

# School Update for Parents School Advisory Committee meeting

November 14, 2022



#### St. Bruno Parish School - FOUR schools in one:

- ★ Early Childhood
- ★ Elementary School
- ★ Middle School
- ★ Special Needs Scholarship Program year 3, 10% of school, expanded staff



#### **Early Childhood Program**

- ★ Mrs. Gutbrod, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Kexel and Mrs. Evans are an amazing team
- ★ Kettle Moraine K4 program sponsors the majority of our morning K4 students
- ★ All students have individual goals following WMELS Standards
- ★ Students have FUN and creative play-based learning experiences



#### **Elementary School - Grades K5-4**

- ★ Reading:
  - SuperKids | Grades K5, 1, 2
  - Wonders | Grade 3
  - Guided Reading | Grade 4
- ★ Learning social skills, advanced types of play, cooperation



#### Middle School - Grades 5-8

- ★ Reading curriculum is new this year: StudySync
  - Literature, phonics and grammar built into program
- ★ Refining social skills, working to 'lighten the drama'
- ★ Working to LIVE the lessons we learn in church



#### **Special Needs Scholarship Program**

- ★ Serves about 10% of our school population
- ★ Staff: Support Teachers, Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist
- ★ Laura Day continues to be our coordinator, meeting weekly with classroom teachers; working mostly remotely
- ★ Good working relationship with Kettle Moraine, Palmyra-Eagle, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee



#### **Enrollment Update - 90**

90 students [Graduated 13, 8 fewer students from KM K4 program]

+ 2 students - October

- + 1 student November
- + 3 inquiries



# **Prayer Life Growth:**

- ★ Deacon Joe will visit classrooms each week
- ★ We pray The Memorare in the morning and after lunch
- ★ We pray the Angel of God Prayer at the end of each day. Students are reminded to choose an intention and pray it again at bedtime



# **Prayer Life Growth: Pray and Play**

- ★ New program developed by our Catholic Identity Domain Committee led by Peggy Machacek and Paula Curry
- ★ Saturday, Nov. 19 is kickoff Decorate a Bowl event!
- ★ Family activities during the school year will revolve around coming to church for prayer and play activities as a family





# **Prayer Life Growth:**

- ★ Our school prayed the rosary on a chilly
   October day on the parish patio
- ★ Everyone had a part to pray



# Prayer Life Growth: Altar server Sign Up!

- ★ One important way for students and families to give back is to serve mass on weekends. All Catholic students in grades 4-8 have been trained and/or had altar server skills refreshed by Deacon Joe
- ★ This promotes the relationship between our school and parish
- ★ The parish financially supports our school. We have this opportunity to show our appreciation and grow our relationship
- ★ Ongoing concern Catholic families are not attending mass



#### **Update on standardized test results:**

- ★ MAP continues to show stronger results than lowar
- ★ Students enjoy MAP testing

★ Reminder: MAP is intuitive and adjusts questions depending on correct/incorrect responses



#### Achievement data this year is encouraging!

- ★ In Fall 2022 MAP Tests, 77.9% of students in grades K5-8 were at or above the 50th percentile in English/Language Arts
- ★ In Fall 2022 MAP Tests, **70.5**% of students in grades K5-8 were at or above the 50th percentile in Math



#### We are looking into potential new Math curricula:

- ★ We currently use Saxon Math in grades K5-8. Many parents and teachers feel it jumps from concept to concept before solidifying one of them.
- ★ Our Math staff is reviewing three to four alternate Math curricula and we will keep parents informed.
- ★ Mr. P is piloting 'Get More Math'



#### What have we been up to lately?

- ★ STEM Program growing: led by Ms. Erin Mulligan and Mrs. Lisa Werner
- ★ Service projects completed: Rake and Run, Veterans Day Cards, Christ Child Christmas boxes.
- ★ Next up: Blankets for those in need, Cards to Three Pillars, Cookie gifts to parishioners
- ★ Kids Care Club: thanks to Ellen Knaflic and Jenell Knitter from School Advisory Committee for taking the leadership role, formerly directed by Peggy Machacek





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★ We celebrated Dia de los Muertos with a beautiful altar and pictures of our deceased loved ones.





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- ★ All Saints Day event was a lovely success. MANY students and staff dressed as saints and parish adults enjoyed them!
- ★ Shoe Drive for St. Vincent DePaul 100+ pairs of shoes donated!
- ★ Western Lakes Fire Department visited K4 - grade 3 here at school
- ★ Planning is underway for 8th Grade trip to Washington,D.C. in the spring









#### **Athletics:**

- ★ Collaborative teams with St. Joan of Arc, St. Jerome:
  - Volleyball and Cross Country were a success
  - Basketball begins in December
  - Track and Field begins in the spring



# Safety planning:

- ★ Our Safety Team has met twice this year and keeps in communication with Summit Police and Western Lakes Fire Department.
- ★ Mr. Bob Leonard, retired assistant fire chief of the Village of Dousman, is our parish and community connection for safety planning



# Safety planning:

#### **Evacuation**

- Reunification location is the Dousman Community Center
- We would walk there and have a protocol for parents or approved caregivers to pick up children

#### **Drills**

- Lockdown drill will be held in December; parents and students will be notified ahead of time
- Fire drills are held monthly
- Tornado drills in the spring



#### **Communication:**

#### **School Families**

- 1. Monday Memo
- Wednesday Family Newsletter
- 3. www.stbrunoparishschool.com
- 4. Face to Face conversations
- 5. Monthly <u>class newsletters</u>

#### School & Parish Staff

- Wildcat Weekly Update
- Weekly staff meetings
- Email, phone, in person conversations



#### **Communication:**

- Methods of communication between parents and teachers are primarily email and/or Class Dojo. We respectfully ask that teachers' cell phones be used only for emergencies.
- All staff are requested to reply to parent communications in a timely manner







# Thank you very much for joining us this evening! Go Wildcats!!