



## President's Report – March 2024

Please join the community on 3/21/24 at 6:30 at Billings Central Catholic High School for a community presentation by renowned Catholic speaker Chris Stefanick, presented by Billings Catholic Schools and the Mission & Catholic Identity subcommittee.

### Building Level Highlights

#### ECE:

3/20 and 3/21-Parent Teacher Conferences.

3/25- ECE Palm Sunday (Monday) Procession through the halls.

Preschool registration for the 2024-2025 has been very successful. Eight of the ten preschool classes and the childcare have filled. We always take a few extra students because it is not unusual for there to be changes during the summer months.

Registration for the 10-week summer care program opened on March 6 and is nearly full. Saint Francis ECE will be caring for over 100 children this summer. The children in this program are current ECE students, SFC students, incoming preschoolers and former ECE students who attend SD2.

4/5- ECE will host 20 Central students for the BCCHS day of service.

5/9-5/17 -End of the Year Preschool Programs

#### SFC K-8:

5-8:

Track begins on 3/18

D. C. Trip is 23<sup>rd</sup>, about 50 students attending

7<sup>th</sup> grade retreat is 3/27

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science Bowl members made it to Finals

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students going to Central to listen to Chris Stefanick

K-4:

Teachers assessing for third quarter report cards

Each class has completed the Circle of Grace Safe Environment Training from the diocese

Mrs. Colloton won the One Class At A Time award sponsored by KTVQ

SFC:

Have been participating in Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and Reconciliation

Diaper Drive during March for Lenten Service Project

Participating in Call for Kids Mediathon to raise money for St. Vincent Children's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Surgery Program



## **BCCHS:**

### *Faith*

I am very proud of the Catholic identity in action at BCCHS! Search was a success. Other opportunities for prayer and sacraments have included Stations of Cross at St. Pat's and Penance. Upcoming opportunities include another 24 hour adoration challenge, walking pilgrimage and afternoon of service on April 10.

### *Family Spirit*

Family Spirit and Excellence is evident in extracurriculars. The musical was a tremendous demonstration of the arts at BCCHS. Girls basketball are your 2024 State A champs! Science Bowl are back to back to back Regional champions! They will represent BCCHS at Nationals next month.

### *Academic Excellence*

Course offerings are being evaluated at the high school with the hope of adding additional courses and electives to achieve academic excellence.

## **Admin Leadership Team**

The Admin Leadership Team met on Friday, 3/15. We wrapped up our Biblical Leadership study by returning to those figures we have learned about thus far and choosing a characteristic we most identified with at this moment. From there we identified a concrete goal each leader could focus on over the course of the coming month. Danielle led us through a leadership reflection on the "Fundamental State" of leadership using an article that appeared in the Harvard Business Review. Our agenda included:

- Staff Evaluations
- Recruitment Strategies
- Paylocity/Timekeeping
- Enrollment Updates
- Early Career Teacher Mentoring Program
- Emergency Plan Preparation

Finally, the group unpacked the Philosophy of Assessment document that a group of staff have worked to put together. This document will go to the local level leadership teams to identify roles and responsibilities of administrators, teachers, students, and parents when it comes to assessment. We plan to present this document in full to the school board at the April meeting.

## **Education**

As discussed in last month's President's Report, scheduling conversations are ongoing across all buildings. The high school will have a mock schedule opportunity for students to determine which classes have significant interest and those we should look at modifying or updating to increase student choice and opportunity. The counseling department is engaged in a review of course pathways for all types of students to ensure diverse course offerings exist for all students. At SFC, the K-4 level is crafting a schedule that allows for collaborative planning time for teachers and consistency for students. The 5-8 level may also engage in a mock schedule based on how it works at BCCHS.



Additionally, the BCCHS accreditation process is well underway. The staff has divided into four core teams that are assessing Mission and Catholic Identity, Operational Vitality, Governance and Leadership, and Academic Excellence. They are working with the administration office to collect data needed for their draft reports in preparation for their visit in October 2024.

Danielle Watson is continuing to work with the Social Studies team to renew standards and to intentionally incorporate Catholic teaching into all grade levels through habits of mind and Catholic dispositions.

Finally, the Student Evaluation Team (SET) at SFC has begun trialing the new process in preparation for the board policy we will discuss at the March meeting.

### **Community Partnerships**

The schools and Foundation represented BCS at the KJCR fundraiser on Tuesday, 3/19 at a BCS table. This is always a great opportunity to connect with the wider Catholic community here in Billings.

### **Softball**

Due to the total level of interest in softball at the high school level and based on our current policy on the inclusion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, the administration at BCCHS made the decision to allow 8<sup>th</sup> Grade participation for the spring softball season.

Please see below for information that was sent to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

*Billings Central Catholic High School is extending an invitation to your 8<sup>th</sup> grade daughter to participate in the BCCHS Softball program for the 2024 season. Please carefully review the expectations below.*

- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will only be used as courtesy runners in games.
- Roster spots and playing time are not guaranteed.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders must meet and follow all rules and expectations outlined by MHSAA and BCCHS
  - Please see pages 16-17 of the [BCCHS Handbook](#)

### **Baseball Sub Committee**

The baseball subcommittee will present their findings and make a recommendation to the board at the March meeting.

### **Facilities Committee**

We are still waiting for the bid for a capital replacement plan from McKinstry, however, there is an ongoing discussion about adding a facilities position to the administrative team. Increased costs for this position would be offset using bulk ordering of supplies for our buildings after an initial investment of changing over dispensers at all facilities to allow for the same supplies to be used.

### **Foundation and Schools**

We are in the early stages of planning for a future strategic look at our system, identifying priority needs, and identifying opportunities for growth/facilities expansion or development in the future. More details will be discussed at our meeting as the Foundation board, at their general board meeting last week,



supported tasking a small group of foundation and school board members to explore third parties that engage in this work.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- 3/20 – School Board Meeting – 4:00 @ Admin
- 3/21 – Chris Stefanick Community Event – 6:30 pm @ Central
- 3/22 – Staff PIR Day – Chris Stefanick Retreat
- 3/28-4/1 – Easter Break
- 4/2 – Tech Committee
- 4/3 – Gov & Nominations
- 4/9 – Finance Committee
- 4/10 – BCCHS Day of Service
- 4/16 – Gov & Nominations – Interview Day
- 4/17 – School Board Meeting