

**SMCS Board of Trustees  
President's Report  
January 20, 2016**

**Curriculum/Professional Development**

**Professional Development**

All teachers and principals participated in a day long in-service on December 11 with several breakout sessions covering the following topics; Google docs, Notebook software for SMART Boards, ADD/ADHD, classroom management strategies, faith integration, Blooms Taxonomy, brain breaks, and Daily 5. Time was also built in for small group meetings; early childhood, pupil services, fine arts, elementary discussion on student laptops, middle school teams, and high school departments.

**Pupil Services Team**

Our K-12 Pupil Services Team is continuing to meet. Forms for teacher referrals and learning support plans have been recently updated.

**Elementary Progress Reports**

Elementary homeroom teachers have been using progress reports that were reformatted for the current academic year. A planning process that began last spring re-aligned communication arts to the new diocesan standards and benchmarks. Together we identified ways to make the progress reports more user friendly for parents. New progress reports for specialists were also created and will be used for the first time this quarter.

**Enrollment**

Our enrollment remains relatively stable with a count of 916 on January 15, 2016, the second yearly attendance count date required for DPI recordkeeping.

Priority registration is currently in process with a deadline of January 29<sup>th</sup>. Our enrollment counts for 2016-17 are tracking at approximately 65% at all grades vs 2015-16, which is a positive indicator. Next week, the admissions team and principals will be following up with contact calls to those in our system who are not yet registered for next year.

**Staffing**

Alumni Madeline Miller is filling as Administrative Assistant at the high school thru January 22<sup>nd</sup>. An offer has been accepted by Lisa Olson (mother to sophomore Mollie Olson). She will begin January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Active recruiting and interviewing identified two qualified candidates for the Director of Admissions position. Liz Uhlenbrauck accepted our offer and will start January 29<sup>th</sup>. Liz and her husband Wade (alumni) are the parents of three children in SMCS – Mason (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and Cole (5<sup>th</sup> grade) at SMM and Trey in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at SMCMS.

Alumni Lauren Jares has started as a part-time after school care provider at SMM.

Letters of intent will be distributed the week of February 1 to contracted employees.

## **Fine Arts**

Fifteen SMCS students chosen by our art teachers will be in the Wisconsin Art Education Young Artist Month Regional Show starting this weekend at the Bergstrom-Mahler Art Museum.

The 4th and 5th grade band both played individually in our January concert. The 4th graders performed seven songs and the 5th graders performed four more complicated songs. The quality and quantity of music demonstrated that Mr. Sawall (with Mr. Bailey's help) has transitioned well to the elementary school level and the students are benefiting from his incredible playing skills.

SMCHS is hosting Solo & Ensemble this year spring semester managed by Ms. Pamela Barnhill.

Rehearsals are underway for the middle school musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, directed by Ms. Kathleen McCurdy. Competitive call backs were held for the lead roles. These shows normally sell out so a third show was added to the schedule this year.

We are about to start rehearsal for the high school musical, *Footloose*. There will be three shows. The Saturday matinee was dropped because of historically low attendance.

To increase student attendances at our musicals and to help with recruitment/retention for the middle and high schools, two pre-shows were created for each musical: 4th & 5th grade students will perform 50's songs before *Bye, Bye Birdie*, and middle school students will perform 80's songs before *Footloose*. Mr. Arboleda and Mr. Bailey will be directing the pre-shows.

We have also enlisted the business/marketing class at the high school to create a marketing plan to help encourage students to support the high school musical this semester.

## **Business Services: Technology-Finance-Food Service**

**Business Services** - staffing roles and duties are stabilizing; working on new procedures with Great Plains software; transition meeting with new auditors set for Friday – January 22.

### **Technology Services**

We are rolling out small laptops to St. Gabriel and St. Mary for elementary students; first time students in these two schools have had laptops – made possible by the 4-Year Technology Plan grant from Dick Bergstrom; identified key teacher in each building to be responsible for the project; Rob Srnka supports the teachers and students in this project.

Pat Hickey is visiting with each of the principals and key teachers to review and update the 4-Year Technology Plan for 2016-17.

### **Food Service**

Account Recognition System – fully implemented; getting children through the line quicker and accuracy of billing were the two main goals. Both goals have met or exceeded expectations.

Garden at the Middle School was tilled and “fertilized” this fall in preparation for spring planting. Lynn Graves will be contacting teachers to find student-helpers to plant and tend the garden in the spring.

## **Other – Fund Development**

**Endowment Work:** Continuing project to organize all endowed accounts and create marketing initiative to promote giving to current funds and create new ones.

**Annual Fund:** Total YTD = \$113,900

### **Event income (net):**

- MMITM = \$19,000
- Brewfest = \$19,000
- Jumbo Gumbo = \$52,000

**ON TRACK presentation:** Tuesday, February 9, in Miron Forensic Theater. 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Medicaid changes and financial planning insight. Presented by Van De Hey & Associates

**School Choice (WPCP) marketing plans:** Finalizing collateral and communication plans to begin School Choice campaign mid-February.

**Video Project:** Working on video project to support and promote Early Childhood and Elementary. Will be working with Admissions (Jennifer and Liz) to complete within next couple months.