



## President's Report – April 2024

Please join the community on 4/18/21 at 3:30 for the ribbon cutting ceremony for Urbaska Field and the softball game. Come out to see the field and cheer on the Rams!

### Building Level Highlights

#### **ECE (Mrs. Trafton):**

Parent/Teacher Conferences went very well. We were very pleased with participation; 171 of the 173 parents attended their child's conference!

During the month of March, we practiced safety drills with the preschoolers. It has been good practice for the staff to use the E3 app during the drills. Officer Richter visited each of the classrooms on March 27 to answer the children's questions about safety, alleviate any fears about the drills and remind the children that police officers offer any help when needed.

Safe Environment Lessons were presented to each class April 2-5. I am working on makeup lessons I will then submit the audit to the GFB Diocese and Bishop Fleming.

Central students visited the building on April 10 as part of their day of service. The 25 students completed various tasks inside and outside of the building. They were helpful with extra cleaning and organizing inside the building, outside maintenance and they were able to spend time in the classrooms interacting with the children.

On Monday, April 15, the preschoolers will attend 123 Andres at Alberta Bair. The bus ride is sure to be the highlight of the day!

The preschool classes are preparing for end of the year/spring programs. Each of the 10 classes will have a program, the programs are scheduled for May 8-10 and May 15-17.

There are 10 preschool class openings for the 2024-2025 school year. The childcare is slightly over capacity for the coming school year. A childcare waitlist has been started.

Each week of the summer program is full, there 13 children on the waitlist.

**We are searching for a custodian. Please spread the word.**

#### **SFC K-4 (Mrs. Hayes):**

- Kindergarten preview day is April 26<sup>th</sup>
- We raised over \$1800 for ST. V's Call for Kids Mediathon
- Spring MAP testing window opens April 16
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade recorder concerts are on April 26
- Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students went to productions at Alberta Bair
- Tours and Shadow Days are continuing- we have a lot of BCS alumni families enrolling their children in kindergarten!



- Completed evaluations for about 60% of staff so far

#### **5-8 (Mr. Stanton):**

- Optimist speeches have been completed, well done!
- The Assembly with Chris at Central was well received by the students, thanks to all that made that happen.
- A big thank you to all of our religion teachers who make this Lenten season a period of growth for our students and staff.
- Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a class retreat. Real positive feedback
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in the iBelong day at Central as a means of introduction, organization, and recruitment.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students returned from DC, always a great experience for the students.
- Next week we will have our spring music concerts.
- Evaluations are ongoing with the summative evaluations beginning now.

#### **BCCHS (Mr. Trafton):**

- The bishop joined BCCHS for Mass on Wednesday, March 27
- Fr. John's pilgrimage walk to the Billings churches had a strong turn out and was well received by the participants
- Krista Cunningham continues to amaze! HOSA had two events recently. First, Immersion Day at Billings Clinic in March. Then, the HOSA Leadership Conference in early April. Dozens of future healthcare professionals had great hands-on experiences.
- Small groups are meeting for WCEA Accreditation regularly. We are looking forward to our visit in October.
- 80% of teachers at BCCHS have received a formal evaluation. Evaluations are still being scheduled and the goal is 100%.
- Hiring has begun for 5 teaching positions at BCCHS. 3 hires have been made.
- Vapor mitigation was completed at BCCHS at the end of March. The EPA crew that installed the pump was very happy with the levels of output. It is higher than most homes. This should be the end of a long process. Roger with EPA is expected to read levels one more time and determine if further mitigation is necessary.

#### **Admin Leadership Team**

To prepare for our next meeting, scheduled for Friday, 4/19 the leadership team is reading the article titled "Nonnegotiable Goals for Instruction" from lead educational researchers. Using this as the foundation for discussion, we are setting the stage for professional development, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), analyzing student data, and evaluating effective teaching across all grade and content areas. The school board will read additional work from this author and others to prepare for the June goal setting retreat as we seek to align strategy with practice and goal setting with data across the system.

Local level leadership teams are focused on:

- Identifying members of the local level safety team in compliance with the Emergency Procedures Policy passed at the March board meeting.
- Reviewing the Philosophy of Assessment and outlining responsibilities of staff, students, administration, and parents.



- Generating two questions we can ask our students about the mission/faith life of our schools to establish a baseline for future growth.

### Education

This month's board meeting includes a Learning Opportunity focused on how the Philosophy of Assessment impacts scheduling and how scheduling impacts professional development, data analysis, PLCs, student opportunity, and student learning outcomes.

The Social Studies Curriculum Committee is nearing the end of their time reviewing the standards and will present a finalized version of the updated Social Studies standards in late May for teachers to review and prepare to implement next fall.

### Community Partnerships

The Chris Stefanick presentation for the community was well attended by groups from as far away as Great Falls. The presentation was well received and generated some positive momentum for engaging other Catholic speakers to present to the community and to engage in some level of parish renewal. We are grateful for the continued support of our local parishes, KJCR, and the diocese for helping to spread the word.

### Baseball Sub Committee

There are currently two committees forming as a result of the passage of baseball at the March meeting. One committee, headed up by the Foundation is focused on raising funds to support the adoption of baseball as discussed in March. The other will assist Mr. Ryan and Mr. Trafton as they prepare for the Spring '25 season.

### Facilities Committee

The facilities committee reviewed three bids (later received a 4<sup>th</sup> bid) for the roof replacement at ECE. Andrew will meet with Karyn Haider and the St. Pius Building & Arts Committee to discuss bids after the board recommends two for consideration. Additionally, Bob Moore from McKinstry, presented to the facilities committee on a capital asset management plan that would provide the system with tools to monitor and forecast replacement needs for various aspects of each facility. This is something the facilities committee has desired for several years and will make capital planning much easier as we look to the future of our facilities and plant management. Finally, we have determined it is necessary to add an administrative position – Facilities Manager – to the staff of BCS. Much of the increased cost for this position can be defrayed via bulk ordering and systematizing the supplies across campuses. More information will be shared at the board meeting.

### UPCOMING DATES:

- 4/17 – Board Meeting
- 4/18 – Urbaska Ribbon Cutting
- 4/19 – Leadership Team Meeting
- 4/24 – Finance Committee Meeting – 24/25 Budget Review
- 5/3 – Staff PIR Day
- 5/6 – Strategic Enrollment Committee
- 5/7 – Finance Committee – 24/25 Budget
- 5/15 – Board Meeting
- 5/26 – BCCHS Graduation
- 5/31 – Last Day of School