

Home and School Association Meeting

August 21, 2017 7:00 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School's Cafetorium

Call to Order / Prayer

Flag Ceremony

Announcements

- Sign In sheets – Spirit Hour
- Nursery available
- Cheer Squad performance

Spirit Report Mary Rowell,

- Sign up genius for KK coming soon
- Concessions sign up sheets for chair people available in sign up genius now
- Directory – Printed copies of the school directory are being produced for the next home and school meeting. All families are asked to check renweb and ensure that their information is accurate. Please send any changes to Mary Rowell prior to Aug 28. School is selling ad space to help offset cost of production. Ad space can be purchased \$10 for students advertising lawnmowing or babysitting, etc \$25 for a business card size ad and \$75 for a full page ad.

Development Report Nancy Benson,

- Dinner Dance last school year raised \$18k for technology 18 New laptops were purchased, for 4 and up and more Wifi access points were added
- Sound system was upgraded over the summer as well.
- KK major fundraiser for school – Please support
- Yearbooks available tonight – Please see Mrs. Tonia Fishman to sign for your copy

Principal's Report Kimberly Pierce

- Thank you to faculty for spending time preparing for the year over the summer. And for attendance tonight.
- Curriculum update: FW Catholic Diocese is switching to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills program (switching from Hartford except for Religion which is in the process of being updated for next year) August 14th is first day of next school year The 2017-18 calendar will be released by the end of this school year for the major dates and the detailed calendar will be forthcoming.
- State of the School
 - Mission Statement reviewed: Three Major Components 1) Academic Excellence 2) Spiritual guidance and 3) compassionate servant. As a reminder to the students that they are not alone, Rosaries were handmade for each student for them to carry through their journey through their years at SMG. Spiritual formation for sacraments was discussed, specifically 1st communion and a new Spiritual adoption program for 8th graders praying for unborn children. Beginning this year, students will attend adoration. SMG is emphasizing students to be 'global citizens' through various ministries.
 - SMG will be working on a Gifted and Talented program. Currently the school has History Fair, Math Competition, and a Geography Bee. Science Fusion is a new program – STREAM Science Tech Religion Engineering Art and Math. (not just STEM).

- Growing Disciples: SMG code. Teaches responsibility & accountability. Goal is to become better every day.
- Announcements
 - Cub Scouts – water rocket shoot Saturday at 3pm
 - Burger Blast to promote Boy Scouts after all masses this weekend
- Iowa Testing week of Sept 11-15. Testing is administered for the purpose of understanding students' strengths and weaknesses
- Artome Art Fundraiser – Tonia Fishman: Students artwork will be professionally matted and framed and displayed in SMG's Art Gallery (Cafetorium). Older children can earn extra credit by being docents. Event will be centered around Veterans Day. Pieces will be sold for about \$30 each. Trying to raise funds to by a pottery kiln. Mrs. Fishman is working on promoting the event, might even get TV coverage. November 10 is the date.

Old Business

- Brief overview of Buddy Family event was provided
- Ice Cream Social event overview – Good turnout and a good time.
- Teacher Casseroles

New Business

- Middle School Youth Group - Olga Watson spoke about the youth group and the benefits of joining the group and ministering to the communities. Making connections with peers outside of school and service projects – Walk for the Poor is first event. Donations accepted as well.
- Nancy Benson – welcome and recognition of new families
- Dine out Night this Thursday at Chipotle at Cooper and Bengel. 50% of sales to customers who identify themselves as SMG
- Kountry Karnival will be held Sept 30- Oct 1 Game booth chair meeting next Tuesday 8/29 and Food booth meeting is coming up. Volunteer check in system this year at KK. We need sponsors and talents smgkountrykarnival@gmail.com Throwback is theme of Karnival this year. Order forms for shirts will be online this year. Raffle tickets will be sold by Casey and Stephanie Via.
- Exec Committee Nominations and Elections – Nancy Benson
 - 1stVP – Brigida Schumacher
 - 4thVP – Natalie Leshner

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