

BOT Academic Department Report for 10/21/20

Enrollment Update: 826 In-Person / 62 Virtual

In-Person Learning:

The in-person model has been very successful. The impact of wearing masks and physical distancing is real, however, the staff and students have been doing a great job of following the protocols. The desire for students to be actively in the schools is very strong amongst the staff and families and that is evident with people being proactive when not feeling well and also contacting our COVID-19 Screener to keep her in the loop with cases at home (outside of the schools).

The two virtual days added to the calendar are well received by the staff as they are able to catch-up with programming and prep for future virtual and in-person lesson planning. Staff are also using that time to assist students with interventions.

We are conducting the proper safety checks with fire and lock down drills.

Virtual Learning:

Elementary School has 28 total students:

1-SG

15-SMM

12-SM

7 of the virtual students also have an ISP or LSP which is being met through virtual programming from the learning specialist, counselor, reading specialist or speech pathologist.

All K-5 are using the Google classroom platform including twice daily google meets per grade level.

We are still looking for a second virtual teacher at the K-5 level.

Middle School has 23 students:

We just hired a teacher to oversee the virtual programming at the middle school. The teacher will have the core subjects for all three grade levels and will begin preparations this week with the instruction being delivered starting with second quarter. Art, music, religion, and world language instruction will be taught by other current staff members.

High School has 11 virtual students.

Athletics Update:

WIAA playoffs start this week for cross country, boys soccer and volleyball. We host volleyball and soccer. Tennis finished at state last week. We had 5 players qualify for state: Anna VandenAcker, Drew Korth, Emma Jares, Lilly Griffith and Natalie Chakar.

Football is 2-2 and has a home game on Friday. We will live streaming all home events this week.

COVID-19 Screener:

We have added the Dashboard to the COVID-19 website resources. We update the Dashboard daily Monday through Friday so the SMCS community has the most current information regarding the cases within the system. The staff and students have done a very good job of following protocols, especially the physical distancing and wearing of masks, which has been the main reasons for the infection not spreading in the schools. Parents have also been very good at reporting symptoms and student/family tests to our COVID-19 Screener.

We participate in the weekly health department conference call to obtain the most current information and resources on community responses to the pandemic. Any new or relevant documents are passed along to the staff and families as well.

Catholic Identity:

The Director of Ministry has not yet been filled. There are a few more candidates that are being vetted out this and next week. There was a top candidate last week, however Fr. Mark, Mrs. Fouts, and Mary Lou are not fully confident in the candidate so they are continuing to search for the right person.

Arts/Theatre Department:

The Christmas Concert season is approaching. We are planning a one-hour SMCS Christmas Concert Special to feature all music students on Thursday, December 17! Hayden Kraus and the music department staff are in the process of filming material to be compiled so families can curl up at home with their hot cocoa on 12/17 and enjoy all music/choir/band students in one night. We also plan to film a few bonus songs that will be shared after 12/17 and leading up to Christmas.

ZFAB is working on a Christmas card mailer to inform our families about the concert.

On Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Zephyrs High School Theater will present the fall play "Alone Together: 6 plays written for online performance" The SMCHS parking lot will be used as a drive-in movie to view the pre-recorded short plays for this one night only event!

Zephyrs Fine Arts Boosters (ZFAB) is excited to announce that fine arts is taking our next step with our traditional fine arts season booklets - we are going digital! We will use this season to explore more engaging ways for our families and audience members to connect with SMCS Fine Arts...I'll get you a copy of a past book.