



September 17, 2021

Dear SBCSC Families,

We celebrated the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, honoring Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador independence days. The influence of these cultures are an integral part of our district, and we're so glad to honor the heritage of our Latinx friends and neighbors here in South Bend.

This past Wednesday, we had the pleasure of hosting Eric Butler at Rise Up Academy and Century Center. His presentation, "Chasing Smoke," was a powerful reminder of our ability to make peace and forgive, and it was a pleasure to meet him and witness his work facilitating lasting connections and hope within our community.

Also on Wednesday, our Nuner Knights celebrated Dot Day, inspired by the modern classic book [*The Dot, by Peter Reynolds*](#). We love this story for so many reasons, but for me, the encouragement the teacher gives her student by just drawing one dot and seeing where it takes her is so special. Students at Nuner wore dots and celebrated with activities and artwork. Thanks to Principal Maria Reilly for organizing this special day.

Tonight, Washington High School celebrates homecoming and will compete against Clay High School under the lights at TCU School Field at 7:00 p.m. This is going to be a great game, and I hope you come early to join us for the wagon parade beforehand.

On Saturday, September 25, we will join in honoring the murder victims of our South Bend Community at 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of County City Building. I'd like to thank our Common Council for bringing awareness to the National Day of Remembrance and for their partnership in organizing this day of commemoration for those lives lost within our community. I hope you'll join me in remembering these men and women and showing support for their loved ones.

Join us for the School Board of Trustees meeting next Monday, September 20 at 5:30 at Washington High School. As always, you can also watch it on our YouTube channel.

Looking ahead to September 20 to 24, when we celebrate College Go Week. We're also hosting a tailgate at Brown Community Learning Center on Thursday, September 23 from 5:30 to 7:00 with a college fair, 21st Century Scholars workshop, live DJ, free food, games, and raffles. See you there.

Enjoy the summer weather this weekend. Remember to read a book, watch a classic film, and listen to an album. We'll see you at School Field this evening.

Sincerely,

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

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