



St. Francis of Assisi School Council
October, 2020
Principal's Report

“Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart”
Be Loving, Be Joyful, Be Humble, Be Forgiving

2020-2021 Overarching School Goals:

1. Continue with the strong learning we started last year in the areas of numeracy, source based analysis and comprehension.
2. Focus on student and staff mental health.
3. Focus on streamlining the learning/program of studies to help mind the gaps.
Teachers have identified Reading and Writing as a main gap in Language Arts and basic facts and number sense in Numeracy.
4. Faith - Focusing on building a faith community within our school.

Learning

- We are into our second round of exploratory Options. We are seeking feedback from our community (positive and negative).
- Field Trips have been brought back into our re-entry plan and will start to take place ASAP as long as they follow the re-entry guidelines. Outdoor Education has already been on a trip, the barrier will be the cost. We still cannot mix cohorts, therefore field trips will be on a TAG basis which will cost more for bussing, etc.
- Procedures to open up Band are being discussed and a plan is currently being formulated. We are hoping to have Band up and running by term 2.
- We celebrated our St. Francis feast day on Friday. The students broke bread together and came together in prayer over the intercom.

School

- STF population is 770 students.
- We held our first live stream liturgy in September, our next one is on Thursday for Thanksgiving. Feedback was good from staff, although we had a few hiccups so are looking at making minor changes.
- We had our OH&S audit from the government on Friday. There were no suggestions from their end and feedback was strong in regards to the procedures and controls we have in place at school to keep our students and staff safe.
- Lockers are slowly being brought back into our re-entry plan. We will be starting with the Grade 6 students to formulate their plan, implement and work out any kinks. From there we will be opening up school wide.
 - Basically students will only be able to access lockers...
 - Upon entrance to school - to store their coat, backpack and lunch
 - At lunch to access their lunch and coats for recess
 - Upon Dismissal of school - to gather their materials.
- Athletics has started already and our Grade 6/7 Sports Development program is also starting. Next is intramurals.
- Extra-Curricular clubs will also be starting soon once teachers have created their procedures and plans.
- The Parent Teacher Interview plan is currently being created and decided upon as a division. What we know for sure is that they will not be held in the school with an in-person format.
- We have moved our cafeteria to on-line ordering this month. So far the response is good, as of right now we are still allowing in person ordering and paper pre-ordering but this may change once we get further into the school year.

Social Justice

This year, each Grade team will be taking on at least one Social Justice initiative organized by the Grade Religion teachers.

- The Grade 9 students are organizing a food drive.

Upcoming Events

Oct 8 - Thanksgiving Liturgy - 10:30-11:30 am Oct 9 - PD Day, No School Oct 9/10 - World Mental Health Day Oct 12 - No School, Thanksgiving Oct 19-24 - Waste Reduction Week Oct 23 - PD Day, No School Oct 26 - Lifetouch Retakes Oct 31 - Halloween Nov 1 - All Saints Day Nov 2 - All Souls Day	Nov 8 - Catholic Education Sunday Nov 9-10 - PT Interviews Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Celebration Nov 11,12,13 - No School Nov 16-21 - Bullying Awareness Week Nov 26 - End of Term 1 Nov 27 - PD Day, No School Nov 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent
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Action Items:

1. We are still seeking feedback from our community focusing on enhancing our overall community. So far we have only had one response. We will send it out again.
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