



## **Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting**

**Date: Friday, October 28, 2011**

**Title of Meeting: MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting**

**Location: Board Room**

### **Welcome and Opening of Meeting**

Lisa Belinsky, High School SCA President, and Laura Tranchina, MS SCA President, opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

### **Guidance Update**

#### **Jane Grappone, Director of Guidance**

Middle School – Jenny Chen, MS Guidance Counselor is still out on maternity leave. Caitlyn Finley and Karen Fyeldal, leave replacement for Ms. Chen, are working with students on study skills.

“Celebrate Calm” a presentation provided by SEPTA will be given to MS students on November 3.

High School - 72% of seniors have applied to colleges – early decision. This is an unusually high number. Teacher recommendations had to be done early due to the high number of applications. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade student/counselor meetings were delayed because of the quantity of college applications that the guidance office had to process.

College mini-fairs are completed. 160 universities and colleges attended Manhasset HS.

The 10<sup>th</sup> grade career workshop will be held during November 14-15. The students will be using Naviance. It is suggested that Junior parents should revisit Naviance with their student.

Financial Aid workshop has been moved from January to November.

December 1 Standardize Testing Program is geared toward 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents. It will be held at 7:30 in the Black Box Theater.

### **CASA**

#### **Cathy Samuels, Project Director**

Red Ribbon week has returned to the secondary school.

Combined the Power of One and Red Ribbon Week together.

CASA partnered with the Town of North Hempstead to produce a pamphlet, The Power of Grandparent, for grandparents to discuss drug use with their grandchildren.

CASA worked with the Green Club on the Pharmaceuticals Take Back event.

Both Munsey Park and Shelter Rock participated in Red Ribbon Week with presentations of The Four Critical Needs of Children. The presentation was also at the EOC in both Spanish and English.



CASA participated in Community Service Week. 15 secondary school students signed up for community service.

National Drug Fact Week 10/31-11/04 – 10<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in health class. 11<sup>th</sup> graders during english class.

2011 New York Prevention Needs Assessment Survey sponsored by Manhasset Public Schools shows that from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade substance use goes up. 9<sup>th</sup> grade is a critical year in prevention. Binge drinking is a major problem in Manhasset.

## **Principal's Report**

### **Peter Vercessi – Assistant Principal**

MS Spirit Day went well. Students wore their t-shirts.

Halloween Party is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the HS Gym. No homework will be assigned to middle school students that evening.

Reports cards will be available on-line at Parent Portal on 11/18. The hard copies will be mailed on Friday, 11/18.

### **Dean Schlanger – Secondary School Principal**

Spirit week was held over 4 days instead of the traditional 5 days. This year the senior class along with school administrators worked on improving Spirit Week themes.

Spirit Day morning is to be reworked. Many seniors attended before the start of school, but showed no desire to decorate.

The Pep Rally was under the control of Phys Ed dept.

There were no problems at the Homecoming Dance. 550 students attended.

A parent remarked positively on the school policy on calling home when a student who purchases a ticket for an event is a no show. Their child was home sick and the call was appreciated.

The Class of 1961 held their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and was introduced during Halftime. Bruce Minerly, retired teacher and Manhasset graduate gave the former students a tour of the school.

### **Mid-terms**

The HS will retain the same process where there is no formal classes held for four days, but the MS mid-terms will be held in class during 01/09 -19. 01/20 will be used in case of a snow day

The MS library will be used as a test center and classified students will have a separate testing schedule.

Starting on 01/09 the English mid-term will be held during the next three days, while most core classes will be held over two days.

Mid-term reviews will begin after holiday break.

Homework load will be adjusted during this mid-term period.



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## **SCA News**

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade Frosh Social will be held in the cafeteria on 01/07. The word will be spread that this is not a 'date dance'.

Project Share is currently running the Coat Drive at all three schools. All coats will be brought to the EOC for distribution.

MS Halloween Dance is in need of volunteers for set up Monday afternoon.

Meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.