

## Principal's Report

April 4, 2017

### I. Enrollment updates

- Total students enrolled: 377 students.
- Preschool students: 92 students.
- K-8 has 284 enrolled students. We have 253 families in our school.
- PSR has enrolled 73 students.
- We have 40- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students graduating and 26 families in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class with their last child graduating. 37 are enrolled for Kindergarten as of now.

### II. Good News About School

- Severe Weather drill took place on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class went to the Motherhouse for lunch and a tour.
- The Wrestlers had a joint pep rally at St. Agnes for state. Two boys from CTK qualified for State: Reese Edwards and Jonah Del Rosario.
- Speaker Jodee Blanco gave presentations on bullying to students, teachers and parents on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Students in the Mission Club collected \$800 money for the Matthew Project on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. They decided on a bake sale to help raise more Mite box Mission money.
- Students, families and staff walked with our St. Patrick's Day float on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We had mobile desks in addition to our awesome float!
- Parents came to a Theology of the Body session to share what is being taught to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls went to State in Volleyball and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place! We had a pep rally to send them off in style.
- K-1-2 offered Spring Parent/Teacher conferences on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Finance Council met and discussed tuition for next year. A letter, new rates, and a tuition preference form were sent out to parents.
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class went to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to view over 150+ Sacred Relics, some over 2000 years old! Awesome experience.
- Pizza with the Principal was held Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Honor roll students were out of uniform and were treated to Pizza in the MP room! I mail each student a certificate and letter congratulating them on their accomplishment. Students who raise their grade in a class up to the next "letter" grade also get rewarded for progress with an out of the blue day buck! Improved learning pays with big bucks.
- This past weekend we put up Prayer Boards to spiritually adopt a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion.
- Our choirs were at the Pregnancy Care Center singing on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- We hosted a Parent meeting for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents on what will be taught to children during Family Life presentations.
- We participated in school-wide "Personal Safety" with the Prairie Center for Sexual Assault on March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

### III. Curriculum Updates

- I used over \$3,000 to purchase 13 Titles of books for professional development for teachers to enhance their teaching. Title II money paid for this benefit.
- I've asked the teachers to provide me with "Curriculum Maps" for every class taught at their grade level. We can be sure all the standards are covered and be able to look a grade above and below to see that nothing is missed. Teachers will know what has been covered before a student arrives.
- IMSA (Illinois Math & Science Academy) Fusion: Application for a STEM enrichment program to be taught at CTK by 2 Science teachers. 64 hours of STEM Enrichment Curriculum (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics).
- New Engineering Club. Jeff Large: once a month club starting next year. He will come to CSW to meeting with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to do a project together about engineering.

### IV. Upcoming Events

- Joey Ducjai and Olivia Simonsen are going to State for the Spelling Bee April 8<sup>th</sup>!
- The Bonus Raffle drawing will take place during a Facebook Live Event held in our CTK gym, Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm.
- Children's Auction will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- First Holy Communion Retreat/Reconciliation/Lunch/Practice. 9:30am-2:00pm Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We use the Parish Center and Church for this.
- First Holy Communion is on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm CTK Church.
- Family Faith Formation committee met and made tentative plans for a special evening Lent Stations of the Cross led by students on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and a May students/grandparents Living Rosary on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### V. Staff

- Ellen Nichols is having her 2<sup>nd</sup> child on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Her substitute teacher is a certified teacher who went to Cathedral grade school. She is a new Purdue University grad.
- Gina Snow, our Librarian is retiring.
- Beth Hoyle is leaving also.
- Several aides will not be returning next school year.
- We need a playground supervisor.

### VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Thinking about sharing our Chromebooks with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Student Council is paid for new water fountains in the front hall and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade wing. They are so happy to have these new additions to the hallway.
- Our Fund-A-Project this year was cafeteria tables. I ordered 18 tables from School Outfitters.
- We are testing the drinking water in the building for lead. This is now state law.
- We will do radon testing, as it is recommended that all school buildings are tested for radon every 5 years.
- The Multi-purpose room floor needs to be replaced.
- The roof has a few spots that need repair. We are investigating repair work.
- Music/Art room lighting. Ballasts need replacing.