

January 28, 2022

Dear SBCSC Families,

I want to congratulate our Scholastic Art Award winners. This year, CTE Visual Arts students really swept the awards, and I want to thank instructor Mr. Ben Murray-Oates for outstanding leadership and guidance of his students' work. We had a total of 88 entries recognized at Clay High School, 50 at Adams High School, and four at Riley High School.

We love our art teachers, we're proud of our many artists, and we're looking forward to honoring our students at the reception at the South Bend Museum of Art next Saturday, February 5 from noon to 5:00 p.m. The art exhibition will be at the SBMA until Saturday, March 12, so be sure to take some time to see these pieces in person.

Tonight, we have science night at Marshall Traditional School from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thanks to Marshall's Parent Teacher Organization, their president Lianne Mink, educators from Riley High School, partners at the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, IUSB, Clay Fire, Indiana Parks and Arts, and so many others who will be helping our students engage with science at this special event. Thank you to Principal Kathy Sanders for her leadership and help in this event.

You can enroll your child as a 21st Century Scholar from the time they enter 7th grade to June 30th of their 8th-grade year. Families with 7th or 8th-grade students are welcome to join us for an information night coming up on February 24 at Brown Community Learning Center from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. This is an invaluable means of financial aid for our students, and I encourage everyone to apply. Contact Roberto Leal, our 21st Century Scholar Recruiter at 574-393-3865 with any questions.

On Monday, we begin training our first cohort of employee mentors. We are proud to be expanding our student mentoring program, pairing our own staff with students to better engage them with literacy and build relationships. I want to thank Assistant Superintendent of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Dr. Tessa Sutton, for her leadership with this powerful initiative.

Remember to read a book this weekend, watch a film, and listen to an album. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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