

## Principal's Report

Oct. 3, 2018

- I. Enrollment updates
  - We have 414 enrolled.
  - We have 56 preschool 3's enrolled.
  - We have 52 preschool 4's enrolled.
  - We have 305 students in K-8
  - We have 50 in PSR enrolled
  
- II. Good News About School
  - We've collected for Fr. Joe and the cycling team. We presented him with our collection of \$998.36 Wednesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at Mass with a blessing.
  - Our First parent Confirmation meeting was on Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00pm in Roesch Hall with Fr. Joe.
  - In addition to the Holy Family Food drives once a month, Catholic Charities asked to join with families in a "Super Challenge" to collect food during Sept 10 – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>– and be the "Incredibles" super heroes for Catholic Charities. It's been successful!
  - Presentation of Sacramental Candidates was in Church on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Confirmation this year: November 17<sup>th</sup> at our 4:30pm Mass!
  - We practiced an Intruder Drill with Law enforcement on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> in school and practiced getting down and safe in church and exiting quickly.
  - Spanish Classes for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade began this week. We were happy Ana Rosa Mellado agreed to teach each classroom in the building this year. Classes began August 27<sup>th</sup>!
  - We had our first Spirit Day assembly with a very positive response from new families and students.
  - Teachers and Administrators listened to presentations by Dr. Cathy Vatterott regarding rethinking grading and rethinking homework practices. I was told by Dr. Vatterott our school is very progressive.
  - We practiced a bus safety drill and a fire drill in the same week.
  - Boy Scout and Girl Scout representative addressed students in all grades about joining scouting. Parents were invited to an information session in the evening of Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - PTO arranged a Chick Fil A fundraising opportunity.
  - Mission Club had their first meeting Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> over the lunch shift.
  - SHG continues to recruit for the City Band group, and we had a demo on Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, in our multi-purpose room for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We have several students taking band on Thursdays during the day with Teresa O'Hare from SHG. Band lessons began Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Our CTK Baseball Team went to State in Peoria on Friday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference was held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. We pay for the teachers to attend one day of the conference.

### 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

- Living Rosary for the month of the Rosary: Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm.
- Grandparents Day, Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Vision and Hearing Screening.
- Fire Drill with our Fire Marshall. Great Shake out, earthquake preparedness.
- Flu Shots for staff.
- Picture Day.
- Mission Mass.
- Oktoberfest.
- In-house 2 day workshop for teachers on Guided Math.
- K & 1 Conferences after Quarter One ends Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Discipleship of Stewardship weekends.

### V. Staff

- I hired a new PSR teacher for 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Karen deCastro
- We will be looking for Cafeteria Manager for a maternity leave in February. Samantha Black is expecting a baby then.

### VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Teamboards will be replaced in one 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom and four preschool classrooms from an online donation for the school.
- Chromebooks would be nice for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades per teachers for Science.
- 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.