

Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting

Date: Friday, May 11, 2012

Title of Meeting: MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting

Location: Board Room

Welcome and Opening of Meeting

Lisa Belinsky, High School SCA President, thanked all those that volunteered this past year. This is Laura Tranchina's last meeting as the Middle School SCA President. Lisa thanked Laura for her guidance and two years of service. Michaela Sheridan will be replacing Laura next year as the new Middle School SCA President. A letter and form will be mailed in June to all secondary school parents asking for volunteers for many of the committees.

Laura Tranchina thanked those who attended the meeting and volunteers for all their help over the past two years.

Guidance Update

Veronica Ammirati - Guidance Counselor

12th graders – 84% have reported what college they will be attending.
Counselors are finishing up with the 9th and 11th grade conferences.
8th graders have completed meeting with Counselors in class and signing up on Naviance

PSAT test have been ordered for the next school year.

Mini College Fairs are being organized. Invitations have been mailed out to universities.

An increase in 9th and 10th graders taking the SAT exam

For this year's current Juniors, the "Brag" sheet will be mailed out so that the students can start working on it during the summer. The form for Teacher Recommendation Lettes will also be mailed at the same time.

Jane Grappone expressed her appreciation of Veronica Ammaratti and her sadness on Ms. Ammaratti's retirement.

Principal's Report

Peter Vercessi – Assistant Principal

First mandatory Frolic meeting will be held Monday evening May 14th.

Silver M applications must be handed in by May 18th.

Class elections will take place on May 24th. Parent volunteers from the SCA will handle the ballots and final count.

Students running for class officers will give their speeches before the start of the school day at 7:45 am starting a few days before the election

Honors overrides due today at 3 pm

June 12th not the 11th is the last day of regular classes. Albany changed the dates of the Regents exams so regular classes will continue for one extra day.

Parents must help the 7th and 8th graders keep focus as the year end approaches especially with final exams.

CASA

Cathy Samuel - Chair, an online seminar program for parent education called "Dragon Fly Learning" is under review with the SCA Board members to continue license. A sample is currently under review.

Red Watch Band training for all graduating seniors. The program will help students understand the importance of recognizing alcohol overdose as medical emergency and provide the knowledge, skill and confidence to help prevent a tragedy. The Robbie Levine Foundation through its "Teens for Life" is providing the CPR/AED certification component for all students.

SCA News

Budget vote cards have been mailed, posters have been posted in town. Volunteers are needed to hang balloons.

Summer Studies awards were given to 9 Juniors.

Middle School Musical "Once On This Island" will be performed on May 18th and 19th. Tickets are available on-line