 5th. I enjoyed chatting with each table of students. They enjoyed pizza and a non-uniform day for their excellent work.
- Preschool Vision and Hearing screening took place this month.
- School Lent Confessions took place before Good Friday.
- We collected Rice Bowls that students filled with change during Lent. This money goes to the Catholic Relief Services to help those in need.
- The Student led Stations of the Cross in church April 13th, at 6:00PM, were simply beautiful. Parishioners came up to me and commented how lovely it was to involve the 6th grade class in this powerful time of prayer during Holy Week. The choir sounded superb and the 6th grade students' reflections and scenes of each way of the cross were perfect. This was truly a beautiful learning experience for all students, and especially for those in 6th grade and singing.
- We honored our Administrative Professionals by enjoying lunch together! Teachers brought lots of sides and desserts and sandwiches from Chick-Fil-A were ordered.
- PTO collected money for Penny Wars during the week of April 25-29th. This is a challenge between classes and adds to money that is funneled right back into classrooms. Students loved adding to the jars outside the office. They could see the pennies and other money grow each day in each grade level jar. Good competition!
- We get ready for our CTK Musical, Frozen Jr. This is TECH WEEK! Lighting is going up, staging is being prepared, chairs a set up in the MP room for costume changes. It's getting very exciting! We will have a MAGIC match thank you reception before the Saturday evening show, and always welcome the Over 50 Club on Friday evening. Mother's Day has a show, so if you are looking to entertain mom, we have plenty of space in our gymnasium for all the CTK moms! Please come to the show!!
- We are sending some students to Track Sectionals this Friday! Good Luck runners!

- The Invest in Kids Act scholarships for next year serviced by Empower Illinois window is open. We will receive a \$10,000 match from the Schreiber Foundation for our upcoming school year because we reached our goal of \$10,000 in donations by April 15th. So far, we've collected \$29,295 in donations from 8 donors. Three scholarships have been awarded and 22 students are on the waiting list for scholarships.
- MAGIC match sponsors (38) gave \$23,750 this year to teachers classrooms!

III. Curriculum Updates

- None currently. Possibly looking at some Family Life, and Marriage additions to our Religion curriculum that goes together with Theology of the Body.
- We will add a phonics program to our K-1-2 primary grades to support reading instruction in these early grades.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Teacher appreciation week. May 2-6. PTO has lots of plans for teachers.
- Illinois Symphony Instrumentalists will be at CTK on May 2nd. One instrumentalist from the symphony will give 3 half hour music sessions to our students.
- May "end of the year" traditions: 8th grade ribbons, May crowning, 8th grade awards, 7/8 grade parking lot kick ball tournament, 8th grade graduation, preschool graduation, end of year all school Mass saying so long to those leaving and retiring. (A CTK Family Feast luncheon for Fr. Chris and Fr. Clint's birthdays)
- End of the year staff get together in the parish hall.

V. Staffing

- Four teacher are not returning and I am adding a first grade section, so that makes 5 new teachers for 2022-23. I have tentative verbal commitments from five candidates for the two 1st, 2nd, 4th and 7th grade full-time teaching positions.
- I need 3 preschool aides, 2 kindergarten aides . I have tentative commitments for 1 preschool aide position, and 1 kindergarten position, so I need three more aides.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Roof on some areas not done a couple years ago.
- Windows need replacing.
- Preschool Boiler aging out.
- Space needs - need three 1st grade classrooms. The multi-purpose room can accommodate this need.