

## September 2018 Principal's Report

### **Update on Staffing:**

New to our staff this year is Miss Kimberly Weber. She is teaching our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 2 class.

With the injection of our CIF (classroom improvement fund) grant we have been able to increase FTE for Mrs. Eros and Mrs. Bear. Mrs. Eros will be using her extra FTE to work on literacy interventions with Div II and Div III students. Mrs. Bear will be working with Div II students on numeracy interventions.

Also new to our staff is our head custodian, Ian Reid.

### **Budget Decisions:**

As it stands today our enrollment is approximately 560 students. With a very large enrollment in grade 8, we have decided to create a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 8 classroom. With the only space available to host a classroom being quite small we are limited to having approximately 15 students in this class. We have made a proposal to our grade 8 students to create a Project Based Learning environment in this new grade 8 class. This is a pilot project for our school as well as our school district. Students have been presented with the information and with the assistance of their parents they have the opportunity to apply to be in this class if they choose. Mrs. Shakeshaft will be the teacher in this class as she has experience in teaching all core subjects in grade 8 as well as some experience with project based learning. We are currently looking for a part time teacher to replace Mrs. Shakeshaft's current teaching assignment.

With the hiring of a new teacher we will be unable to hire any more Educational Assistants for this school year.

This year's grant for our breakfast program will feed our ECS – grade 6 students. However truthfully the food supplied feeds all who are in need in our school. The Hope Mission is continuing to be the provider of this breakfast program. We are very excited about it.

One of our large expenditures this year will be to upgrade the security cameras in our school. We have also budgeted to upgrade our stage lighting in the drama room and east gym.

We would love to have 2 new water fountains in our school and we are wondering if this is something that School Council may want to assist with.

One other big ticket item that I would like School Council to start thinking about is an addition to our playground.

### **Working On:**

Hot Lunch: This year our hot lunch will be only available on line. If there are any parents that would like to help with hot lunch please let us know. We could use assistance with picking it up and returning bins.

GOSH: Grandparents of Sacred Heart, is a new initiative partnering with our Parish and having grandparents come in and share their passion and skills with our children.

Youth Minister: this year part of Mrs. Effert's role in our school will be that of a youth minister for our Jr. High students. Her goals are to, bridge the gap between the students and adults in our faith community; make faith more accessible to the kids on a daily basis outside of regular faith instruction at school and build relationships, provide support, and possibly offer programs for the students.

School Expansion: We will be working with our senior admin to begin the conversation of adding additional classroom spaces to our school. Will keep you posted.

### **Assistive Technology:**

We will be purchasing another 15 chrome books and a cart as well as upgrading our primary and learning support chrome books.

### **Faith Formation:**

1. We are once again so blessed to be able to work with Father Nilo, Deacon Leo and Sacred Heart Parish. We will have weekly masses for our students in our Chapel, monthly celebrations and masses as an entire school, Jr. High enrichment opportunities as well as monthly adoration opportunities.
2. The Bible Timeline series will begin in October for staff to participate in. This will be the 2nd year of this program.
3. STAR LIGHT day for our Jr. High retreat will be held in Leduc on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Clare Ganton our District Faith director will lead our entire staff in a Faith staff retreat this Friday. Our theme is "Love the Way".
5. We hoping to offer an RCIC program for our students this year. At this time we know that it will be offered during SALT/PLC blocks but we are unsure of how often it will occur. We are working with our Parish and Deacon Leo to facilitate this.

### **3 Year Education Plan:**

As we begin to develop the 3 Year Education Plan for Sacred Heart School later in October I will be coming to school council for some feedback. If you have not looked at our current 3 Year Education Plan please take some time to review it on our website.

### **Areas for Parent Assistance:**

We do welcome our parents to volunteer in our school. Some specific areas of need are:

- Hot lunch
- Picture day
- Faith Fair
- Track and Field days
- Field trips
- Walking to swimming, gymnastics and church