

February 11, 2022

Dear SBCSC families,

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at our Ivy Academy Night this past Wednesday evening. I like seeing this partnership with Ivy Tech Community College grow, and I'm looking forward to seeing where these ambitious students go as they graduate from our high schools with associate degrees. Hearing from our students already earning their degree was powerful.

I want to congratulate the Riley and Adams hockey teams on a successful season. I'd also like to send my best wishes to our student-athletes competing for championships this weekend. At 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, the Washington High School girls basketball team will face Culver Academy in the second semifinal of the Jimtown Regional. The regional championship game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Wrestlers Robbie Poe, Braxton Garza, JJ Lowe, and Ryan Burns from Adams and Riley will compete in the semi-state tournament at East Chicago High School this weekend, while Riley swimmer Celeste Hollis and Adams diver Katie Hensell will compete in the state finals in Indianapolis. Best wishes!

On Thursday, we held a family reading night at Brown Community Learning Center. Thank you to all who came out and thanks to Dr. Tessa Sutton, assistant superintendent of equity, diversity, and inclusion, and the Student Services team for hosting. Brown is also holding a Black History Month book fair until the 17th of this month, open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you have not done so yet, be sure to stop by. They have a wonderful selection.

Also coming up at Brown, SBCSC families with 7th or 8th-grade students are welcome to a 21st Century Scholars information night on Thursday, February 24, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. This is an invaluable means of financial aid for students. Contact Roberto Leal, our 21st Century Scholars Recruiter, at 574-393-3865 with any questions.

SBCSC families and students in grades 6 - 10 are invited to learn more about SBCSC Career and Technical Education programs Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, in Adams High School Gymnasium A. For more information contact Federico Rodriguez III, frodriguez@sb.school, 574-393-6015

This Friday and Saturday Clay High School Drama Troupe performs publicly their award winning play Aristophanes' The Birds. Tickets are \$5.00.

Again, thank you for celebrating Black History Month with us here at South Bend Community Schools. I'm grateful to be part of an organization that honors the heritage of so many heroes and heroines.

Remember to read a book, watch a classic film, or listen to a new album.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Superintendent of Schools