

Catholic Schools Advisory Council
St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Virtual Teams Meeting

1. Welcome & Open Prayers - Margaret Introductions, Chaplain Bob Rempel prayer

2. Territorial Acknowledgement – Chaplain Bob

I (we) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally used by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral People. I (we) also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws, and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land today

3. Chaplain Bob’s Role in the school

- Focus on faith-based events, compassionate care
- Walks around the school to say hello to all students – make everyone feel noticed and that they matter
- Recently present outside the doors at the beginning of school and end of school to greet and send off the students.
- Theme week was based on the boards theme of “Gather to become” – our symbol for the faith theme is a butterfly
- In the fall, SAC sponsored the painting of the Butterfly theme by painting a few murals that are on display in the atrium
- During theme week – students created tissue butterflies which represented the transformation from the caterpillar to the butterfly
- Links are available on our website for Lenten Lift off

4. Amy Healy – Student Success Teacher

- **Focus was on Grade 8 transition activities**
 - Future of Saints Link can be located under the Parents portal – many videos and pathway planning tools available for our Future saints
 - The platform for students and parents is amazing – good feedback
 - “Be a Saint” Campaign – all Grade 8 students had a Saint’s t-shirt waiting for them upon their return to in-person learning in January
- **Student Success**
 - challenged to support students at home – introduced an online virtual support room, approximately 3-4 students each morning
 - assist with time management issues
 - homework club also available for literacy and numeracy support on Wednesday
 - concern raised – not all material is covered in the courses and not communicated to the students – impact to post-secondary aspirations
 - all grades are experiencing learning challenges – need to have understanding and extra support

- how do current Grade 12 students select courses for next year if deciding to return – through guidance not online (expectation that more grade 12's to return for an additional year than normal)
- Quadmesters – no direction on what the fall school year will look like yet
- **OSSLT – Literacy test**
 - Online field test for grades 10,11,12 (TBD)
 - Practice test is available for the students
 - Test will be completely online within the school; no dates have been announced
 - If successful, it will count as a pass and if unsuccessful it will be counted as a failure

5. Idea Exchange

- Access to teachers and classes – no more than 15 students – M/W/F 8-10
- Online presence – attempting to improve what is offered
- Student survey available to be taken, students are encouraged to complete the survey. The link will be in the Benn Letter on Wednesday
- Opening up more access is completed dependent on the Colour level of our community

6. SAC Report – Colin & Karina unavailable Margaret provided the update

- Black history month – activities throughout the month
- Valentine's Day – Instagram cards and flowers to Long term care homes
- Upcoming - Spirit week - activities of the past, Stations of the Cross and Civics Days (United Way and Tiny House project)

7. Principal Report – Margaret

- Construction project under way is almost complete includes HVAC system and UV purification systems in each classroom
- Covid Update – self assessment/CR code available as students enter the classrooms
- Targeted testing
 - not needed at our school as of yet – no outbreaks declared
 - when tested is required it will be a weekend event
- SRO – School Resource Officer survey will be completed for Grade 10-12 students on Mar 10/11
- School Photos/Graduation
 - Student Photos schedule for March 26-28
 - Grad Photos – scheduled April 19-May 7 → will be help in the library, look for sign-ups shortly
 - Graduation 2021 will be Virtual – investigating different ideas
 - Grad Gowns will be sold on SCOL – firm deadline coming soon
 - Adapted Yearbook will be available on SCOL – smaller version, dependent on student pictures occurring
- Virtual learning Survey is available to taken – voluntary
- Hour Republic has been replaced with another system – related to volunteer hour reporting

- CPIC Updates – sent out as information becomes available

Important Dates:

- Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday, March 11th
- Progress Reports shared via email to parents & students - March 17th
- Schedule Change Quad 3 & 4 - final evaluation April 8&9
- Spring break - April 12-16th
- Q4 Start date April 21 - synchronous only (AM-Per.3/PM - Per. 4)
- OSSLT (March 23 to June 4)
- Planning for Next Year

7. Budget – Eric – no update provided

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Carriere

Next Meeting: May 4th @ 6pm