



CEDAR VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

FALL '22 NEWSLETTER

Stay **ENGAGED** with **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Cedar Valley Catholic Schools has been engaged in strategic planning work over the past several years with guidance from Catholic School Management and the Archdiocese of Dubuque. CVCS is currently working on its year two goals and objectives. One goal area is Governance and Leadership and the focus is on consistent and effective communication from the school board and administration. This year's objective is to create a quarterly newsletter focused on the strategic plan and campus highlights.

This is the first issue; there will be three additional editions and an issue of Columbus's Compass newspaper. Updates on the strategic plan are provided at each monthly school board meeting and at the annual State of the System presentation hosted by the school board.

If you are interested in learning more about the strategic plan, please join us on January 5th at 6:00 pm in the Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School commons. Engaging in strategic planning work will help ensure that Catholic education remains vibrant in the Cedar Valley for years to come!

Our Mission –

To provide an exceptional Catholic education for every student, built on a foundation of faith, discipline, knowledge and service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Cedar Valley Catholic Schools Events

Columbus High School Events

- November 29 - 6-12 Advent Mass at 9:00 am in the Oppold gymnasium
- December 10 - Athletic Hall of Fame at 6:00 pm in the Oppold gymnasium
- December 18 - Stations of the Crib at 6:00 pm in the Oppold gymnasium

Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Events

- December 15 - Quarter Two, Pep Rally
- December 18 - 6-12 Christmas Band/Choir Concert - 4:00 p.m.
- December 19- 21 - Dodgeball Tourney and Service projects during Lead Time

St. Edward Events

- December 12 - 2nd & 3rd grade concerts
 - Blessed Sacrament Church 9:20 am
 - Sacred Heart Church 10:30 am
- December 13 - 2nd & 3rd grade concerts
 - St. Edward Church 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm

- December 21 - Las Posadas Prayer Service 2:00 p.m. - in gym

For more information on upcoming CVCS events please visit www.cvcatholic.org

Tom Novotney
CVCS Chief Administrator



SUSTAINING THE LEGACY

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As exciting as this past year has been, we are eagerly anticipating great things to come in 2023. In the months ahead you will be hearing more about our strategic plans and capital campaign. I believe that a strong, Catholic Education is one of the most valuable investments you can make in a child's future. In our efforts to Sustain The Legacy of our schools, I pray that our Catholic community's spirit of servant-leadership will shine, knowing that in giving you are investing in the lives of current and future students' faith-filled education. We have so much to be thankful for. Please pray for the success of these endeavors, and thank you for your continued support of our students & staff at Cedar Valley Catholic Schools.

Jake Schaefer
CVCS Board President

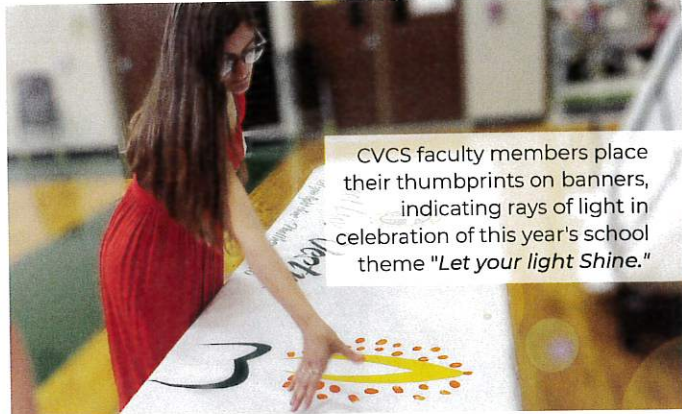
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Columbus Catholic High School | Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School
St. Edward Elementary School | Blessed Sacrament Early Childhood Center



Luceat Lux Vestra
Let your light shine



Sailors on the move.



Columbus Catholic High School students have had a busy and exciting first quarter. The first weeks of school included our annual Back to School Jamboree, first pep rally of the year, and a lot of school spirit. The annual celebration of Homecoming Week took place in September and included an exciting parade and pep rally. Our leadership teams have been hard at work leading renewal days, planning events, and finding ways to improve the culture and physical environment of our school.

Students in fall activities worked hard through successful seasons and are now transitioning into winter activities. Students have also been working hard academically, as teachers have been working to incorporate learning strategies that help improve academic performance while also establishing and maintaining positive relationships.

Tony Harrington

Secondary Principal
Columbus Catholic High School



Beacons of success!

Saint Edward continues to shine brightly as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. Our students, staff, and teachers take on everyday challenges and celebrate successes. This semester students of all grades have had some special experiences to extend their learning. All students had the opportunity to share their Leadership Notebooks with community members.

Their continual journey of learning can be seen in the hallways and throughout the building. We truly are a blessed school family with many helping hands and loving hearts!

Learning equals development.

Blessed Sacrament Early Childhood Center enrolls infants as well as before and after school-age children, up to 5th grade. Our staff strives to provide the best communication possible with our families. We are able to achieve this by using a parent communication app where we can log activities throughout the day.

Our building prides itself on using Iowa Early Learning Standards as our curriculum for infants to 4-year-old preschool. We focus on activities that foster learning and development to prepare our children for their future education. Our upcoming objectives highlight the importance of Thanksgiving and Christmas by sharing and giving. Our children will experience a Thanksgiving feast and a classroom-giving tree to enhance their understanding of this meaningful time.



Carley Epling

Early Childhood Director

Saints Shining bright!

This year the CVCS theme is Luceat Lux Vestra. (Let your light shine.) Here are some of the ways students and teachers at Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta have been letting their lights shine this semester. Our students shined on the football team going 6-0, while our concert band and choir entertained family and friends in late September. Each week, on Tuesdays, we came together to celebrate Mass. One of our special Masses this fall was when we celebrated our Grandparents.

The 8th grade students had two opportunities to participate in Wax Museums, one in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month and the other to recognize the works of Saints. During October, the 6th grade students had their day of renewal. We all had the opportunity to pray the Rosary together every morning during October. We ended the first nine weeks by celebrating all the ways we shined with a pep rally. Great first quarter!

Aaron Becker

PK-8th Principal

