



October 22, 2021

Dear SBCSC Staff,

This week, we began our second quarter. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our students. I know that together, we're going to continue to grow, reach our goals of reading on grade level, and being a community of leaders and lifelong learners. We had a great meeting at the Tech Resource Center with all of our principals on Thursday. Their commitment and care for our students and teachers continue to hearten our mission, and I am thankful for their ongoing support and dedication to our district.

In the coming weeks, I'll be having many more conversations with our teachers to listen to their concerns, stories, and ideas. I believe this will help me more fully understand the challenges our teachers and students face as we readjust to in-person learning. I'm ready to provide lasting solutions and support for those challenges.

Thanks to our partners at Everside Health for providing flu shots for many of our staff in the past week! Remember to get yours ahead of flu season. Also, next Wednesday, October 27, we're hosting another COVID vaccination clinic with our friends at HealthLinc. Join us at Rise Up Academy from 10 to noon.

On Wednesday, Dickinson and Navarre's football teams combined to compete against Jefferson's junior varsity team at School Field. This game was the first of the district's "Leadership Cup Series" set to officially kick off next fall. This was a special all-star game with players nominated by coaches for their commitment to the school, team, community, and overall sportsmanship. I'm proud of each of these athletes, and can't wait to see more of these competitions.

Also in athletics news, this weekend we're hosting a few sectional competitions for our football teams: Washington hosts Marian High School at School Field and Clay High versus Culver at Clay International Academy. As for away games, Adams will compete against Goshen at their home field and Riley will be competing at Kankakee Valley High School.

Remember to mark your calendars for our Showcase of Schools next month. We're thrilled to have it back in person this year. We'll see all of you at Century Center on Thursday, November 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m..

Finally, as we get ready for Halloween, we'll be at Pinhook Park on Saturday, October 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Treats on the Trail and then at Cops and Goblins at Four Winds Field on Monday, October 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You can also celebrate Halloween at Washington High School tomorrow with games, face painting, and treats, 9 a.m. to noon. And, for \$10, drop off up to five boxes of documents for shredding 10 a.m. - noon.

Our Riley Wildcats will host Lincoln, Monroe, Marshall, and Jackson families to trick or treat in the Riley parking lot on Thursday, October 28, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Remember to read a book, listen to a new album, and watch a classic film.

Sincerely,



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