

Home-School Association Meeting

September 8th 2021

Meeting began at 6:37pm with a prayer led by Jacki Amato

Greg Kondilas, HSA President, introduced the HAS Board members

- Stated we had room for addition board members and people should see him after the meeting if they were interested.
- He also reminded parents to sign in before leaving so that their student(s) would receive a dress down pass.

Principal's Report – Mr. Paul Kristoff

- stated that the school year is off to a great start and that everyone is excited to have all the students back in the building this year.
- Current enrollment is around 292 students.
- The school is trying to be careful and conservative when it comes to making decisions for the school. Deep cleaning takes place every evening and the school was sprayed by Vytas Shield: a protective coating that prevents viruses and bacteria from living on surfaces. All classrooms have air filters and ultraviolet rays that scrub and clean the air. They are also trying to get the kids outside as often as possible.
- Upgrades were made to the classrooms over the summer. The closet doors were removed in the classrooms and book shelves were added for nicer storage in the rooms.
- Exterior doors to Laboure were replaced and the doors leading into the gym from the hallway will be replaced in the future. This was paid for by a \$48,000 security grant.
- Knott grant was applied for to upgrade technology.
- Music teacher starts on Monday. Choir will be back as will drama.
- We're waiting to hear back from the company that provides our instrumental program.
- New tech teacher also started this week.
- Mr. Kristoff talked about the Volunteer Hours requirement and that the intent was to encourage more parents to be involved with school activities. Involvement can mean helping with an activity or helping with a mailing.
- Mask policy is set by the Archdiocese of Baltimore and is based on the number of cases per 100,000 in the county. When the number of cases is 7.1 or below parents will have the option of requiring their children to be masked in school. An email will be sent every Sunday stating the mask policy for that week.
- Mr. Kristoff thanked parents for being diligent and keeping their kids home when they were even slightly ill. This cautious, conservative approach kept the school running last year and he thanked parents in advance for there continued diligence this year.

Vice-Principal's Report – Ms. Godlewski

- Lunches this year are free and ordering needs to be done first thing in the morning.

- School planners were already paid for with your book bill. So no additional charge is due for the planners.
- Students should be in full uniform this year and gym uniform on gym days. If the regular uniform isn't in, students may wear their gym uniform until all their pieces are in.
- Handbook agreement forms, Technology Agreement forms, and Media Release forms need to be completed and returned. These forms can be found online.
- Make sure you are receiving the weekly Cheetah Chatter – if not, please contact Kim Thayer. In addition you should be receiving a grade level newsletter. If not, please reach out to your child's teacher.
- Arrival and Dismissal
 - The school is now staggering arrival and dismissal more.
 - PreK-1st is dismissing between 2:40 and 2:45, others are dismissing at 2:55.
 - Please do not arrive for pickup earlier than 2:30, it creates a backlog.
 - Please do not stop in the middle of Madeleine Ave. – pull over to the curb. When arriving or departing, please do so quickly, so that the next set of cars can pull up.
 - 7th & 8th grade safeties will be utilized in the very near future.
 - Appreciate your patience – it is a work in progress.
- A Step Ahead Dance Center will be offering a variety of dance classes in the evenings. St.M-St.C students will receive two month's tuition free. Information can be found in the Cheetah Chatter or at A Step Ahead Dance Center's website.

St. M-St. C School Board hosting "Holy Ghost Bingo" – October 9th at 7pm at Archbishop Curley High School

- It's a one woman comedy show from one of the writer's of Late Night Catechism.
- Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in the school office or from the school website.

Treasury Report

- Last year we started the year with \$5,727.71. We started this year with \$5,404.49
- We still get money from the Shoparoo, Box Tops and Coke Rewards Programs
- \$500 was given to the school to renovate the stage and money was used for food purchases for various treats for the students and teachers.

Past Events

- \$462 was raised on the Mother's Day Bouquet Sale
- Sneak A Peek was a success. HAS provided hot dogs and snacks for the day.
- Dining Out – Frank's – have not received our total yet.

Upcoming Events

- Panera Dining Out on Oct. 11th
- Sweet Frog Dining Out on Nov. 24th
- Trunk or Treat – more information will be forthcoming.
- Kids Stuff Book Sales – information will be sent out soon.

Q &A

- Will there be a Pumpkin & Mum Sale this year?
 - No. We do not have personnel to pick up the flowers and store them. In addition, due to pickup procedures we do not have the space to sell them.
- Bazaar Volunteers have not been contacted after volunteering?
 - Names and contact information was taken and will be given to Theresa Robinson the chair of the bazaar.
 - All parents will be needed to make the bazaar weekend a success, we need additional volunteers the week proceeding to help set up.
- When will PowerSchool be up and running?
 - It should be running now. If you can not get into PowerSchool please contact the office.

Next meeting November 4th

Meeting closed with a prayer at 7:25pm