



April 1, 2022

Dear SBCSC Families,

Happy Spring Break to our students and families. Although it may not have felt like spring outdoors for much of this week, our spring events have been in full swing. I had a wonderful time at the Adams High School International Baccalaureate Art Show on Tuesday evening. Thanks to Amanda Zablocki and Dawn Worsham for organizing the event, and thanks to all who came to see the work of these talented students.

Adams High School also hosted the Indiana Supreme Court's "Appeals on Wheels." Although this was an eLearning day, we had a great turnout of students and neighbors come to watch an actual appeal in the school auditorium. Thank you to their Mock Trial team and Principal Seitz for hosting.

Thanks to our Riley High School student council for their successful blood drive and to all who participated. Thank you for all you do for our community.

Recent Riley graduate, Blake Wesley, decided to [enter the NBA](#) draft. We're looking forward to following his successes during the next few months.

On Wednesday night, I enjoyed the Clay High School Orchestra concert. Thank you to the band's director, Steffani Ronfeldt for leading this group. I'm so impressed with their dedication and talent.

We have another shoutout to Clay High School and our Career and Technical Education students. Seniors Mave Vreugdenhill and Nathan Duszynski who are national medalists for their work in Ben Murray's graphic design class. Nathan's design, "The Birds" and Mave's "Ghost Stories for Curses" are amazing and we're delighted that they have been recognized at the national level.

Thank you to Washington High School alumnus Gerhig Dieter of the Kansas City Chiefs for visiting his alma mater to share his story with our students. The Panthers have had a great year showing us what true sportsmanship means, and I'm proud to see this school continue to graduate such inspiring leaders.

Congratulations to all the girls' softball teams who have started their seasons as well as the Unified Track Teams. We can't wait to join you at these events.

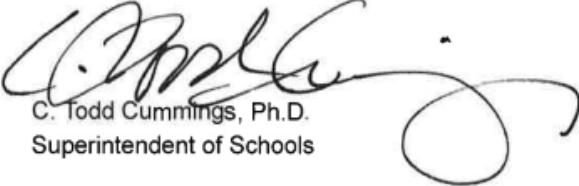
We've had two teachers accepted into the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminars: Riley High School's Spanish Department Chair Jennifer Pflugner and Adams High School English Department Chair Megan Twietmeyer. We can't wait to learn all about your experiences this summer!

I have some outstanding news to share with you. This week, we received word from Ivy Tech that their [Crossing the Finish Line](#) initiative is now open to all high school students. That means that now, rather than just those juniors and seniors who were close to a completion point this summer, any student who meets the prerequisites for a course can take that Ivy Tech course (or courses) at no cost. No tuition, fees, or textbook costs. We will have more information soon about how to enroll.

Remember to be safe over break. Read a book—I'll be finishing the middle school Battle of The Books list during the break. Take time to listen to an album, or watch a film—I've got a few documentaries ready to go.

Thanks for choosing South Bend Schools. We'll see you at the Board meeting here in the Administration Building on Wednesday, April 13.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools