

Principal Report- Wednesday March 12, 2025

Highlights since our last meeting-

- On February 24, we welcomed Mrs. Ashley Jennings as our New Assistant Principal. Ashley brings a wealth of experience as a teacher, former consultant with our Division.
- Second school growth plan review-show on the website/ read out loud
- On Feb. 18 and March 3rd, Shireen Mohammed (EDIAR), our ECSD Specialist, spoke with all our students about the power of language and how to respond to harmful words, including racial slurs and discriminatory language. Students engaged in deep and insightful conversations.
- On Feb. 10 we held our second Parent Engagement Evening : Thinking about Inclusion with presenter Santwana Carstensen-Sinha. The weather was very cold but the message warmed our hearts and reminded us that each child deserves to be seen and valued.
- On February 20, our staff attended an education mini conference at Christ the King School, where we joined with other ECSD colleagues in an afternoon of learning.
- We had a determined team attend the Running Room Games. Thank you to Ms. McNeill and Ms. Dickson for giving up so much of their time including weekends to see our students shine!
- Mr. Delcioppo headed up practices for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw, but we only had 1 student come out to the final event. Students expressed difficulties with getting to the venue.
- We are proud to announce that Adalynn Hailles is this year's recipient of the Lumen Christi Student Faith Leadership Award. This award from The Board of Trustees celebrates students who enhance the Catholic identity of their school community through their actions and service. Adylinn was nominated unanimously by all her teachers and we look forward to a special evening where she will receive this special award at Lumen Christi
- Shrove Tuesday was truly a beautiful community event. Thank you to our SAC and the many parent volunteers who came out to cook and serve. The following day was Ash Wednesday, and it was great to see so many families come out to start the Lenten journey together. We finished the week with our School Assembly learning about the value of Self-Control.
- School bookings for our Demonstration of Learning opened on March 6 and will close on the 12th.

- COSC evening- very well attended, great sessions- I attended a Mental Health, and Sasha and I attended the Understanding AI - We are grateful to have the Board of Trustees and our Division providing these opportunities to our executive.
- Update to hot lunches: As a staff we have decided that Hot Lunch will happen once per month with our student leadership planning Spirit Days. This will start after Spring Break.. We also feel that starting next year, we will not offer hot lunch or special treats over Lent, instead we will focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

NEW and UPCOMING

- Our Demonstration of Learning takes place tomorrow, 1:00-4:30 pm, 5:30-7:30pm.
- Our Open House begins at 6:00 pm. We will start with an overview presentation highlighting our school. Families looking for Kindergarten will then proceed to the classroom, any other parents will be able to tour the school with our Grade 6 student ambassadors.
- We are holding our second book fair for this year. Thank you to Mrs. Melynk and our parent volunteers for the support.
- Thursday March 20 is a full day of school, and our School Cultural Day. Invitations have gone home to families welcoming them to come in and be a part of this cultural celebration. We will conclude the event with a Round Dance, hopefully out in our back field.
- Friday will be a half day. Dismissal at 11:30 for Spring Break.
- April 9th we will be having a whole school performance by Evergreen Theatre titled Alice in Wonderland.
- Share Lent Project- Students for Social Justice are raising money for the Development and Peace campaign- "Principal for a Day" Ticket Sales, artwork, bracelet sales.
- Grade 6 are starting their fundraising efforts- bottle drive, school recycling collections, Treat Day Fridays (ice cream sales- after Lent)

Planning for Next Year-

- Admin placements are this week.
- Pre enrollment closes on March 14 with a number of families who have not declared their intentions. These numbers will help us plan for classes and support for next year.
- At this time we have about 22 Kindergarten registrations, we hope to have a morning and afternoon program.
- Reverse lunch is something we are considering, where students go out for recess first, then come in to eat lunch. - another way for us to address wellness.
- Digital Portfolio Assessments using SPACES EDU for all classes.

School Requests/ Upcoming Expenses

Thank you to members of SAC for calling downtown and requesting clarification on what technology Council can actually support. I now have a better understanding of my technology requests. Since the classroom computers I originally asked for are not secondary computers in the classroom, they can't be covered by casinos, so I will purchase those and instead am asking for the iPads to be covered.

- Evergreen Theatre- \$899 not approved
- 10 iPads for the primary classrooms to share- \$5072.18 approved
- Recess Sport equipment bins for each class- 3 sets x \$460/ set total approx. \$1500 approved
Some additional items will be added from student requests
- Classroom carpets for grades 2-3 and chapel area- \$ 450x4= \$1800 chapel- \$419
- Hallway workstations/ furniture- Still looking
- Musical instruments TOTAL- \$1347.50 approved
- Makerspace and STEM - Up to \$ 3500 for STEM materials, - approved
- Gifts for Sacraments-
- Birthday Treasure chest-
- Replacement of gym equipment-

- T-shirts for all students with new Cardinals Logo:
Stadium sports wear- \$9.95 each including printing, set up, freight and delivery GST is additional
- Board games: up to \$800
- FLEX Sessions: up to \$1000
- UFLI Literacy tools- \$400
 - Magnetic letters set- 6 per classroom
 - Cookie sheets 1 per student