

Principal Report- November 20, 2024

Highlights since our last meeting-

- Custodial Appreciation Day- The school purchased a high powered blower for Peter for snow removal. He was thrilled to receive it as it will help make his job easier.
- We had our 2 new teachers be inducted into the teaching profession- We are so proud to welcome Vanessa Angotti and Monica Dickson.
- Teachers and our EAs were celebrated on World Teachers Day on October 5 with treats and coffee from the school.
- Read In Week was a success, the committee welcomed a number of guest readers.
- Our Nutrition students from the University started with us and will be visiting a few more times. They are teaching our upper elementary students about healthy food choices and wellness.
- We continue to welcome our Wellness dog Bernie weekly to our school.
- We hosted our Parent Literacy with Karen Filewych, which was well attended. Parents had their questions answered and learned so much about reading development and how to support their children.
- Student Leadership- We now have a group of Leadership students who were trained in LEAD Recess and Wellness. We look forward to seeing them support our whole school community in our journey to wellness.
- Staff PD- All staff were engaged in collaborative PD in the areas of Literacy and NVCI. We look forward to more PD together as a staff.
- Students had opportunities to reflect on their Catholic School and why we are so blessed to be a part of ECSD during Catholic Education Week.
- As part of our commitment to supporting Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and growing in our understanding of our Indigenous brothers and sisters we welcomed a number of guests and presentations, including Metis Elder Gary Ganon, Consultant Paula Campbell, and Goota Desmarais
- We held our whole school assembly on Goodness and Peace and drew our first winners of our school reading goal initiative.
- Halloween was a half day, but it was packed with school activities and a special concert from O'Leary High School
- Beautiful Liturgies were held for Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day. We hope to see more families attending.

- Our Grade 4 students visited St. Joachim Cemetery in a very reverent experience of laying poppies for No Stone Left Alone. We look forward to taking all our upper elementary classes next year.
- Volleyball Teams are well into their season. They have been showing great sportsmanship. We look forward to our Tournament at St. Eds on Friday
- Skating field trips this year have been a challenge through no fault of the school.
- St. Charles Feast Day/ School Faith Day- students experienced prayer, created food hampers, learned about some special Saints and engaged in gratitude exercises. (show samples)
- Social Justice included supporting World Day of the Poor , Halloween treats for the less fortunate and our Veterans through Poppy donations.

NEW and UPCOMING

- BIG NEWS! Welcome New staff Karla Blinke- FSLW, Fenisha Francis- EBS
- We will only have Ms. Ghosayel in the office now- she is doing amazing as a new Admin support person.
- Mrs. Hawkins has returned to 1B after her maternity leave. Ms. Angotti has taken our grade 3B class for the remainder of the year.
- Reading Intervention-Teachers and EAs have been trained, set to begin to begin December
- Clubs/Extracurricular- we are looking to add more as volleyball wraps up.
- FLEX Sessions for Upper Elementary in the new year - budget for materials?
- Upcoming Assemblies- reading incentives/ student recognition-would like to set an amount for student recognition and spirit wear
- Parent involvement- volunteers - Please ensure forms are completed. Check with the teacher or call our office if you have questions. Details are found in every Friday Newsletter.
- Sing for Santa- Choir is heading to Rogers this Sunday- Thank you to Ms. Goertz for taking this on.
- Demo of learning on the 28th-We are using School Interviews Booking to simplify and space out visits. We have a Scholastic Book Fair happening. Thanks to Sandra Melynk and our Parent volunteers for making this possible. Please check Lost and Found- Lots of items

- Grades 4 to 6 will attend A Christmas Carol Dec. 4 at the Citadel- it is an expensive one and we are hoping to get support from SAC
- December 5 School Assembly- Focus on Joy
- Christmas Concert December 10 and 11, since we are back at the school we will have to use a ticket system for the evening. Please encourage grandparents or other family members to come to our matinee performances at 1:30. We will be doing a fundraiser for BEST SEATS in the house
- Planning is starting for Advent celebrations- stay tuned for more information.
- Kindergarten is here on Dec. 20. - Early Dismissal, the 19th is a full day
- Communication and partnership- We would like to express how much we value parent involvement and volunteers. We especially want to thank our parents and grandparents who have stepped up for our Casino, a special thank you as well to Marianna and Katie for helping organize and clean our Makerspace and take care of our Library.
- Sport identity update: Students voted, parent input?



