

PRINCIPAL REPORT – September 18, 2024

Saint NicholasCatholic School Commission Meeting

<u>MISSION & CATHOLIC IDENTITY</u> Increase the opportunities for staff, students and families to engage in faith formation, prayer, and action in service aligned with catholic social justice teaching. ● <i>Educating for Eternity</i> – our staff is doing a book study to reflect on and implement what it means to teach all subjects from an authentically Catholic worldview ● <i>Vocations Week</i> – November 4-8: ○ Write thank yous to priests and seminarians ○ Walking rosary for vocations ○ MS presentation to families ○ Daily prayer for vocations	<u>GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP</u> Increase school and church collaboration to better implement and communicate the school mission to the entire Saint Nicholas community. ● <i>Leadership</i> – ○ Father and principal meet every other Monday ○ School commission meeting will be the 2nd Monday of each month so Father and Patrick can attend
<u>ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE</u> Create a system rooted in PLCs that identifies essential standards, skills, and assessments to ensure every student is ready for rigorous secondary education. ● <i>Curriculum</i> - We have purchased new math, reading, and science curriculum over the past two years. ● <i>Assessments</i> –Implementing a system of assessments that informs instruction ○ MAP assessments will be used in the fall and spring; no winter MAP assessment ○ Fall MAP scores will be distributed at conferences October 8-10 ○ K-5 will assess students every month using IXL, a diagnostic test that will show student’s skill mastery level and growth over the course of the year ● <i>Music teacher-</i> ○ Mrs. Hunter resigned her position ○ Mrs. Wiebersch will start on Tuesday, September 24 ○ We will be able to support the choir, orchestra, and art electives for the middle school	<u>OPERATIONAL VITALITY</u> Develop a sustainable budget that ensures appropriate student supports, offer competitive wages, maintain and improve facilities, and plan for increased capacity. ● <i>Marketing</i> –promotional video to communicate who we are ○ Working with Lucidity Media Group ○ Virtues survey will be sent to families ● <i>Financial Support</i> – ○ Partnership dinner: October 10 ○ Annual fund: recurring gifts allow us to plan a budget with a known amount ● <i>Fund a need updates</i> ○ Gym floor upgrades increased the cost by \$100,000; we were able to raise this amount over the summer ○ Contractor has been selected: Ridge Point ○ Working on a timeline for gym that will keep students protected from the elements this winter ○ Purchased teacher computers, iPads (K-2), and chromebooks (3-5)