

Home & School Association



Thursday, November 9th, 2023

1. Conference Feedback

- *Older grades felt like it was too fast having only 10 minutes per teacher and had a hard time having kid present*
- *Comment that Mrs. Ressler had a good format*
- *Parents liked having a 'Pre-sheet' to prep the teacher on what they'd like to discuss*
- *Comment that if you don't feel like you have anything to discuss with teacher perhaps it's not necessary to attend, but would still like to make a connection with the teacher like they were able to do with younger grades*

2. Book Fair Feedback

- *Went well, but biggest issue was out of stock books*
- *Kids bringing cash to pay could slow down line if they brought in bags of change*
- *Tax on books became an issue again – perhaps have a 'kitty' with extra cash and/or remind parents to send extra money to cover tax*

3. Veterans Day (parents could honk in car line to be supportive and wave)

- a. *Car line wave – 7:15am – Student Council to set up flags along car line.*
- b. *Reception in Cafeteria – 7:35am-8:30am – Reception for Vets and families*
- c. *A Royal Thank You – 7:45am – Students in hallway giving "Royal Applause"*

4. Holiday Sales -we will have a Spirit Wear Sale before Christmas

- a. *Out of Uniform Passes – November 20th-December 15th – Maggie to review if/when passes will be sold*

5. Advent Programs -December 19th @12:30, FB on December 18th and 19th at 11:30

- *K-4 & 8th grade program will be live streamed for families that cannot make it in person. 5th-7th grades will watch the program from their classrooms to make space in the parish for others.*
- *Question on whether or not there will be a night program – when families were surveyed in 2021 they were split 50/50 so we aren't doing it this year because it takes a lot of set up for not all being in agreement for a second program.*

6. Advent Parties-volunteers will be contacted for parties (December 18th @ 12:30)

- *K-3 will have parent volunteers, 4-8 will have requests for items to be sent to class.*

7. Catholic Schools Week Student Council will plan

- *Plans to be finalized beginning of Jan and communication to be sent following*
- *Grades 6-8 will be attending the Mass of the Holy Spirit at US Bank Stadium. Parent volunteers have already been determined.*
- *Additional activities will be planned by Student Council for school hours.*

- *The Neon Dance will kick off the week. Set for Saturday, January 27th following evening mass. Preschool-8th grade families are invited to attend and an RSVP will be sent out. There will be food, face painting, games, and the dance.*
- 8. Catholic United Financial Raffle - dates not set yet**
 - *2nd fundraiser of the year – more details to come.*
- 9. Participation Opportunities-would love to have the staff lounge fridge stocked? –**
Maggie to send out an ask on FB to stock the fridge for the upcoming busy months. Families can drop off donations in the office and backstock will be kept to replenish.
 - a. **Teacher Treats** – *sign up available under ‘Portals’ on school website. One slot open in November, others throughout the rest of the year.*
 - b. **Library Volunteers** – *same as ‘Teacher Treats’ for sign up and availability.*
- 10. Auction for Education-April 20th-first meeting next**
 - *Core committee from last year is meeting on Wednesday, November 15th. They will send out additional communication for help once they are set.*
 - *Amy Gallagher contracted to lead again this year.*
- 11. Next Meeting-December 8th**
 - *Next meeting moved to Thursday, December 7th at 7:45am in Community Room due to mass on December 8th.*

Additional Topics/Feedback:

- *Love the ‘Royal Memos’ with the weekly calendar from Julie, but would like them to be sent on Friday rather than Monday.*
- *Would be great to send home car line visor name tags with students because a lot of families still don’t display them. Send communication with a reminder.*
- *St. Wax Museum – hard to hear kids. Would be good to rearrange Regan to make more room. Use the hallway as well as the front area to space out.*
- *Mother/Son event – Katie Schultz working with Jenny Foster and Jenny O’Link to plan something for the Spring. Ideas include Nerf wars, yard games, and bowling.*
- *Ben Tracy Event – parents enjoyed it and shared good feedback on Facebook pages. Would like to see if it would be Live streamed or recorded in the future for those who cannot attend in person.*
- *Watch DOGS – a lot of people signed up and it’s going well.*
- *End of Year non-school sponsored parties – request to see if a larger event could be set up on campus.*
- *Dial In for HSA Meetings – request to add a conference line or Zoom link for HSA meetings. This will be added for the December meeting and we’ll need to get feedback on the audio quality.*