

## ► Sunday, Jan. 13

•Warriors' Journey Home support group, 2 p.m., Bridgeway Behavioral Health Center, 1206 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway.

•Lions Club Hall live music, Warrenton, 1-4 p.m.

## ► Monday, Jan. 14

•Al-Anon, College United Methodist Church, 701 E. Main St., Warrenton, 7 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 601 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.

•Artisan Guild meeting, 12:30-2 p.m., College Methodist Church.

•Wright City Lions Club, 7-10 p.m.

•Warren County Republican Central Committee (WCRCC) 6:30 p.m., Truesdale City Hall.

•Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 6:30 p.m., 1102 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway.

•Warren County Health Department Healthy nutrition and habits for 2019, 101 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 100, Warrenton, noon-1 p.m.

## ► Tuesday, Jan. 15

•Warrenton Board of Aldermen, Warrenton City Hall, 6 p.m.

•Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 5:15 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 25445 S. Highway 47, Warrenton.

•The Inspirations support group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, Warrenton.

•Wright City Senior Citizens meeting, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Wright City, 10:30 a.m.

•Warrenton Fire Protection District Board meeting, Station 1, 606 Fairgrounds Road, Warrenton, 7-10 p.m.

•Retired teachers and public school worker meeting, College United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.

•Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 10 a.m.

•Chicks with Sticks, crochet or knitting lessons, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 1 p.m.

•Zumba, Scenic Regional Library, Warrenton, 6-7 p.m.

•Cocaine Anonymous, 116 South Maine St., Bellflower, 5:45 p.m.

## ► Wednesday, Jan. 16

•Alcoholics Anonymous Group 130 meeting, senior center, 501 Ashland Ave., Warrenton, 8-9 p.m.

•Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 9 a.m., First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City.

•Story Time for Preschoolers, Scenic Regional Library, Wright City, 10 a.m.

•Marthasville Board of Aldermen meeting, 7 p.m., city hall.

•Kiwanis Club of Wright City meeting, noon, Ruiz Castillo Mexican Restaurant, 223 N. Service Road, Wright City.

•Warrenton Elks Lodge bingo, 10 a.m., 1102 E. Veterans Memorial Parkway.

•American Red Cross blood drive, St. Patrick Catholic Parish, 505 First St. Jonesburg, 2-6 p.m.

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"If we do nothing, in the next three to five years some schools will close," he said.

## Options

Taking advantage of the Archdiocesan resource system, possible options were developed, he said, based on the steering committee's recommendation per the pastors' requests.

Current programming was reviewed at each of the six schools and models were developed for enhanced programming and staffing.

Cost projections were then developed based on 11 system options, Duffy said, with the largest cost savings coming when schools close.

In the end, the pastors recommended two options:

Option B which designates St. Francis Borgia Grade School as the middle school for grades six to eight and the other five schools continue to operate serving kindergarten through fifth grade with enhanced educational programming; and Option K which keeps Borgia as a middle school, and Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Gertrude as K-5 schools with enhanced educational programming.

Under Option K, the other three schools would remain parish-run schools, but would not be part of the new system. Those students would be able to enroll in the three schools that would make up the new system. Staff also could apply for positions within the new system.

How long those parish-run schools would be able to sustain operations is not known, Duffy acknowledged later in the meeting.

One other option, which the steering committee recommended, is Option B.1, which keeps Borgia as the middle school and the other five schools open as K-5 schools, but the educational program would remain relatively the same.

## School system

Under all options, the schools (except the parish-run schools in Option K) would operate under a regional school system.

This includes a standardized curriculum/instructional program and one calendar for all schools in the system.

All administration, teachers and support staff also would become employees of the regional system. All employees would

would include reimbursement to parishes for use of space/classrooms.

Christian service or stewardship requirements would be established for families to qualify for a parish subsidy.

Preschool, after-care and athletics/extracurricular programs would continue under all three options in some fashion, but details were not provided at the meeting.

The name for the regional system was not discussed either.

## Enhanced programming

Enhancement of the educational programming would include nonteaching administrators. Some schools currently have administrators who also teach.

There also would be a director of faith formation; instructional coaches; technology coordinators; school counselors and nurses.

Quality degree and certified administrators and teachers would be hired in all positions. Currently, there are some staff members who do not hold certification.

Under enhanced programming, there would be increased contact time with students; enhanced technology/infrastructure and integration; and improved climate and culture.

The presenters said only Option B.1, which keeps programming relatively the same, would result in a cost savings, estimated at \$250,000.

The other two options would both result in higher costs due to enhanced programming.

At the end of the presentation, people could submit questions in written form that were collected by the presenters.

## Next steps

Following the other town hall meetings, all of the questions submitted, will be reviewed and

tions from the floor accepted, instead people to submit them in writing. Each meeting cards and pens will be available on each parish all town hall meetings completed.

The other meetings will be as follows:

• **St. Vincent**, Jan. 9;

• **St. John the Baptist**, Thursday, Jan. 10;

• **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Monday, Jan. 14; and

• **St. Ignatius**, Jan. 16.

All of the meetings will be at 7 p.m.

# Area Catholic schools run/walk

All area Catholic parents, students and staff are invited to join in the Faith in Motion run/walk and celebration, Saturday, Jan. 20, at 8 a.m.

The free run/walk will start off the Catholic School celebration.

The run/walk will finish at the Four Seasons YMCA in Washington.

Those interested in participating should register in person at the school or at their Catholic parish. People also can register online at [spannatsvprincerec.org](http://spannatsvprincerec.org).

To receive a participation medal and bandana, all participants must register by Jan. 14.

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