

September 16, 2015

St. Charles Catholic School Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Start 6:30 P.M.

Prayer

Adoption of Agenda: Marian Henry, seconded by Nadia De Luca

Adoption of Minutes from April 8, 2015: will be reviewed and adopted at next PAC meeting

REPORTS

Report from Dr. Penny

Enrollment has increased to 263 students for the 2015-2016 school year.

Please spread the word to all parents to return the signed "parent" forms. The students cannot participate in any technology classes, field trips, nor can the school directory be dispersed until these forms are received by the office.

The school has a new policy for field trip forms this year. The forms must be received by the home room teachers 24 hours in advance of the field trip, otherwise, unfortunately, the student will be placed in another class for the duration of the field trip.

Workplace hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) requires the school to have a parent rep for the Health and Safety committee. Kathy Everard graciously volunteered again.

The christian service projects are set for October 9th. The students will travel to the various parishes and spend the day doing good deed projects. In the afternoon they will return to the school for the Terry Fox run. A reminder to parents to send in the permission slips for these events!

There have been questions concerning students with allergies. The school will not release the students from the requirement of carrying an epi-pen nor from sitting at the designated allergy tables. The school cannot take the risk of the students having any sort of anaphylactic reactions. There are too many parent and staff chaperone changes during the lunch hour to ensure no allergy situations could arise.

Thank you to Tish Best for updating the SCCS facebook page! The first page is more of a reminder of school events. The second page is more "gossipy" in nature, a SCCS brag book, where families and alumnae can share their school and personal stories. Please like our pages!

The grade seven and eights were reminded their ipads are a tool and not to be used for social media.

Meet the teacher is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 23rd. The school is going to try something different this year! We will start with the formal AGM in the gym and proceed to the cafeteria for a more social gathering. There will not be any classroom visits. To enable more parents to attend, the students are welcome to a PJ and movie party in small gym! A sign up sheet for munchies, deserts, and beverages was passed around.

Chair Report

School Board Report

Buildings and Grounds update from Brian Quick and Dave Wilkie:

The roofing repairs are almost complete! If all goes well, the repairs should be complete by the third week in October.

The Spruce up the School weekend is set for Friday, October 2nd (three hours) and Saturday October 3rd (8:00Am to 4:00PM). There is lots to be done including cleaning, painting, and minor repair projects. There will also be another cleanup weekend in the spring. Volunteers will be bribed with lots of pizza and coffee!!

Fundraising Report

The Board Fundraising rep is Janice Compton. The school is almost done wrapping up the first half of the chocolate sales. We would like a few families to sell chocolates at the end of mass in each of our five parishes. The chocolates usually sell out in ten minutes during these times.

To date, the chocolate bar sales have raised approximately \$16,000. This is 30% of our goal.

The next fundraising event will be the Christmas gift card Blitz during the second week of October. Five different gift cards will be offered: honey, cookie dough, magazines, and Peak of the Market. Volunteers are needed to help organize.

In May of last year, all catholic schools each recorded two songs with a professional studio in celebration of the 100 years of the Archdiocese. One hundred and seventy five of our students recorded their songs and violin pieces at the St. Charles Church. A form will be going out next week to pre-order the Christmas CD. We are trying to estimate the amount of CDs to press.

A few parents inquired if we could do the same and record the Christmas concert. It would be difficult as a parent would be required to record and manage the sales of the CDs. Another issue is the school would have to sell over 500 CDs just to break even.

The school is brainstorming on additional community fund raising events. Some suggestions were: movie night, bowling night, family skate night. These events would require parent volunteers to organize. A suggestion was to also incorporate the grade eight class as volunteers and possibly use some of the proceeds for the Rome trip or Grad.

Volunteer opportunities will be posted on the front bulletin board and on the website.

Upcoming community events

Spruce up the School weekend is scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd.

The Grade Four Bible Celebration will be on Thursday, October 15th. The Grades 1-2, 2, 3, 5 classes will be supplying the refreshments.

The Fall Staff Appreciation on November 5th will be hosted by the grade 3-4 class. This event coincides with parent teacher interviews.

The ever popular Family Bingo Night is set for Friday, November 27th. Mark your calendars!!

The next community event will not be until the Spring Staff Appreciation, hosted by the Grade Six class, followed by the Grade Eight Farewell, hosted by the Grade Seven and eight classes.

Class rep reports

There is only class reps for a third of the classes this year. Stacey canvassed PAC members for their availability to be class reps. The following are now signed on:

St. Charles School Class Representative List 2015-2016

Class	Community Event & Date	Class Representative(s)
KG		Dulce Santos
KB		Darcie Munday/Patti Sliwiany
1	Welcome to School Picnic Sunday, August 29 th 6:30 pm	Darraugh Sichewski
1/2	Grade 4 Bible Celebration refreshments Thursday, October 15 th 6:30 pm	Nadia DeLuca/Lee-Anne Brewer
2	Grade 4 Bible Celebration refreshments Thursday, October 15 th 6:30 pm	Michele Ashe / Heather Tos
3	Grade 4 Bible Celebration refreshments Thursday, October 15 th 6:30 pm	Kasia James
3/4	Fall Staff Appreciation Day (Potluck) Thursday, November 5 th	Pam Currie / Marian Henry
4	Fall Staff Appreciation Day (Potluck) Thursday, November 5 th	Roxanne Murphy
5	Grade 4 Bible Celebration refreshments Thursday, October 15 th 6:30 pm	Janet Antoshko/Anna Van Hee
6	Spring Staff Appreciation Day (Potluck) Wednesday, March 23 rd	Heather Smart & Doris-Anne Hildebrand
7	Grade 8 Farewell Celebration Tuesday, June 28 th 7 pm	Jill Patterson/Toni Bond/Denise Quick
8	Grade 8 Farewell Celebration Tuesday, June 28 th 7 pm	Bill Ivey

The classes responsible for The Bible Celebration are encouraged to contact Nadia De Luca as she has organized this event in the past and has all the lists and how-to's to ensure a successful event.

Due to privacy issues, the office cannot supply the class reps with your respective parent email addresses. Class reps are encouraged to send out letters requesting their parents contact them directly and supply the preferential method of contact (ie. email, phone).

Bill Ivey (grade eight class rep) will be putting together a committee for the Grade eight Farewell.

A list of the class reps will be posted on the bulletin board and on the website.

Class reps are encouraged to post a small bio and picture outside your class room.

New Business

The phone trees will be dispersed to the class reps as soon as the data base is completed.

Reminder for the following parking issues, as tickets are being issued:

- do not park in the bus loop
- do not park near the cross walks
- watch speeding

Last year the police sat outside the school for a week and issued numerous traffic infractions. Reminder - there is lots of parking room behind the church.

Please email Stacey Kulbacki with any questions prior to the PAC meetings so all are prepared. PAC meetings are usually scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month and last a half hour to an hour and a half. Next month, it will be moved a week out as the second Wednesday in November is Remembrance Day.

Unfortunately, there is currently not any class rep "cheat sheets". Class reps are encouraged to be in contact with their respective teachers for what is expected of them. Single class reps are allotted the 20 VIP hours, 2 class reps per grade are allotted 10 VIP hours each, and so on. Please note the PAC meetings count for VIP hours as well!

Michele Ashe inquired on the headphone requirement on the school supply lists, as returning students had already purchased in previous years. The old ones are still available and it is up to the parents if they wish to purchase new ones.

The feedback on the pared down school supply lists was well received! Some parents were unaware of the school supply list and the **Mabels** labels option. This info is all on the school website. One issue is the **Mabels** labels is also a school fundraiser.

Adjournment 7:12PM