



President's Report – May 2024

Reminder to please save the date, June 26, for our Board Retreat. More information including an agenda, pre-reading, and a schedule for the day will be sent in the coming weeks. I am looking forward to seeing you all as we consider next year and the future of our Catholic schools!

Building Level Highlights

ECE (Mrs. Trafton):

- Staff evaluation update:
 - Review of Office Administrative Staff: 1/1 100%
 - Preschool Assistant Teacher Summative Evaluation 6/6 100%
 - Childcare Summative Evaluation 8/12 67%
 - Faculty Summative Evaluations 2/4 50%
 - Formal Faculty Evaluation 2/4 50%
- Alpine Plumbing completed an overall to some of the plumbing in the ECE basement. The work is necessary to complete the sink upgrade in the girls' and boys' bathrooms. The sinks have been replaced in the girls' bathroom, the work in the boys' bathroom will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks during evening hours or on a Saturday.
- A janitor has been hired! BCCHS graduate, Kiomy Small started last week. I spent 3 days training with her; she has been working independently since Tuesday, May 7.
- Spring Programs started today...one down nine to go!!
- All ECE contracts have been signed and are at the business office.

SFC K-4 (Mrs. Hayes):

- The 4th grade students' recorder concerts were awesome and very well attended by the parents. Mrs. Moyes is an excellent music teacher!
- 54 new kindergarten students came for the Kindergarten Snapshot Day. Carter Bethurem, current kindergarten student, informed the new students, "The teachers at SFC are really kind. They don't bite at all!"
- Our last SAINTS gathering for the year will be on May 13th. Some of what is planned is meant to celebrate and say goodbye to our 8th graders. We will be having a May Crowning during this SAINTS time to honor Mary.
- The 2nd grade celebration will be on May 23rd at St. Thomas.
- Evaluations:
 - I have done 9 formal evaluations; 5 summative evaluations; and have been in all classrooms for informal observations

5-8 (Mr. Stanton):

- Awards assembly was a success, hope to build on that in the future. \$5,000 were awarded by the Catholic Daughters, SFC Student Council and Joe and Leah Keller.



- A luncheon was held at the YMCA to honor students in the community that demonstrate leadership skills, Bauer Beckwith was selected to represent SF.
- Evan Cass – 7th grader - competed in the regional optimist speech in Canada, he competed well and placed 4th.
- Peace Award Mass will take place this week, will recognize students for their kindness, compassion, empathy and overall ability to respect all.
- 5th and 6th will be on a field trip this Friday to the Huntley Project museum. Lots of activities planned for them.
- Many year-end activities will be taking place in the coming weeks.
- Scheduling is taking place, and the students will be selecting courses for next year.
- Currently we are at 80% completion of staff evaluations.

BCCHS (Mr. Trafton):

Faith:

- At Mass on May 1, BCCHS included a May Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Queen of our lives.
- We are looking forward to Senior Retreat and Graduation Mass for the class of 2024. All are welcome! May 26 at 6pm at Ralph Nelles Activity Center.
- Feedback from the April 10th afternoon of service is still coming in and has been overwhelmingly positive!
- Senior Farewell Mass and Awards Assembly will take place May 22nd at BCCHS.

Family Spirit:

- The Science Bowl team represented BCCHS at Nationals in Washington, D.C. April 25-29.
- Mr. Martinez led students on a Music in the Parks trip to Salt Lake City May 9-12.
- Spring sports are in full swing and will be wrapping up May 24-25. Support your Rams at State Softball (Billings) and State Track (Laurel).
- The BCCHS Film premier took place at Babcock Theater on May 8th. The incredible talents of BCCHS students were evident!

Academic Excellence:

- Mr. Byers' Health Enhancement classes received training in CPR and AED. 71% of freshman became certified (there was a fee attached to certification) and 9 upperclassmen became certified.
- Students are wrapping up AP courses and AP testing. BCCHS is proctoring 10 AP tests this spring.
- All but 3 teachers have received a formal classroom observation. Over 60% of staff have scheduled and completed a Summative Evaluation with Nolan. Non-returning staff will complete exit interviews.

Education – Danielle Watson

- Spring MAP tests are wrapping up. Students are showing significant growth across the board.
 - Highlights:
 - Kindergarten Fall 2023 3% of students scored below 20th %ile, Spring 0 students below the 20th %ile in Reading,
 - 15% of our kindergarteners had a growth of 20 or more points where the average is 11 points.
 - 17% of our 3rd graders had growth of more than 17 points in reading where the average is 7 points.



- Growth often lessens as students reach higher grades, however 25% of our 8th graders grew between 10 to 25 points in Reading where the average by 8th grade is 4. In the fall 7% of our 8th graders scored below the 20th percentile in reading and now less than 4% are below the 20th percentile.
- We are currently wrapping up Social Studies standards alignment to be published and utilized this fall.
- The staff gathered for a PIR day on Friday, May 3 at St. Francis for an update on mission and core principles as well as an overview of the school budgeting process so they can be more informed about the school's financial position. That afternoon, teacher leaders helped to facilitate discussion between subject level teams to vertically align practice while grade level meetings allowed teachers to share year end data, progress, and updates for the teachers in the grade levels both above and below their own. Based on feedback from participants, we will offer more training on PLCs as we fully engage in this process while also providing time and tools for facilitators and administration.

Facilities Committee

- The schools are excited to announce that we have asked Mr. Mark Miller, currently working in maintenance at St. Francis, to become the new Facilities Director for BCS. He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this new role and will help to coordinate our efforts to best manage and maintain our facilities. He has unofficially begun this role with tours of each building and getting to know the maintenance/custodial personnel at each building before officially getting underway on July 1. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Miller on this new role.
- Additionally, a revised bid from McKinstry was provided for Capital Asset Planning services for the board to consider. The facilities committee still recommends that the board engage in this process and is confident that McKinstry will prove to be a good partner in this process.

Strategic Enrollment & Marketing

- On Wednesday, May 29, from 8am to 4pm, Billings Catholic Schools will be participating in the development of a marketing plan, or 'Strategic Story Planning' session guided by Corner Booth Media out of Spokane, WA. The session will be guided by Frank Swoboda (in person) and Deb Jones, both of whom have extensive experience in developing marketing strategies for Catholic schools. We are hoping you would be willing to join us in that strategy session.

UPCOMING DATES:

May 26 – Graduation

May 28 – 8th Grade Promotion

May 31 – Last day of school

June 26 – Board Retreat (9:00-3:30)