

BOT Academic Department Report for 12/16/20

Enrollment Update: 897 Students 838 In-Person / 59 Virtual

Virtual Learning:

We are still planning on offering the virtual platform for the remainder of the school year. We are reaching out to the parents of the virtual students to inquire about their intentions for second semester.

Athletics Update:

Baseball backstop poles have been put in place. Backfill, fencing and netting will be going up in the next couple of weeks.

Underground electrical has been laid to the new softball press box. The press box will be constructed in early spring.

Winter Sport Updates

Boys Basketball is 2-1 overall and 2-1 in conference play. Boys play Menasha tomorrow at Menasha.

Girls Basketball is 4-2 overall and 4-1 in conference play. Girls play Hilbert tomorrow at home.

Powerlifting is practicing but doesn't have any meets scheduled at this point. Coaches are working how meets will look with COVID.

Dance is practicing and will be performing a few home basketball games. They are also looking to participate in a dance competition this year.

We are live streaming all home Varsity and JV basketball games on you tube.

COVID-19 Screener:

CDC/County Guidelines vs. recommendations of best practice. We will continue the current quarantine practice of 10/14 days. Below are some resources from recent health department meetings Maryann has compiled for us:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/COVID-19-Situation-Update-12-9-20.html?soid=1124680822228&aid=xmOipvxBnAs> (scroll down to the tan colored part: **A 14-day quarantine remains the safest option and is still recommended.**)

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/new_cdc_quarantine_options_wchd_12.7.20.pdf (In the top blue section is says: *****Quarantine for 14 full days after the time of exposure remains the safest strategy for preventing asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19, as the incubation period for the virus is 2- 14 days.)**

Menasha says the same thing at <https://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/Health/COVID-19/12-7-2020%20Quarantine%20Recommendations.pdf>

At the schools' meeting with WCHD on Friday, they said that the 14-day quarantine is "the gold standard." They also said that some groups are required to do the full 14-day quarantine, especially very young students or those with special needs who can't wear masks/physically

distance. Athletes cannot return to practice or competition before 14 days are up under any circumstances. They also reiterated that students must be monitored if they return sooner than 14 days. But they offered no guidance on how to manage this monitoring in schools.

Here is the DHS information that says the full quarantine is safer, but they recognize that some people have difficulty completing the full quarantine: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/120420.htm>

Temp Checks: We are looking to discontinue the checking of temps after break. We have not any student identified with a high temp since beginning the practice. We will discuss this to get BOT input at our meeting.

Catholic Identity:

The Director of Ministry has been filled. Eric Rudd started on November 23rd.

New faith-based lunch groups at SMCHS were started last week. Those groups will meet weekly. Also, Eric is bringing back the Teens For Life group which was started last year. He is also working on outreach to the athletics department, which got started by leading the opening prayer for both the girls' and boys' home basketball games. Eric's next project with athletics is to start a Catholic Athletes for Christ chapter here at SMCHS. His goal is to get that going by early January.

Arts/Theatre Department:

The SMCS Christmas Concert Special will be published on SMCSFineArts.org Thursday 12/17 at 6:30 pm. The special features students from all schools and will be available to view on demand through Christmas. Special thanks to our music teachers and student video editors!

Z Cabaret: An Evening to Celebrate and Support Fine Arts, will be virtual on January 22. Tickets to this at home experience including meal details will be released soon!

Zephyrs High School Theater has announced casting for the March musical: Anything Goes. Safety precautions, including masks, will be taken by cast, crew and pit members. In-person tickets will be restricted to families March 5-7 and a virtual ticket will be available to everyone from March 12-14.

WSMA (Wisconsin School Music Association) has announced that Solo & Ensemble will not be in-person this spring. We are learning about a new virtual experience for our music students.

Mrs. Jessica Wagner's middle school drama class submitted monologues to a contest put on by Drama Notebook. Isabelle Pool and Julian Kuehn received special recognition and will be published on the international database!

Welcome to Lauren Elwing our new art teacher! She started at St. Mary elementary and is already doing great work with our students!