



May 13, 2022

Dear SBCSC Families,

We've had a great week. Our calendars are filled with springtime events and concerts, end-of-year celebrations, and student recognitions. Today I had a great time at *Battle of The Books* at Clay International Academy, competing against more than twenty teams from across the district and Board of School Trustee members Dr. Ruth Warren and Dr. Stuart Greene. I want to thank principal Dr. Nicole Garcia, and their fantastic librarian, Dee Simpson for hosting and helping organize this annual event. Thank you also to our [Education Foundation](#) and [Childrens Plus Inc.](#) for sponsoring and supplying our students with some awesome books and prizes.

Congratulations to all of our alumni who graduated from IUSB on Tuesday evening. It was a lovely ceremony and I was grateful to take part in it.

On Monday of next week, we'll hold the Celebration of Excellence for our graduates at Adams High School. We look forward to honoring the class of 2022 and recognizing their outstanding work.

Thursday will be a once-in-a-lifetime chance to hear from a living legend and civil rights champion. Join us at Elkhart's Lerner Theater as we welcome [Dolores Huerta](#) for the annual [Thought Leadership Conference](#). Ms. Huerta has devoted her life to advocacy and serving others, founding the United Farm Workers alongside Cesar Chavez, and raising awareness about human rights, labor laws, and social justice. Don't miss this special event, and if you can't make it in person, tune in to the [live stream](#) on the Thought Leadership Conference's [homepage](#).

Friday, May 20 the class of 2022 will hold their Graduation Walks at our elementary and middle schools. This is a great district tradition, a sign of the end of a great school year, and a fast-paced celebration that allows our young learners to see their future as graduates and leaders. Thank you to all of our high school principals for organizing these events, and for all of the work you're doing as we wrap up the semester.

Mark your calendars for Clay High's Spring Swing Choir and Jazz performance next Friday. I am continually blown away by the talent of the Clay High performers, and this should be a great event.

Riley High School is having their spring performance of "Junie B. Jones" tonight, May 13 at 7 p.m. and tomorrow, Saturday, May 14 at 2 p.m. The actors held a special performance this morning for students from their feeder schools. Be sure to check it out.

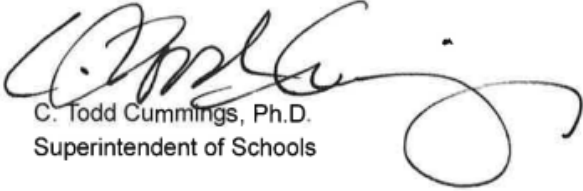
Washington High School's spring whodunnit play "[Murder by Ten](#)" is also scheduled for this evening with doors opening at 7 p.m. and curtain at 7:30 p.m.

Finally, tonight is the Adams High School Prom at Century Center. We're looking forward to the celebration and wish all of our Eagles and guests a very safe and happy prom.

Remember to read a book, listen to an album, watch a classic film and take in some art.

We know you have a choice, and we're glad you are with us here at South Bend Schools.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools