



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

When I think about what a Catholic school should be doing and doing well, I think of the mind and the heart. We want to prepare our students academically and for the world of work when they become adults. We also want them to grow emotionally and know that they are loved and supported by the people around them.

This week I get to share a great academic “mind moment” and a lovely emotional “heart moment” in the lives of our parish and school families and students.

The “mind moment” centers on how the teachers are working on having the skills to teach 21st century learners. I am so proud to share that Maureen Murphy and Cindy Gallagher both went through an online certification course on *Hapara*, which is a management system for the Chromebooks. This means that these teachers can give constructive feedback on online projects and activities at any time they need it, even after school hours and over weekends. We are so blessed to have such wonderful and dedicated teachers who are lifelong learners on behalf of our students.

The “heart moment” is one that really touched me. Elm Leaves did a wonderful news story, which can be accessed at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/elmwood-park/news/ct-elm-cancer-awareness-tl-1004-story.html>, about Caleb Teasley, a child who has battled cancer and is thriving. The article mentions how he is doing well and getting to live the life of a typical second grader. Ms. Teasley shared with me how she could not have gotten through the nightmare of Caleb’s illness without the support of the parish and the school. I am so proud of this parish and school and so blessed to be here. Thank you for your part in this “heart moment”.

On a side note, please be aware that the School Board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, October 16. It will be at 7PM in the Lower Meeting Room.

Have a wonderful week.

With Gratitude and Blessings,
Sheila M. Klich