

Report from Administration

1 February 2022

- Grade 7&8 students participated in the Thunderbirds Reading Program the week of Dec 13th, raising awareness of about the Aboriginal story about the game of lacrosse
- Our last week of school before the Holidays was disrupted by positive COVID-19 cases, close contacts and families choosing to keep students home
- Holiday break began early and was extended for students by 1 week due to spread of the Omicron variant
- Staff returned on January 4th
- Online learning was in place January 10th to 14th to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to prepare for new expectations when students returned
- January plan was shared with members of our school community on January 14th:
 - Cohorting
 - Masks in phys ed, except during rigorous activity
 - No wind instruments in Band
 - School sport limited to 10-person skills practice
- Students have been very good about wearing their masks properly and following the new rules since they returned on January 17th
- February is registration month
 - Shared information with our grade 6 feeder schools about late French immersion
 - Q&A session for late FI is set for this Thursday evening
 - Registration information for our grade 9 students going to Auburn was shared this afternoon – lots more to come before course selection
- Staffing decisions will be based on information collected during February
- Lockdown Drill next week – letter went home today
- SAC Grant – \$5000 + \$1 per student = \$5436 arrived just before Holidays
 - 30 Chromebooks have arrived at a cost of \$11 191
- Student Support Grant of \$5438 arrived just before the Holidays
- Healthy School Grant (new!) of \$5438 also arrived before the Holidays
 - Application process has been set-up for teachers to access these funds

Student Success Planning (SSP)

- Focus continues to be on grade 8 Mathematics achievement
- Data is submitted and reviewed every 12 weeks (updated from 6-weeks at the start of the year); revise our approaches based on that information (short-cycle planning)
- Data collection has been on hold – will resume February 15th

Teacher Learning

- Teachers engaged in self-directed learning and preparing for online learning the week of January 4th

- Lisa participated in 3 principal PD sessions focussed on inquiry-based learning (IBL) delivered by Trevor Mackenzie

Upcoming Meetings: Mar 1, May 3, Jun 7