

Principal's Report

From the desk of Dr. Wallace
September 2023

Good News

- We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bishop Leibold School in 2024!
- Universal EdChoice applications have been submitted.
- Preschooler Quinn Cottrell was named the Alter Coloring contest winner from BLS!

Strategies for the 2023-24 School Year

STAFFING UPDATES

- Mrs. Mansbridge was hired as an aide for the OLGH campus. The search continues for a similar aide role at St. Henry.
- Our ECHO Therapist, Taylor Caddies has started. She will be at BLS on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Referrals are made through Mrs. Vanderhorst and Dr. Wallace
- Grade 4 teacher search continues.

1 ACADEMICS

Goal: iReady student progress results of at least 1.2 years of growth.

- Fall baseline assessment will be taken K-8 between September 11-20

Accreditation Process Update

- This is a big final year of the accreditation cycle. Goals and strategies will be finalized and reviewed by an Internal Visiting Team of Archdiocese of Cincinnati reps in October and by an External Visiting Team (EVT) in February.

2 RELIGION

Goal: Enhance the instruction of Religion

- The ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge) assessment was taken by grades 2-8. This will give us feedback on how well our students are learning the Catholic curriculum. Staff will review data to inform our religion instruction.

3 VIABILITY

Ensure long-term viability

- Biggest challenge is staff retention and recruitment in a very depressed teacher marketplace.

Goal: Continue to aggressively close the compensation gap and provide staffing support and technology resources to classrooms.

- 23-24 budget is positive and includes substantial increase in teacher compensation and additional tech purchases.

Goal: Reach or exceed 2024-25 enrollment goal and the 2024 Annual Fund Goal

Family Affordability

- We are working with the families who have still not finished their EdChoice or Jon Peterson Scholarship applications.
- About 80% of our families will be tuition free and the other 20% will pay the same or less than the amount quoted in January.