



March 4, 2022

Dear SBCSC Staff,

This week, we celebrated the 2022 IHSAA 3A State Champions, our own Washington High School Lady Panthers. We had a great time honoring them on their home court this afternoon. Thank you to Mayor Mueller for joining us, and to our friends on the Common Council for helping us celebrate this victory as a community.

Our Riley Wildcats have had a number of tremendous achievements in the past couple of weeks. First, congratulations to two of our most talented musicians in the district, Conor Fletcher (tenor sax) and Matt Williams (cello) who both earned gold medals at the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Competition last weekend. Matt Williams also was given a perfect score on his performance. And to all who competed in the IHSAA state swimming competition and all of our Riley Wildcats who competed this past weekend, way to go. We're proud of you. Great season and great work.

Adams High School's Science Olympiad team placed second in regionals and will also be heading to the state competition on March 12 at Purdue University. Our Riley team took fourth place and will be heading to Lafayette as well.

Good luck to the Riley Hockey Team in the State Championships this weekend. Good luck to our Boys Basketball Teams who begin their sectionals.

Thank you to all who attended Thursday night's Teacher Listening Tour at Nuner. I was pleased with the meaningful conversations and ideas brought to the table. I am so thankful to our educators, and am committed to continue working with each of you to make our classrooms and community stronger places of lifelong growth and learning.


Also on Thursday, we hosted a March Madness Family Literacy Night at Brown Community Learning Center. Our students and families enjoyed dinner and a special story time featuring Skylar Diggins-Smith's journey from Wilson Elementary to LaSalle Academy, Washington High School, and University of Notre Dame.

On April 22, I'll be "Dancing with our Stars" to benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless. I'm grateful for their support of our students and families. If you are interested in supporting the Center, [feel free to join me](#).

Have a great weekend. Thanks for choosing South Bend Schools. Remember to read a book, watch a classic film, or listen to an album.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Sincerely,



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