



St. Boniface School ...making a world of difference

News from the Principal

May 27, 2021

Hello St. Boniface families,

Let me start by saying - What a year it has been!! When I started back in June, I honestly had no idea how this year would turn out. We had so much to figure out and "Covid rules" changed weekly. But here we are! We made it! We made it through remote learning, Google Meets, face masks, eating in our classrooms, and social distancing. Not only did we make it through - but we made it through successfully! A HUGE THANK YOU to our faculty! Everyone of them has essentially been working two jobs all year - teaching face to face learners and teaching remote learners. They have done an amazing job! Another HUGE thank you to our students! They were amazing learners this year. They complied with every new rule without complaining. They really made this whole pandemic thing look easy! And finally thank you to our families! I know this year has not been easy - we've had (multiple) issues with busing, you had to oversee the "at home classroom" at one time or another this year, you learned how to Zoom as well, and again, were asked to do many things "out of the ordinary." I do not have enough words to express how truly thankful I am to all of you. Running a school, during a pandemic, as a first year principal, has probably been one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life!! I look forward to spending the last day with our students tomorrow in prayer, as we conclude with a final prayer service and whole school awards assembly in church.

Goodbyes - While we are excited for summer, it is always hard to say "GOODBYE." Last night we said "Goodbye," to our 8th graders. Graduation was a beautiful ceremony. We wish all of our 8th graders well as they embark on a new adventure to high school. We will miss them, but are eager to welcome our 7th graders as the new leaders of our school!

We also have some goodbyes to say to some of our school staff.

Mrs. Cooper - Our beloved music teacher, Mrs. Cooper is retiring after many wonderful years of teaching. Mrs. Cooper has been a treasure to St. Boniface School. We will miss her and her amazing musical talent. We wish her well and many congratulations! Enjoy your retirement Mrs. Cooper - it is very well deserved!!

Mrs. Bacon - Our 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Bacon, is making a big move - to CHICAGO! She and her husband are moving there this summer! What an adventure!! We wish her all the best with everything in the future and we will surely miss her! Mrs. Bacon, you may be far away in Chicago but all your students now know how to hop onto Google Meet!

Mrs. Fayne - Our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Fayne, has an extra special reason she is not returning to us in the fall - she and her husband are having their first baby! Congratulations to the Faynes!! We have been blessed to have Mrs. Fayne and will miss her greatly! We cannot wait to see pictures of "baby Fayne" in the fall! Prayers for a healthy baby and safe delivery!

Mr. Perkins - Mr. Perkins, our Mercy volunteer, came to us from Minnesota. I honestly don't know what we would have done without him this year! He was such a big help - taking temperatures every morning, helping with recess, helping teachers in the classroom, helping us in the office,... I really could go on and on! Travis will be heading back to Minnesota. We wish him all the best with whatever the future holds for him and will miss him like crazy!

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Report Cards & Iowa Scores: Both report cards and Iowa test scores will be mailed next week.

Student Computers: Student computers need to be returned by tomorrow. This message mostly applies to those who are still remote learners and have a school computer at home. Please note that report cards and/or school records will not be sent out until we have received the computer back. This includes 8th grade records that need to be sent to high schools. Computers may be dropped off in the main office or arrangements can be made with your child's teacher. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Medication: If anyone has medication in the nurse's office, please make arrangements with Ms. Wilson to pick that up.

Summer Hours: As of right now, we believe our summer hours to be as they have been in the past - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9 AM - 2 PM. Mrs. Galbraith will be in the office those days to answer any questions, especially concerning Ed Choice or registration for the up-coming school year.

New principal: As you already know, Mr. Paul Ebert will be the new principal of St. Boniface for the 21-22 school year. His first official day is June 1. He and I will be working together the month of June.

That being said - I have truly, truly enjoyed my time here at St. Boniface School. Even though my time here was short, I have gained so much from knowing these students and their families. I believe God puts us places and brings people into our lives for a reason. I cannot tell you how strongly I have felt that being at St. Boniface. These KIDS put a smile on my face every single day. I love them and hope nothing but the best for them. I am leaving them in good hands - I am confident Mr. Ebert is going to do great things here!

Tomorrow (Friday) is OUR LAST DAY! Let's make it the best one yet!

Finally, enjoy your summer break!! Be safe, read some books, practice some math, and most importantly, HAVE SOME FUN!!

I will miss you more than you know - but I will never forget you!

Much love,
Angie Heisel
principal

