



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 27, 2020

St. James the Apostle Catholic School

*St. James the Apostle Catholic School is a Christ-centered community where children can grow in faith, values of service and academic excellence.*

Members Present: Christine Aguilera, Debra Harrison, Raul Espinoza, Sr. Debbie Walker, Dr. Jennifer Grenardo, Eddie Molina, Hector Perez, Angela Ruiz, Brenda Pina,

Members Absent: Matthew Navarrez, Thelma Campa, Jessica Garcia, Mona Lopez, PTC Rep.

Approval of Minutes: Approved

### General Reports

- Principal's Report – see below
  
- PTC Report
  - Royal Bash
  - Plate Sale
  - PTC General Meeting – raffle and SAC elections
  - Scholarships for 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Kona Ice
  - Creating wishlist for PTC
  
- Parish Report
  - Ministry Fair held Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Altar Server Training – would like to advertise with school families in the future

### Old Business - Review

- 2020-2021 Marketing & Enrollment
  - SAC Board Member Testimonial
  - Ad in church bulletin
- Admissions update – Mrs. Aguilera - New Student Testing went extremely well
- **School Climate Survey** – Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - <https://www.research.net/r/csis-pf> Survey ID Code - K#10

### SAC Members-

- New members
- 12 members max
- Must be elected by May to attend orientation in June
- Will they serve 2 or 3 years?
- Election will be announced

## New Business

- 2020-2021 Calendar - unanimously voted for option 2: Thanksgiving week vacation, MLK day off, finish in May; will have school on Veterans Day and Easter Monday
  - Faculty will give input as well
  
- SAC nomination form – review and revise
  - delete spouse’s name
  - change to “Connection to St. James”
  - Add “Organization/ministries currently involved with”
  
- Corona Virus
  - Dept. of Catholic Schools – “Finally, I heard it mentioned on the news today that the expectation is for the Coronavirus to continue to spread and that school districts are working on plans in the event of needed school closures. If this were to occur, we will follow the public school closures as we currently do for inclement weather. Additionally, I have asked Amy Hudson to work on putting together strategies for continuing school remotely via the resources we currently have available in our schools (i.e. Google classrooms, RenWeb.) You may want to begin brainstorming on your campus as to how you would respond and what possibilities exist to continue classes while “quarantined.” God-willing we will not need to implement any plans but we should be prepared in the event we need to
  - St. James – Google accounts for all students, teacher website
    - Notice to parents
  - Add Health and Safety Section to Weekly Newsletter
  
- Policy - Parent to Parent & Parent to Other Student Conduct/Communication Policy
  - Add statement to parent expectations
  - Add statement to conflict protocol
  - Review behavior expectations for students in classroom with a visible contract

Next Meeting – Thurs., March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm

### **Prayer for Catholic Schools**

Dear Lord, bless our Catholic schools. Help us to continue to be a humble source of wisdom, always yearning to learn more about your tremendous love for us. May all who enter our Catholic schools be filled with the gift of your Holy Spirit, coming to know you in a more meaningful way. Guide us as a community that respects and welcomes everyone. May Catholic education continue to grow so that your good news can be taught to children throughout the world. Amen.



# St. James the Apostle Catholic School School Advisory Council – Principal Report February 27, 2019

Five Ways to Love  
**ENJOY**  
without complaining



"Do everything without grumbling or arguing."  
Philippians 2:14

#Holiness for You Too  
February

**Completed by:** Dr. Jennifer Grenardo, Ed.D.

**Enrollment:** 320 students

**Our Salesian Family:** Mrs. Rodriguez is our new Title I teacher. Services have begun and are going well.

- Dr. Grenardo submitted her intent to return from as principal for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Teacher Renewal** - Teachers must submit a written statement of intent by **March 15<sup>th</sup>** if they wish to return to the school the following academic year. Teachers shall use the Statement of Intent form (2202A) provided by the Department of Catholic Schools. **By April 15<sup>th</sup>** the principal will provide written notification to the teacher of whether or not a ministry agreement for the following year will be offered. If a teacher has not received the notice from the principal by said date, the teacher should not assume that a ministry agreement is forthcoming, but should instead discuss it with the principal.

## Educating the Whole Child:

- Baseball and softball teams will start their season soon
- Secured Grants for 2019-2020:
  - Swim Safety Training for Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 February 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
  - CHEF Program for Pre-K 4 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Middle School History Fair: Breaking Barriers – Sat., March 21<sup>st</sup> at Texas A&M San Antonio
- NWEA Testing – Results sent home tomorrow, Fri., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>
- CAAC Art Contest – Theme: Religious Liberty
- **Marian Club** – Faith and Leadership for Young Women - Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Girls
- **Pennies for Missions** – Student Council
- **REAL Essential Guidance Curriculum** - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Events:

- Wed., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Mass
- Thurs., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade leads Stations of the Cross, 40 Days of Service Event – Student Council
- Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 2:45 pm
  - Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Stations @ 2:45 in the gym –
    - Student Council will be at 40 Days of Service Event with Catholic Charities.
  - March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Stations
- Dr. Seuss Week – Mon., March 2nd - “Fox in Socks” Monday: Wear P.E. uniform, silly socks, and black tennis shoes.
- Tues., March 3<sup>rd</sup> – “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” Tuesday: Wear a college shirt, jeans, and black shoes.
  - Royal Bash Planning Meeting @ 5:30 pm in room #14
- Wed., March 4<sup>th</sup> – “Wacky Wednesday”: Wear mix-matched clothes.
- Thurs., March 5<sup>th</sup> – “The Cat in the Hat” Thursday: Wear a hat. Free dress. (Wear stripes or a Dr. Seuss shirt.)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Stations
  - Pre-K 4 and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade CHEF
- Fri., March 6<sup>th</sup> - “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish” Friday: Wear red, white, and blue. Free Dress.
  - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Sat., March 7<sup>th</sup> – UIL in Laredo
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Book Fair
- Tues., March 17<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Awards after Morning Assembly
- Wed., March 18<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K 4 in-house Magik Theater Production

- March Birthday Celebrations @ 3:15 pm
- Thurs., March 19<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Stations
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation
  - Pre-K 4 and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade CHEF
  - SAC Meeting @ 6pm
- Fri., March 20<sup>th</sup> – Email report cards
  - K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Antonian High School play
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Stations @ 11 am – Early Release
- **Royal Bash FUN DAY - Fri., March 27<sup>th</sup> – Early Release @ 12 noon – 6 pm with adult supervision**
  - No recess that day. No after-school care. ALL Faculty and Staff at school
  - \*ALL students must complete a project as part of a subject grade (Religion, Social Studies, ELAR, etc)

**Parent Volunteer Opportunities:** Royal Bash, PTC Breakfast, Painting Evening, Plate Sale

**Maintenance:**

- Need new battery for electrical panel for ELC
- The recycling company dented playground fence. Investigating repair process.

**Safety:**

- Fire Inspection – Thurs., Feb. 27, 2020
  - Required to repair exit lights in ELC – Dr. Grenardo already called an electrician
  - Recommendations – connect ELC fire alarm system to fire department, install fire alarm system in entire school
  - Up-to-date on monthly fire drills
  - Great evacuation plan
- Lockdown Drill - Feb. 6, 2020
- Shelter-in-Place Drill –March 4, 2020 – Follow SAISD protocol

**Policy:**

Dress Code

- New fleece jacket – added option
- Girls socks cannot be see-through and must be worn below the knee.



*Ten Ways to Love*  
**TRUST**  
 without wavering



“(Love) always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:7

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 March