

## **September 2019 Principal's Report**

### **Update on Staffing:**

We welcome Mrs. Tracey Malloy who is teaching at Sacred Heart for Mrs. Bear while she is on a medical leave. Please keep Mrs. Bear in your prayers.

We welcome Mrs. Tara McBride to our Admin team. Tara is now our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Principal.

We welcome back Mrs. Schastchneider and Mrs. Houghston and look forward to welcoming Mrs. Rabel back in October or November.

### **Budget Decisions:**

As it stands today our enrollment is at 562 students. Our projected enrollment for this year was 553. We had 69 grade 9 students leave to go to the High School, and about 30 other students across the grades leave for a variety of reasons. About 11 of our grade 8 students left this year to attend gr. 9 at the High School. We were fortunate to have 52 ECS students registered as well as about 55 new students across the grades.

We have just received notice that we will once again be receiving a grant to support our breakfast program. We will again work with the Hope Mission to supply this program.

### **Working On:**

This school year we have adjusted our bell schedule and timetable. We have moved our SALT/PLC period from P2 to P3. The remainder of the classes have stayed the same.

This year we are trying something new. We will be sending home a "Student Growth Report" on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will then host Parent Teacher Interviews on October 23 & 24. These interviews will take place before the Report Card comes home on Dec. 5. We are hoping that this adjusted schedule will work well to meet with parents before the Report Card so that if there are any issues, they can be resolved before the Report Card comes home. We will repeat this process in the spring.

New this year in Jr. High is our Personal Wellbeing (PWB) class. This class takes place on period in a 6-day rotation. This class is focused on student mental health and anxiety. Also new this year in Jr. High is our "Floater" class. This class is also once in a 6-day rotation and its purpose is to help staff and student make up any classes that are missed for assemblies, masses, celebrations or other extra activities.

**Faith Formation:**

- Mrs. Effert will again be our school's Youth Minister. When she leaves on maternity leave we will welcome Mrs. Rabel to take her place.
- Father Roger is very excited to spend every Thursday morning here at Sacred Heart. His main focus at this time is to build relationships with our students. We are very please to have him here with us on a regular basis.
- Deacon Leo will continue his once a month visits with our Jr. High students as well as our grade 3 and 4 students.

**Hot Lunch:**

We are finding this year that we are short staff to run our Hot Lunch program. We are seriously requesting the assistance of School Council to assist us with this program.

**Parent Parking and Drop off and Pick up areas:**

Please be reminded that our pick-up areas are to the west of the school by the ball diamonds or to the east of the school in the laneway. Please do not pick up or drop of students in front of the school or in the staff parking lot.

Also, please remind your children to cross the street at the cross walks.

**New Tech Policy**

We have a new policy for tech devices. This year there are no tech devices allowed in the classrooms. Students are to lock their devices in their lockers. They are allowed to be on their devices before school, at morning break and at lunch time. The purpose for this new policy is to reduce the distractions during class times. If a parent needs to get a hold of their child during class time please contact our front office.

**May Accountability Pillar Results**

Share and explain the survey results.