

Principal's Report

December 3, 2019

I. Enrollment updates

- PreK 3 - 51 enrolled.
- PreK 4 - 49 enrolled.
- K-8 - 317 enrolled. Total enrollment 417.
- Families: total families in our school are 268 families.

II. Good News About School

- Honor roll Lunch with the Principal took place on November 7th with 26 students attending.
- Veteran's Day Prayer Service took place November 11th in church at 8:30AM. We honored our Veterans with a Wall of Honor and breakfast. Our students stood proudly next to their guests of honor as they took their picture together.
- Terry Farmer took Sports Pictures November 13th.
- 8th Grade students went on Retreat, A Day in the Spirit, November 14th at the Chiara Center . It was at a new location and the presenters were Fr. Michael Friedel and a seminarian, Grant Wilson. We celebrated Mass in the St. Francis of Assisi Church in the Chiara Center with Fr. Joe. It was a very good retreat, and many positive comments were received from the 8th grade students.
- 5th Grade went to LFS for a Day of Service on November 15th. They raked leaves at St. Joseph's Home and had a good experience with the students of our neighboring schools.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation was received by our 8th grade CTK and PSR students during 5:30pm Mass on Friday, November 15th at CTK Church with Bishop Paprocki and Fr. Joe Ring concelebrating. A reception was held in Roesch Hall following Mass.
- An Advent Gathering, Preparing for the Joy of Christmas, was on Sunday, November 17th after the 5:00pm Mass. All who attended prepared their hearts for Advent by creating a family Advent display. All supplies were provided at no charge.
- Thanksgiving Food Basket food was collected for 60 baskets sent to Catholic Charities on November 20th. Monetary donations will also be used for items needed by the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc.
- 6th grade students are helping our CTK St. Vincent DePaul Society with a project during Advent. They are assembling care packages for the Society to distribute during Advent.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grades 3-8 were on Monday, November 25th & Tuesday, the 26th. Thank you to school board for providing dinner for those working late.
- Breakfast with Santa was a success on Sunday December 1st, and the Children's Choir or Cougar Chorus performed after the 10:00 AM Mass.
- MAGIC match update: Currently we two more donors with our total reaching \$23,250 in donations/pledges to Magic Match with now 53 donors gifts and pledges. Donors can donate online.

III. Curriculum Updates

- We are exploring Conscious Discipline for inappropriate student behavior. Title II has paid for books for teachers to learn more about this program. The two books received are Conscious Discipline and Creating the School Family.
- Preschool through 8th grade continues with Spanish once a week within each classroom.
- New curriculum for 2nd – 8th grade Social Studies/History/Geography curriculum – We are using Pearson grades 2-5 Illinois version, and 6-8 McGraw Hill. Sept. 19th our Social Studies teachers attended an on-site training to learn more about our new Pearson program.
- We continue with REFLEX Math – Grades 2-5 and others that would benefit from computation skill practice.
- Our Music Director, Liz Donathan is directing a Cougar Chorus of 4th – 8th grade students. Students will perform Nursing homes during Advent; perform in the Nativity Program, and on Christmas Eve, and are able to sing in this year's school musical: Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat.

IV. Upcoming Events

- First Reconciliation with our 2nd grade class, Tuesday morning, December 3rd.
- Student Council Babysitting event Friday, Dec. 6th.
- New intercom system being installed Monday, Dec. 9th.
- Advent Reconciliation for our 3rd – 7th grade students on Tuesday, Dec. 10th.
- Chorus to sing at UIS December 18th.
- The CTK Nativity Program for Preschool – 5th grade is on Dec. 19th at 6PM in the school gym.

V. Staff

- Two new aides. Julie Beyer is now a Kindergarten aide for Mrs. Johannes. Raquel Gee is now a preschool aide for Mrs. Kelley.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- The school intercom system is not working any longer. We are replacing it with funds from a donor. It should be replaced Monday, Dec. 9th.
- Flooring in the Multi-purpose room and Music Room needs replacing.
- Windows need replacing.