

January HSA Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Treasurer's Report

- Balance \$13, 853.00
- Scholastic Book Fair – Not a Monetary Fundraiser, elected to purchase items for the school

December/January Event Feedback:

Christmas Pageant:

- Feedback was positive.
- If there is interest, the HSA can look into hiring a photographer/videographer for next year.

Children's Shopping Day:

- Feedback was positive.
- An idea was raised to collect donations from parents (things that people already have in their homes) instead of hiring a company.
- If there is interest, a Vendor Night for parents could be organized in addition to Children's Shopping Day.

January, February and March Events

- Hot Lunch Forms due- Monday, January 14th
- No School Martin Luther King Day- Monday, January 21st
- Father/Daughter Dance- Saturday, January 26th at St. Francis
- Open House- Sunday, January 27th- 12-2 pm
- Progress Reports- February 1st
- February HSA meeting- Wednesday, February 6th
- February NUT Day- Wednesday, February 13th
- Trivia Night!!!- Friday, February 8th in the Parish Hall - Each Trivia group will get their own table. Bring your friends and family to play! Drink tickets will be sold (beer and wine only). Food may be brought from home, but not alcoholic drinks.
- No School- February 18th-20th
- Pasta Dinner- February 22- \$25 per family of 5, \$7 additional tickets- This date may be rescheduled due to a conflict with an away basketball game.
- March HSA Meeting- Wednesday, March 13th

- Shamrock Shake Dance- Friday, March 15th 6-8- We **NEED** a chairperson by the next HSA meeting or this dance will have to be cancelled.

Open Discussion

Sacraments – Mr. Fitzgerald met with the bishop- no final decision on if the parishes will accept catholic school education for sacrament preparation. Continue to check with your parish if you have any questions on when your child will receive sacraments and what the requirements are.

Mother/Son outing- We are looking for suggestions for a Mother/Son event. One popular idea is Laser Tag.

February Meeting for Auction Committee- We are in need of more people. All are welcome and encouraged to join the committee! No job too big or too small! Will gladly accept any amount of help that you can supply.

New Fundraisers- A meeting will be planned for April to discuss the fundraisers for next year. New ideas are welcome!

Please Volunteer - We are in need of volunteers for our HSA events. Please consider signing up on Signup Genius. Volunteering not only helps your family meet the 20 hour service commitment, but it makes it possible to continue having these amazing events!

State of the School

- Christopher Strom (School Board Chairman) opened by providing information about the School Board and the subcommittees. Parents are not able to serve on the Board, but are able to serve on the subcommittees. If interested contact Mr. Fitzgerald.
- There is currently a need for members with a strong background in Finance, Marketing, and Facilities and Safety on the sub committees. If you are interested or know someone that may be, please contact JPIL.

Mr. Fitzgerald provided an overview of the State of the School

Budget/Finance

- This school year, the budget was created based on 190 students. Current enrollment is 179 students.
- Yearly tuition will increase by \$150 per student next year. Tuition will be \$4,800 for Catholic students. The cost to educate each child is \$7,286.

Curriculum and Testing

- JPII will be moving from the IOWA standardized test to MAP (NWEA). Students will take these tests on the computer. The tests are able to be completed in less time,, provide scores quickly, and help to identify individual areas of strength and weakness for each student.
- Advanced math will be offered beginning in 6th grade. A new religion (Sadlier) program is being used in grades K-5.
- The implementation of STREAM has been successful this year. The number of out of the classroom experiences has increased and the middle school will be having a science fair.

Technology

- Wi-fi was upgraded
- 1-1 laptops in Middle School
- The intercom system will be upgraded and security cameras will be added.

Building and Grounds

- Repairs have been done to the boilers.
- Phase II of the playground will begin next year- the auction next Fall will raise the funds needed.
- The roofs over the bathrooms will need to be replaced.

- The chain link fence on the side of the school needs to be replaced.
- An inspection of the school was recently completed- handrails will be installed to comply with safety regulations.