



Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting

Date: Friday, November 18, 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.

The Board of Education has established a newsletter. This update from the Board of Education is designed to provide you with the latest District information.

Project Share Holiday Gift Giving Program is in full swing. If you are interested in volunteering to purchase gifts for children in the secondary school, please contact Lisa Middleton (627-0757, lisaruss@optonline.net) and Monica Zenobio (365-6355, mzenobia@optonline.net)

Guidance Update

Marcy Tucker - High School Guidance Counselor

Middle School – Middle School Counselors are finishing up meeting with the 7th graders and scheduling meetings with those 7th graders having trouble adjusting to the MS. MS counselors are holding push in lessons with 7th graders on stress.

In January, the MS counselors will meet with the 8th graders to discuss scheduling for the HS and the electives available.

High School - 82% of seniors have applied to colleges. 50% have applied for early decision and/or early action. Most will hear back from the universities within the next three to four weeks.

The 10th grade career workshop has been completed. Survey results will be mailed home to parents.

PSAT results will be received by early December. Guidance will mail home the score along with the test booklet.

Guidance Counselors will meet with the 11th graders in mid December to review how to read the PSAT score. Guidance counselors on November 29 will meet with small groups of 9th graders (5 to 10 students) to discuss the Orientation Guide distributed. Meeting similar to the 9th grade parent meeting.

Thirty letters were sent to members of the class of 2011 to meet with seniors to discuss their first semester experience. This meeting is scheduled for January 6th.

Principal's Report

Mark Sippin – Assistant Principal

State Senator Jack Martin met with 23 students. It was an open dialogue. A positive response from the students who attended.

Community Service is handled out of Mr. Sippin's office. On November 20th, Clean Up Plandome Road is being sponsored with the help of the Town of North Hempstead. All are invited to join. Participating MS students need a signed permission slip.

To receive the President Volunteer Service Award, a student must have volunteered for 100 hours during the high school years. The deadline to apply is December 1st.

The high school musical this year is The Music Man. There are still tickets available for Saturday and Sunday's performances.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for December 7th. Sign up is through TeacherReacher which can



be accessed through the school district website.

On November 23, the District Emergency Management will implement an early dismissal by 15 minutes for all of the schools in the district.

The Candy Cane tournament will be held on December 22. The class schedule for the day will be an "X" day. An "X" day is when all classes are decreased in time so that all nine periods are achieved and the extra time is used for an in school activity.

Peter Vercessi – Assistant Principal

All MS students will enjoy the MS Holiday Concert performed by fellow students while the HS has the Candy Cane tournament.

Report card cut-off for teachers was 6 a.m. this morning on November 18th. Report Cards will be mailed no later than November 19th. Parent Portal is available to review report cards Friday November 18th.

8th graders will see the stage production of "A Christmas Carole" on November 23 during 7th-9th period.

The Mid-term calendar to be sent out by the first week of December. The MS earth science mid-term will be different from the HS mid-term. There will be no changes to the Finals calendar.

Anthony Ambrogia – Administrator for Arts/Human Resources

Dr. Ambrogia invited all of the attendees to review the set for "The Music Man" while students performed a scene from the play.

SCA News

Senior Banquet was Wednesday, November 16th. Over \$35k was raised for the Frolic. A total of 450 guests attended including 260 students along with 11 staff. This year's chairs were Kathleen Katzman, Margo Coleman and Donna Lopez.

The Booster Club Hall of Fame induction is this Saturday evening, November 19th. The cost is \$25 per person and will be held in the High School Gym.

The Class of 2015 Frolic Fundraiser will be held at Coin Galleries of Oyster Bay in Manhasset. It will be a Sell Your Gold party. Sue Dunn is the chair.

Middle School Book Fair will be held at the Barnes & Nobles store this year on December 3&4. A percentage of sales will come back to the SCA, even online sales from Dec 3-9. The SCA will provide the necessary code.

CASA

Cathy Samuels – Project Director

CASA is to meet with the Board of Education on December 1 to present an initiative.

Approached by the Great Neck Korean Youth Festival to provide brochures and pamphlets on drugs and alcohol.

January 9-12, Kim Fanter will give a presentation. The topic is "How your parenting style gets you through the day"

A fundraiser is planned with the MS SCA.

March 12, "What's on your plate?" Snacks to be provided by Chipolte.

March 23, Nursing students from Molloy College to provide a Health Fair.

The Red Watch Band Program will provide a presentation to Manhasset students. This program discusses the issue of college students getting drunk, going to sleep in their dorm rooms and dying.

Future Corps through Newsday will highlight the Take Back Pharmaceuticals event the first week of December.



Foreign Language

Laurie Marshall Lauria – District Coordinator of World Languages

Ms. Lauria provided a PowerPoint presentation on the districts new license for Rosetta Stone and how the students can access it online. This license allows students to study other languages that the district does not provide.

The state will no longer require a foreign language regent. Manhasset along with a consortium of 100 other schools will design their own test.

Meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.