



November 19, 2021

Dear SBCSC Families,

This has been another full week for us. Thanks to all of you who joined us at the Board meeting at Clay High School on Monday evening. On Tuesday, we met with Mayor James Mueller, Chief Scott Ruskowski, Officer Eric Crittendon, School Board members, our educators, neighbors, and friends at Riley High School to discuss our School Resource Officers. For your support of our students and teachers, thank you. Thank you to the teachers at Adams and Riley who welcomed me into their classrooms this past Tuesday and Wednesday, and thanks to their Teacher Leader Teams. I enjoyed visiting these English classes and talking about books.

On Thursday evening, we held our annual Showcase of Schools at Century Center. I was pleased to meet many new families at this wonderful event. I'm grateful we were able to hold it once again in person and answer questions about the many opportunities we offer. Thanks to our student performers, principals, educators, and community partners who joined to invite you to join our community of lifelong learners.

Best of luck to our girls basketball teams tonight. Adams will compete against New Prairie, and Washington will compete against Penn at their home courts. Clay will be playing Elkhart for an away game, and Riley will be at Bremen. Good luck, ladies!

Next week, on Tuesday afternoon, our students at LaSalle are presenting their "Power of One" project. This will be a theatrical and musical performance in which our students share the stories of heroes from U.S. history who gave voice to the voiceless and changed our world for the better. I am so proud of these students and teachers for their preparation and research, and we're looking forward to this performance. Thanks to Kim Kronk, librarian and magnet coordinator at LaSalle Academy for her work with our eighth-grade students on this production.

Good luck to the Clay Theater Troupe as they participate in the regional competition at Bethel University this weekend. If you'd like to see a preview of Aristophanes' "The Birds," take a look at the last Board meeting on Youtube. (A great preview is available at the [7 minute mark!](#))

Remember:

- Schools are closed for Thanksgiving break Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26.
- Offices are closed Thursday and Friday, November 25-26.
- Monday, November 29 is an asynchronous learning day, so students will learn remotely.

As we near the holidays, remember to get flu and Covid-19 vaccinations and booster shots. Stay vigilant and be considerate of those at higher risk of infection.

Remember to read a book, watch a film, and listen to an album. Have a great weekend, everyone!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Todd Cummings".

C. Todd Cummings, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools