

Principal's Report

December 4, 2018

I. Enrollment updates

- We have 417 enrolled. Families with preschool and K-8 students are 34; – not included in this count are the Moore family joining us in 1st & 3rd and two other families the King family with 4 children and Hoene family with a 1st and preK-4 student. So we could have 8 more students or 425 students!!
- We have 58 preschool 3's enrolled.
- We have 52 preschool 4's enrolled.
- We have 307 students in K-8
- We have 50 in PSR enrolled
- We have 100 preschool families, 58 preschool families with only a preschooler; 8 preschool families with twins or 1 in 3's and 1 in 4's;
- We have 18 Families leaving us in in May with their youngest graduating.

II. Good News About School

- Fall sports pictures were taken November 6th of teams and their coaches.
- Training with Smart technology! Training during the November faculty meeting occurred with a positive response. New ideas and improvements to use!
- 8th grade basketball – Pack the Gym night on November 7th!!
- Veterans Day Mass and celebration with our parish Vets. Breakfast and pictures with tours of the school happened. The George's are sent their half-track vehicle for students to explore!
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Nov. 10th at the store.
- Wednesday, our School Mass of Remembrance on November 14th. We remembered deceased family members and friends.
- 60 Thanksgiving Baskets for Catholic Charities we delivered.
- 8th grade participated in Reconciliation before their Confirmation and retreat.
- Preparations for our 2nd grade making their first Reconciliation. Parents met for a final 3rd meeting with Fr. Joe, November 15th.
- Snow Day! November 15th students were not in attendance due to winter conditions. We also had heating repairs to make that day.
- 8th Grade went to the Villa Maria for a Confirmation "Day In The Spirit" Retreat! It was a day filled with God's Grace.
- 8th Grade students of CTK and PSR were confirmed by Bishop Paprocki at the 4:30pm Mass on November 17th.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences began at 1:45pm – 8:00pm for 3-8th grade classes on Monday November 19th. A few conferences were Tuesday morning, November 20th. I had parents send me extremely positive emails about how well informed they were and the excellent staff.
- Thank you to School Board for the yummy dinner on the evening of P/T conferences!
- 6th graders led our Spirit Day assembly for November.
- The second early bird drawing was on November 29th! Two winners for the Early Bird drawing for CTK Raffle won \$250 plus \$50 for selling the ticket! This was a LIVE Facebook event held in our 3rd grade classroom. Sandra Cancholc who won \$250! The ticket was

sold by Jim Jeanie Mack, who will receive \$50! And Patrick Sheehan who won \$250! The ticket was sold by Brittney Oehmke, who will receive \$50!

- The Men's Club served breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 2nd. It was extremely successful. Will Hoecker met with me to discuss next year's event!
- All month the 8th grade class has been updating us with an Illinois Bi-Centennial Minute each morning over the intercom. We played an Illinois trivia game on December 3rd to celebrate the Illinois Bi-Centennial! Happy Birthday Illinois!!
- Four 8th grade students who have been confirmed volunteered to be Eucharistic Ministers.
- We had our first Advent wreath lighting with manger to be filled with kindness and prayers on strips of "yellow hay" to prepare the way for the baby Christ-Child. Each Monday we meet in the Gym for this prayer service during Advent.

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

- Sunday December 9th is the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa to benefit Catholic Education for the Springfield Catholic Schools. Our choir sings at 11:00am. I am still in need of volunteers for the 50/50 ticket sales table.
- St. Nicholas will visit our students after Mass on December 5th to prepare them for St. Nicholas day on Dec. 6th. Mark McDonald will welcome the students as St. Nick.
- Advent wreath lighting with manger filled of kindness and prayers to prepare the way for the baby Christ-Child. Each Monday we meet in the Gym for this prayer service during Advent.
- The Nativity Program will be in the Gym on Thursday, December 20th at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

V. Staff

- Patti Kaufmann will sub as Cafeteria Manager for a maternity leave in February for Samantha Black. She is expecting a baby girl then. She will be off for 12 weeks, but will come in to do payroll and clerical work.
- Several teachers and their families are recovering from surgery, or grief from losing a loved one or praying for a family member in the hospital. We pray for healing.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Roof & windows are in poor condition. More leaks are becoming visible with each rain.
- 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.