



We Are Better Together!

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This newsletter is a third in a series of newsletters to keep you informed as we progress toward the consolidation of our new school.

Committees Actively Working

The committees that were announced in the last newsletter began work this week. They cover the areas of Faith, Academics, Human Resources, Finance/Facilities, Marketing/Communications and Support for Families, Students and Staff. Each team is made up of representatives from both the Precious Blood and St. Rita communities. The members were selected and assigned to each committee on the basis of interest in working on the consolidation process, experience or interest relative to a specific area.

The Chairs of each team met with Veronica Murphy and a consultant from the University of Dayton on February 8. The meeting presented an opportunity for the consultant to give advice on how to effectively lead a team and manage a project. On February 10, all members of the committees joined together to determine their priorities and build their project plans. Each team relied heavily on the notes from the parent meetings held on January 24 and January 31 in order to ensure that their work reflected the views and concerns of parents.

The committees will continue to meet on a regular basis going forward. This newsletter will include updates on their progress.

Staff Selection

Faculty and staff who are interested in a position at our new consolidated school will be interviewed the week of Feb. 22-Feb. 25. The interview committee includes Veronica Murphy, Fr. Ed Pratt, Sherry Gabert and Joe Hurr. As the new school principal, Mrs. Murphy plays a natural and vital role in the selection process. Ms. Gabert, the Assistant Superintendent for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is an experienced educator and a valuable member of the team. Mrs. Murphy and Ms. Gabert will focus on the academic or functional skills of each candidate. Prior to becoming Associate Pastor for Precious Blood and St. Rita's parishes, Fr. Ed Pratt was responsible for Human Resources at Target. Mr. Hurr, currently the PB Business Manager, has held a number of business management positions and is an experienced interviewer. Fr. Pratt and Mr. Hurr will focus on interpersonal skills of each candidate. Additionally, Mr. Mecoli and Mrs. Dodsworth will be consulted regarding current Precious Blood staff.

Hold the Date: We are better together event!

On March 13, a Fish Fry and Monte Carlo will be held in the Precious Blood Parish Activity Center (otherwise known as the gym). Proceeds will benefit student athletes

from the new school and both parishes. Help us raise money for our new uniforms! Please contact Denise Nash (dee.nash@yahoo.com) to volunteer or donate items for the silent auction or door prizes. Advance tickets will be available after masses and through school.

Questions and Answers

Answers to all of the questions raised on January 24 and January 31 will begin to be provided in this weekly newsletter and websites. If you have any new questions or concerns, please email Veronica Murphy (vmurphy@stritadayton.org).