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January 2021 - Principal Report

A few items to highlight:	
<p>STA Athletics - We successfully completed our adapted volleyball season. We ran two senior teams and four junior teams and our season ended in November. We are set to begin our adapted Basketball season. We will be offering senior and junior teams if we are permitted to do so.</p>	<p>Grade 8 students delivered Thanksgiving cards to community members within our STA neighborhood.</p>
<p>Virtual Liturgies - Remembrance Day (School Wide), Four weeks of Advent (Religion classes), Epiphany (Religion classes), Upcoming - Feast of St. Thomas.</p>	<p>Learning from home has taken place for our grade 7-9 students from November 30 - January 11th and for our grade 6 students from January 4-8th. Curriculum has been delivered using Google Classroom and we thank all of our students, teachers and parents for their continued efforts in a very challenging situation.</p>
<p>Nov 30 - Dec 18 - We had tremendous success with our Reverse Advent calendar in the month of December. Lot's of food was donated and delivered to the Red Deer food bank to support vulnerable families within the community. Additionally, our cafeteria staff have prepared additional meals in January to support families in need.</p>	<p>In November, our grade 8 and 9 students received a presentation from the RCMP on the appropriate use of social media.</p>
<p>Nov 30 - Dec 18 - Students and staff in the building had a great time with our Christmas theme days set out each day.</p>	<p>Nov 30 - Dec 18 - Grade 6 students were provided with the opportunity to make use of the foods lab for their fine arts option classes and to take advantage of additional PE blocks as the school was largely empty.</p>
<p>Personalized Christmas cards and Christmas ornaments were created by students and delivered to the Seniors Lodge in Pines.</p>	<p>Student Recognition - Students in all grade levels are being recognized weekly and monthly for their efforts to model the Circle of Courage values of Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity. Additionally, students in grade 6 were recognized on December 17th for achieving honour roll status for the first term and grades 7-9 students were recognized on January 11th.</p>
<p>We received a breakfast program nutrition grant to support students with breakfast needs.</p>	<p>A huge thank-you to local businesses (Eastview IGA, Cobbs, Tasty Bakery and Tim Hortons) who contributed prizes for our Staff Wellness Bingo that ran from Dec 1 - Dec 18.</p>

Continued School Focus Areas:

- Creating a safe, caring and welcoming school community as we navigate our continually changing COVID reality.
- Continuing to promote the Catholic characteristics of Justice and Hospitality with school wide class presentations.
- Continue to promote further understanding of our Circle of Courage virtues of Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity with school wide class presentations.
- All grade 7 parents will receive information to complete an upcoming government survey which focuses on questions grouped within the categories listed below:

Accountability Pillar Overall Summary
3-Year Plan - May 2020
School: 4476 St. Thomas Aquinas School



Measure Category	Measure	St. Thomas Aquinas School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	92.4	93.4	91.3	89.4	89.0	89.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	Program of Studies	88.2	93.0	87.9	82.4	82.2	82.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Education Quality	90.6	93.2	92.5	90.3	90.2	90.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Drop Out Rate	0.0	0.6	0.4	2.7	2.6	2.7	Very High	n/a	n/a
	High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	79.7	79.1	78.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	PAT: Acceptable	78.9	83.2	81.1	73.8	73.6	73.6	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
	PAT: Excellence	15.3	19.2	16.9	20.6	19.9	19.6	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.6	83.7	83.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.0	24.2	22.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	56.4	56.3	55.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	66.6	64.8	63.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	60.1	59.0	58.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Work Preparation	87.2	91.0	86.7	84.1	83.0	82.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Citizenship	85.3	86.2	84.4	83.3	82.9	83.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Parental Involvement	82.3	87.6	87.8	81.8	81.3	81.2	High	Maintained	Good
Continuous Improvement	School Improvement	87.9	94.1	89.9	81.5	81.0	80.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent