

PRINCIPAL REPORT – November 29, 2023

Saint Nicholas Catholic School Commission Meeting

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MISSION & CATHOLIC IDENTITY</u></p> <p>Increase the opportunities for staff, students and families to engage in faith formation, prayer, and action in service aligned with catholic social justice teaching.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participation in school faith life – opportunities for staff, students, and families to grow in their Catholic faith. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLC - completed the Sower and the Seed; new topic starts in January ○ November - vocations awareness, appreciation letters ○ Christmas program - ● Service to others – increase service to others that is developmentally appropriate and aligned with Catholic social justice teaching. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ St. Vincent de Paul food drive - October 23 to November 30 ○ Veteran’s Day assembly - November 9 ○ Yearbook - published first newspaper 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP</u></p> <p>Increase school and church collaboration to better implement and communicate the school mission to the entire Saint Nicholas community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leadership –create a culture of service to the church. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Starting in January - sacristan training for students to set up mass on Fridays ○ Deacon connecting with students to train as altar servers ● Clear expectations – policies are in place and aligned with the school mission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed: Grading policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clarity/consistency in specialist grading ■ Updating PS/PK grading scales ■ Defining honor roll/high honor roll ○ How Are We Doing Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open November 17 - December 31, 2023 ■ 8 responses so far
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE</u></p> <p>Create a system rooted in PLCs that identifies essential standards, skills, and assessments to ensure every student is ready for rigorous secondary education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Curriculum integration –Increase STREAM lessons in PS-8 homeroom classes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First trimester student showcase December 1 ● Aligned curriculum – Vertically align PS-8 math and ELA curriculum in preparation for rigorous secondary education. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-5 PLC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Leveling all books in K-5 classrooms and resource rooms ■ Scope and sequence to ensure no gaps in literacy curriculum ○ MS PLC: student showcase trimester 2 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OPERATIONAL VITALITY</u></p> <p>Develop a sustainable budget that ensures appropriate student supports, offer competitive wages, maintain and improve facilities, and plan for increased capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrollment –Develop and implement a plan to increase student enrollment and capacity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basketball starts soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Boys A team (6-8th grades) ■ Girls B team (4-6th grades) ● Aligned curriculum – Develop a system that allows for appropriate staffing to provide comprehensive support for all students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-5 PLC: ○ MS PLC: student showcase ● Gym: working with archdiocese and architect to get a timeline for Aug. 2024 completion date

