Crosby-Ironton Secondary School

Principal's Monthly Report
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I. School Highlights

- **Student Council** will host a middle school dance the end of October
- Special Olympics Bocce Ball in Brainerd
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II. Academic Updates

- **Assessments Administered:**
    - Capti- Grades 7-12
    - PSAT-16 juniors

- **Curriculum Updates:**
    - Math will begin curriculum review in October

- **Student Progress:**

III. Student Support & Services

- **Counseling Services:**
    - Planned financial aid night to align with our 2nd night of conferences
- **Special Education:**
- **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL):**

IV. Staff Updates

- **Site Team Agenda**

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Walk Through Tool

New Business

1. Consistency in Grading
    a. Zero
    b. Missing
    c. Turned In
2. Block Schedule
3. Homecoming Feedback
    a. Posters early in the week
    b. 7 and 8 not in auditorium
    c. Get to know the candidates prior to voting
    d. Add to elementary
4. Parent Teacher Conferences
    a. Gym, classrooms
    b. Project Unite

- **Professional Development:**
    - October 28th, Early Out
        - Math Team will meet to discuss curriculum
        - Teachers will have time to ask questions and reflect on Infinite Campus usage
        - Jenna Esse will lead Capti training for staff
        - High School Paras will work on paperwork
- **Personnel Changes:**

- **Staff Recognition:**
    - Thank you to Mr Syrstad for his time leading our special olympics and unified teams this fall. They have competed in flag football and bocce ball.
    - Thank you to Patty Sonstegard and Christie Elliot for supporting and having our new paras shadow with them during the school day.

V. Safety

- **Safety Drills Conducted:**

- Hold Drill in conjunction with a Cardiac Drill

VI. Extracurricular & Athletics

- **Clubs & Activities:**
  - Lakes Area Band Festival, November 13th
  - Symphonic Band Festival, November 14th

- **Student Government / Leadership:**
  - Homecoming Week Student Reflections
  - Homecoming Week Reflections (Staff)
    - Keep what works
      - Maintain the strong foundation of this year's Homecoming including a dedicated pepfest day, popular activities, and inclusive participation.
    - Plan earlier and communicate
      - Start projects sooner, build in enough time for completion and make sure students know about all scheduled events
    - Make student interest a priority
      - Ask students what themes and activities they want. Focus on opportunities that encourage participation rather than simply adding more events.
    - Make coronation feel special
      - Consider candidate profiles, a musical performance, and a more intentional schedule to create a memorable ceremony
    - Balance fun with the school day
      - Continue prioritizing Advisory activities and planned events that minimize lost instructional time while giving students opportunities to participate.

VIII. Family & Community Engagement

- **Parent Communication:**
  - IC message sent out October 19th for Picture Retake Day
  - IC message sent out October 23rd for Parent Teacher Confernce

- **Community Partnerships:**

- **Volunteer Involvement:**
    - Seventh grade science has been doing an overview of plants, animals, fungi, protists, and bacteria in class - researching what they are, where they are found, and how they are helpful and harmful to people. Shawn Hopman, brewmaster and founder of Ya Sure Kombucha, visited Mr Dirk's classes to help brew our own Kombucha. Kombucha is made by fermenting tea using bacteria and yeast, so Shawn came to give students an in-depth and hands-on look at just how these particular types of bacteria and fungi are useful to us. The process takes 10-12 days, so students will continue to observe and monitor the progress and in the end, get to sample the various flavors.

IX. Looking Ahead

- Business Networking Event - Cuyuna Lakes Chamber, November 17th
- Parent Teacher Conferences, November 2nd and 5th
    - Monday, November 2nd conferences will take place in the PE Gym (We will be hosting Volleyball Section Playoffs)
    - Thursday, November 5th conferences will take place in the teachers' classrooms. (We will continue to host Volleyball Section Playoffs)
- CLC will host Financial Aid Night on Thursday, November 5th in the media center flex space.
- November 25th the first trimester ends (7/8th grade exploratory classes)

X. Principal's Reflection / Comments

- Notes and Resources from CTE conference

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