

Principal's Report – January 30th , 2020

Achieving: Curriculum

1. During the week of November 25th to November 29th, our SERTS administered the Gr. 4 Gifted Screening Test. Parents have been notified if their child is advancing to stage 2 of this process.
2. Attendance Letters regarding significant lates & absences went home on Tuesday, November 26th. Please note administrators are required to contact our School Social Worker when students have missed 20 days of school.
3. Mrs. Shaw & Mr. Rath attended the Math Up in service to further support our school improvement plan and professional learning in the area of Mathematics on Wednesday, December 4th.
4. We received excellent feedback from our community regarding our Student Led Conferences held on Thursday November 21st & Friday November 22nd. We greatly appreciated parental support and input during this process!
5. On Friday, December 13th, staff in gr. 1-8 held Student Success Meetings to discuss & plan for students who are experiencing challenges with academics or their well-being.
6. On Monday, December 16th, the Department Head of Special Education Services from Notre Dame meet with our school team & parents to support and plan for our Gr. 8 students transitioning to Notre Dame.
7. On Thursday, January 9th our School Improvement Team meet to review our Problem of Practice & Plan Next Steps.
8. In January our students in gr. 3-8 participated in the Caribou Math competition! Please join me in congratulating the following students for their impressive efforts and achievements in Grades 3-4; Liam A. (1st of 7328 students) Shaynan M. (Top 5%) & Samuel I. P. (Top 5%) and in Grades 5-6: Brayden D. (Top 2%), Rebecca B. (Top 3%) & Luther M. (Top 6 %) ~Thank you Mr. Martin for organizing this for our students!
9. Teachers are presently preparing to communicate student learning through the upcoming Provincial Report Cards. Please note due to the present OECTA Job Action, teachers have been directed to enter Marks only, there will be no comments in the subject areas on this Report Card. Term 1 Reports are scheduled to go home on Wednesday, February 19th, 2020.
10. Mr. Iacoboni & Mrs. Schmidt, our SERTS, are presently meeting with teachers to revise & prepare Term 2 Individual Education Plans for all of our students with Special Education Needs. Term 2 IEPs will go home with the Report Card on Wednesday, February 19th.
11. On Thursday, January 16th Mrs. Ciarloni and Ms. Dobson's gr. 7 students attended the Career Centre to investigate & discuss future career options.
12. On Wednesday, February 12th, Mrs. Spence-Smith has arranged an author visit for our Gr. 4-8 students. Our students are very excited to hear Eric Walters speak about his various novels!

Believing: Catholicity

1. We held our School Wide Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 13th for our students in gr. 3-8.
2. On Monday, November 11th following our Remembrance Day Liturgy, we recognized the following students for being Discerning Believers ; Victoria A., Olivia W., Isabella S. & Jack C.
3. On Thursday, December 5th following our Advent Mass, we recognized the following students for being Effective Communicators; Emma K., Jackson M., Rebecca B., & Maddie R.
4. Our Gr. 2 Students received the sacrament of 1st Reconciliation on Thursday, December 5th. A very special thank you to the St. Paul the Apostle Parish team, Mrs. Ferguson & Mrs. Shaw for all of their support in preparing our students.
5. Thank you to all of our Canadian Martyrs Families for supporting our various social outreach initiatives! The Children's Aid Society was very grateful for our communities support with the Giving Tree, the Winter Clothing Drive and our Food Drive!
6. On Friday, December 20th, following our Advent Liturgy, we recognized the following students for being Reflective, Creative & Holistic Thinkers; Anna K., Sarah Maria J., Hayden G., & Gabriela R.
7. On Tuesday, January 14th our gr. 7 students participated in their Confirmation Retreat. Our gr. 7 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 22nd @ 11:00am. A very special thank you to the St. Paul the Apostle Parish Team, Mrs. Ciarloni, Ms. Dobson & Ms. Makariak for preparing our students for this Sacrament.
8. On Friday, February 21st there will be a Board wide Celebratory Liturgy for the 50th Anniversary of HCDSB. One student from each school will be attending this event.

Belonging: Community / School Culture

1. The Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Monday, November 18th to Friday, November 22nd was a GREAT success! A very special thank you to Mrs. Spence-Smith for all of her time, energy & commitment to our school community!
2. On Friday, November 29th our school community participated in Paint the Town Red to support the United Way. Our school raised \$600.00 for this campaign.
3. Our School Choir visited the Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown to share their gifts and talents with the retired sisters who reside there. A very special thank you to Madame Pietrantoni, Mrs. Ferreira, Mr. Martin and Mrs. Levfevre for all of their time that they dedicate to the choir.
4. We received incredible feedback regarding our Christmas Concerts held on Wednesday, December 11th & Thursday, December 12th. A very special thank you to ALL of our staff for their time & energy, as well to Ms. Sek, Mrs. Makariak, Madame Pietrantoni, Mrs. Ferreira, Mr. Martin for their vision!

5. "Joy Day" was held on Wednesday, December 18th in the morning. This was a great day of community, our staff, students & parents thoroughly enjoyed the morning. A very special thank you to our Catholic School Council and all of the parent volunteers in making this day so successful!
6. Our community officer, Lindsay Knapp, visited our school on Wednesday, January 8th. She will be coming to our school on a monthly basis to either do special presentations for various grade levels as well as attend various special events such as Carnival.
7. On Tuesday, January 14th Mr. Gowan organized a gr. 4 & 5 co-ed floor hockey team to participate in the ND Hockey Tournament. Our students had an incredible time! Special thanks to Notre Dame for organizing this event, which was of no cost to our school.
8. On Wednesday, January 22nd a "Parents Night In" was held at Notre Dame CSS. This was a joint venture amongst all the schools in the Notre Dame FOS. Pro-grant Funds were accessed to support this event.
9. Our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to support our Gr.8s end of the year trip, is running from Monday, January 20th to Wednesday, January 29th. Product will be delivered on Wed. February 12th to be sent home with our students.
10. Mme Pietrantonio, Mme DiPronio and Mrs. Kattis have begun preparations for our upcoming Carnival which will take place on Thursday, February 27th.
11. Mr. Murray has entered both our boys & girls intermediate basketball tournaments to be held at Notre Dame on Tuesday, February 25th & Thursday, February 27th. This year both teams are in the developmental league.