

Principal's Report

October 2019



Celebrations:

- Celebrated our Opening Mass on September 12, at St. Mary's Parish
 - Next school celebration is our Thanksgiving Liturgy October 16 at 10:00 at St Mary's.
- Meet Our Families evening had a great turnout with over 300 people in attendance.
- Dawe Run was successful with all students in grades 6-9 participating.
- Volleyball Season is underway! We have two senior teams and four junior teams to maximize participation.
- Running Club has also started with approximately 20 students participating.
- All students are participating in Tipi Teachings led by our division FNMI Lead Team

Information Items:

- Vaping Presentation was a great success with over 60 STA families attending.
 - We are looking at continuing to host a parent evening session by-monthly. Topics will include (Maker Space, Restorative Practices)
- School Improvement Focus:
 - Our staff has identified "Spirituality" and "Rationality" as our targets for professional growth and school improvement in the area of faith. We are continuing to expand permeation of faith to all subjects and all classes.
 - **Spirituality** - Catholic spirituality is rooted in the life of the Trinity, acknowledging God as the source of all creation, centered on Jesus Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to build up the Kingdom.
 - God the Creator, Building a relationship with Jesus, and Witnessing the Holy Spirit in others (Triune God).
 - Greenhouse Project
 - **Rationality** - Catholics seek truth rationally and critically as well as through appreciation and respect. Rationality encourages faith to seek understanding. Examine and improve formative assessment through a focus on Effective Questioning
 - classrooms require learners be primary agents of their own learning rather than passive recipients of knowledge and are encouraged to use their whole minds in the pursuit of learning.
 - Learners who demonstrate Rationality ...think for themselves...dialogue with others...seek meaning for life.
 - Deepen our culture of **restorative practices**, borrowing from indigenous teachings and rooted in the gospel value of reconciliation. Continue to expand this to include circles as an instructional process.
 - Continue to expand our use of the **Circle of Courage** to meet the social emotional needs of our learners and build student resilience.
 - Continue to utilize **data to know our learners and their learning needs** (STAR reading screen, Student learner profiles, Success in Schools meetings, Fountas and Pennell assessments).
 - Explore and implement **Optimum Learning** as per the Teacher Quality Standard.
- Parent Teacher Interviews - Are on November 6 & 7.
 - Times are 5:00 - 8:00 both nights.
- We have conducted one evacuation drill in the Month of September and will conduct another two in the next two months. We will be practicing our lockdown drills at the school during the Months of October & November.

Demographics

- 601 students for the 2019/20 school year (137 Grade 6, 168 Grade 7, 166 Grade 8, 130 Grade 9)