

Minutes – Wednesday, September 5, 2018 HSA meeting:

H.S.A President, Kellie Troiano, Co-President, calls meeting to order, Welcome & Prayer

Principal's Report – Principal Larry Fitzgerald

- Welcomes parents and families back to school
- Parish Center will be the new meeting space for all H.S.A meetings
- The office continues to work with Dattco to resolve bus issues.
- All weather-related early dismissals, cancellations, etc. JPII follows the Middletown Public Schools' decision.
- JPII is currently moving toward becoming a STREAM school (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, music). This model focuses on making more cross-curricular connections and encouraging problem solving. It features skills such as coding, as well as more hands-on activities and projects. There will be an Invention Convention for the middle school students and a Science Fair for the upper elementary grades (3rd, 4th and 5th grades).
- Uniform Committee is being formed. The committee will be reviewing/revising the uniform requirements, vendor, etc. (summer and winter uniforms, formal uniforms)
- Committee for hot lunch/snacks – volunteers needed – hot lunch begins on 9/10

Treasurer's Report – Akbar Coffey

- Balance - \$7,101
- 2017/2018 school year we raised \$43,000
 - Top fundraisers: Silent Auction raised \$21,000, Walk A Thon raised \$7,300
 - Donation of \$40,000 back to the school for the playscape
 - \$9,000 set aside for the completion of the playscape (rock wall and slides)
- NUT cards currently up to about \$1,000 in sales (\$15 for each NUT card, increase in cost from previous years of \$10 each card); NUT days purchased individually will remain at \$2 each
- Fundraising goal for 2018/219 school year is \$34,000

H.S.A INITIATIVE – MEETING ATTENDANCE

- Parents who attend the monthly H.S.A meetings and sign in on the attendance sheet, their children will receive the next non-holiday/non-mass school day as a BONUS NUT DAY!
- The sign in sheet will be shared with the office the night of the H.S.A meeting

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:

- Halloween Dance
 - Two Dances, Middle School (grades 6-8) Dance will be on Friday Night, 10/26 this will be chaired by the student council; Elementary (prek-5th) will be on Saturday 10/27, 10-12pm.
 - Elementary School Dance needs a chairperson

- Zumba Fundraiser - Friday October 5
 - Bethany Gunn to lead
 - The cost is \$15.00 per person.
 - Only 6th-8th grade students will be allowed to participate with their parents.
 - a suggestion that a second group could be organized for younger children. that more families would be able to attend. The HSA is looking into it and there will be more details to come!

- Lyman Pies - Oct. 1- Oct.22
 - Order forms will go home via backpack mail.
 - Pickup for pies will be Nov. 13 from 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm
 - Pies MUST be picked up that day. There is no refrigeration at the school for them.

- Book Fair - October 15-19

- Pasta Dinner - Thursday, Nov. 8
 - Money raised from this event will most likely go toward phase II of the playscape.
 - Suggested to use the funds raised to repair the hole in the ceiling of the library

- Breakfast with Santa- TBD (tentative date is Dec. 1)

- Children's Shopping Day - Monday, Dec. 17
 - Children can shop for small gifts for family members (items are usually between \$.50 and 5.00).

- Parents Night Out Fundraiser – Date TBD
 - Chairperson needed

- Illiano's – Date TBD
 - Fall and Spring
 - Blake Carter to coordinate dates with Illiano's

- Loveable Labels- information will be sent home via backpack mail

Other Fundraising Ideas/Suggestions:

- Hershey Bars
- Paint Night
- Family Trivia Night

Scrip Cards:

- Scrip is a program in which you can purchase gift cards/e-cards to many places you would spend money at anyways (Lands End, Starbucks, etc.). You pay face value for the gift card, and the school receives a certain percentage back! It's a great way to earn money for the school by purchasing everyday things. It's also a great idea for the holidays!

Stop and Shop

- Stop and Shop cards can be linked to the school and the school will get back a percentage of what you spend.

Box Tops

- We will be collecting Box Tops, so please send in any you have.

Questions/Feedback:

- If you are interested in joining a committee, have a great idea for another family event, or would like to be the chair of an event (Halloween Dance or Parents' Night Out fundraiser) please contact the H.S.A
- Being an event chair will count for 20 hours (your whole volunteer commitment!)
- As our family events get closer, there will be many opportunities to volunteer. You can sign up via Sign-Up Genius and all volunteer hours will go toward your 20 hour commitment.