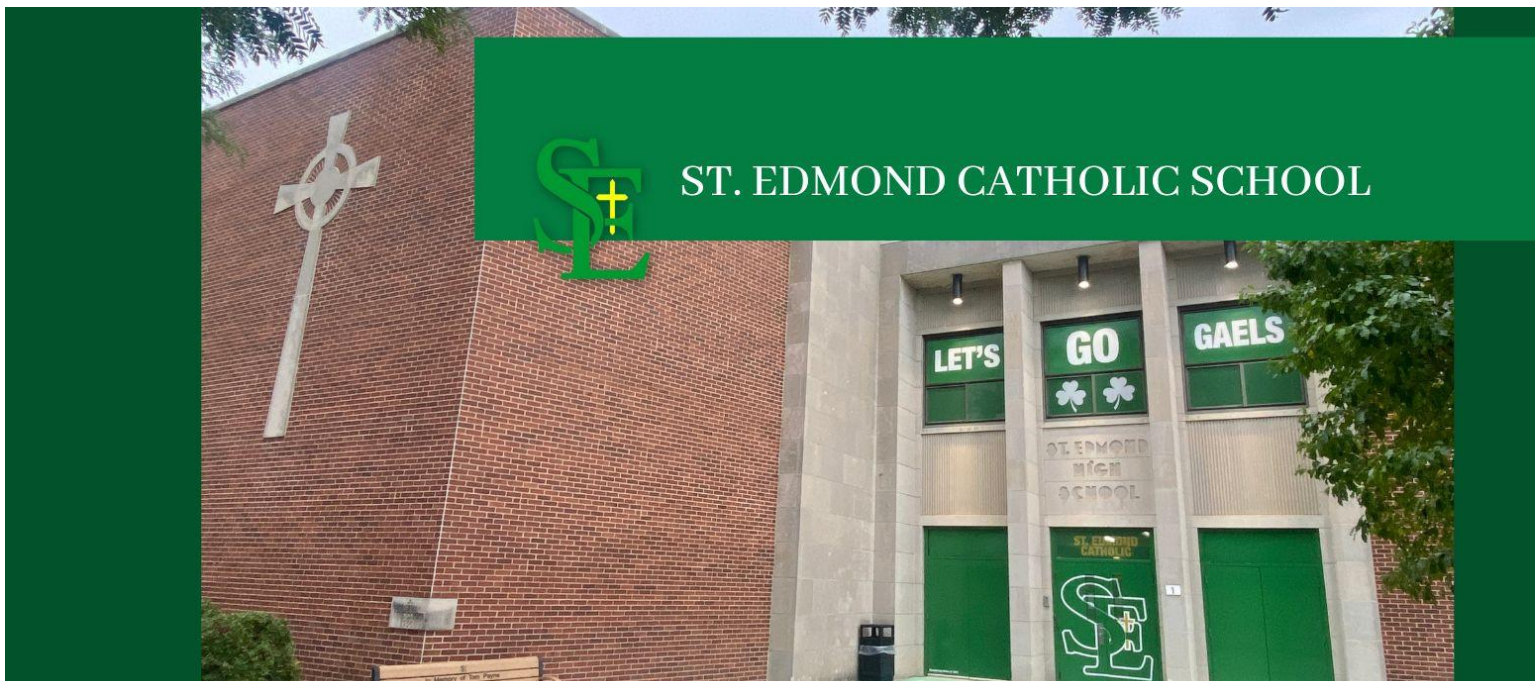


SEGment NEWSLETTER

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One Quarter In and Great Things Have Been Taking Place at SECS!



Our Students' Presence Is Everything

We are so blessed each day to spend the time we do with our students engaged in learning, prayer, and growing together as a Catholic community. As we approached the end of the school year in 2024-2025, I shared with our school board a desire to see our students' attendance improve over the course of the next school year. Prior to the start of school, I issued a challenge to our students and parents to make our best efforts to be at school each day so that we could get the most out of our academics and our spiritual growth. As I look at our attendance at the end of the 1st Quarter, it is very positive! Our high school attendance has been solid at 94.66% so far this year. That is just below the 95.22% we were at last year at this time. Our MS, however, is doing outstanding work! Last year, at the 1st Quarter break, our middle school attendance was at 94.03%. Currently, our middle school students' attendance is at 96.22%! That is a difference of 86 fewer total days of school missed this year versus last year. Keep it up!

Gaels Students Enjoying the Arts

On Wednesday, October 15, our students were able to attend the Fall play at Iowa Central Community College. Our entire middle school student body and our high school choir students saw The Brother's Grimm Spectaculathon performed by the Triton drama students. Opportunities to support and experience the arts are invaluable to our students! Also, this month, on October 8, St. Edmond hosted the Catholic Choral Festival in the newly renovated St. Edmond gymnasium. The Gaels choir was joined by the choirs from Bishop Heelan, Kuemper Catholic, Bishop Garrigan, and Gehlen Catholic. The 250+ students participated in a vocal clinic during the day, which culminated with a concert that night featuring songs performed by the massive choir and performances from each individual choir. It was a beautiful evening of music!

St. Edmond Returns to the NHS

As of October 15th, St. Edmond Catholic School is officially affiliated with the National Honor Society under the banner of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. This nationally recognized organization celebrates students who exemplify excellence by promoting the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. St. Edmond Catholic will induct new members into the National Honor Society in 2026 during the second semester of this school year. We are very pleased to again have this distinction as a school.

Student Leaders in the Making

For the second year in a row, SE Middle School sent a group of eight 7th and 8th graders to the NCC leadership conference at Lake Cornelia in Clarion. Mr. Weimers chaperoned the group as they listened to a keynote speech, participated in small-group discussions and leadership activities with students from the other NCC schools, and enjoyed a lunch of pizza and soft drinks. Not a bad way to spend a day!

From the Principal

It has been a great start to the school year. Our students have been a joy to be around each and every day. Fall sports are approaching the postseason, and we are looking forward to great performances from our volleyball, football, and cross country teams. Our girls' tennis team has already completed a season, including another NCC championship run, their fourth consecutive, and a postseason performance that saw them advance to the Regional Final. The energy in our classrooms is palpable as our faculty works diligently to support our students and provide them with an academic foundation

that will lead them to success. And I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize and thank Father Jake Rosenmeyer for his spiritual leadership of our school community. His impact on our students and staff has been immediate and significant. Father Jake's passion for students and desire to grow them through the exploration of our Catholic Faith and their own hearts is evident, and it has been a pleasure to begin the year with him as a part of our campus ministry. We are excited when we think about the possibilities on the horizon for St. Edmond Catholic!

We have had a great start to the school year, and we have faced challenges as well. That is all part of the deal. We will always experience adversity and conflict in our lives, but we must always view them as opportunities for growth. As we approach the 2nd Quarter of the school year, the weather will turn cold, the leaves will fall away from the trees, and the skies will turn grey and darken. Stay the course! We know full well that on the other side of Winter awaits the sun, the warm air, and the promise of new life emerging from that which was dead.

"We also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope" – Romans 5:3-4

In Faith,

Maury Ruble, 6-12 Principal

St. Edmond Catholic School