

PTO Meeting Notes – September 23, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

- 1) Opening Prayer - Mrs. Maddox opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 2) Welcome & Introductions
 - *PTO Board – Meena Davidson & Katie Pearson (Co-Presidents), Nicole Pick (Vice President), Stephanie Deel (Treasurer) & Jill Toepfer (Secretary)
 - *Interested in learning more about the Board? Let us know!
- 3) School Update – Mrs. Maddox
 - Covid Update:
 - Feeling thankful that kids are in school - appreciate continued support of both parents & teachers. 7 positive cases YTD (school year) & some quarantine requirements.
 - Masks to remain in place for now but school is monitoring situation closely
 - Auction:
 - Will be spread out but still a great event!
 - Fund A Need: SmartBoard replacements - goal is to have one in every room
 - Blessed to have a technology teacher on staff!
 - MAP Testing / MTSS:
 - Using MAP scores to drive conversation / instruction for benefit of individual students & their individual needs
 - These groups will be fluid throughout the year.
 - Playground
 - Timeline is dependent on the delivery of parts. We also need to wait for the delivery to line up with contractors.
 - Enrollment
 - We have some new families that will be joining our school. This will put us over the 380-enrollment mark. Welcoming committee offered to provide welcome yard signs for them. The committee will also touch base with Mrs. Maddox about following up with all our new families at the end of first quarter (to check in).
 - Fall Festival was a huge success!
 - Middle School bathrooms have been approved.

4) Virtus Reminder – Nicole Pick – Training is through the Archdiocese.

<https://www.virtus.org>

- Must be Virtus trained to volunteer at school.
- Be sure you are up to date on your trainings.
- Script will also be coming soon!

5) Ice Cream Volunteers – Meena Davidson

- Begins first Wednesday of October
- There are 29 Wednesdays that we will need volunteers.
- Meena will use the list from check in day to send a Sign-Up Genius out soon.

6) Upcoming St. Joe Restaurant Nights – Thank you Abbey Kurt & Kristina Albright!

- Old Shawnee Pizza Nights – 3rd Monday of every month
- Chipotle Night – October 5th
- Panera Night – January 13th
- Fritz's Night – February 4th

7) Spotlights/Updates:

***Welcoming Committee Update** – Meena Davidson & Nicole Pick

- Kindergarten signs were delivered to all incoming Kindergarten students.
- New students to St. Joe also got a sign.
- This year we were able to have a Tears and Cheers parent event on the first day of Kindergarten, a cookie and lemonade celebration after the first ½ day of Kindergarten, and a new family welcome ice cream social. All were successful and well attended.

***Auction – November 6, 2021** – Elena Cruse, Katie Martiny & Jessica Reed

- Finalizing plans for spacing out event - it is going to be great! Tables in both gyms for dining - outside heated tent for games/socializing
- Still pushing for donations
- Dessert sign-up was sent out.
- If you are interested in an ad or sponsoring the event, let us know.
- Amazon wish list has been created and posted on Facebook.
- Tickets will go on sale soon!

***Staff Appreciation** – Abbey Kurt & Cheryl Dunn

- Staff Appreciation Committee has grown in numbers, both people and budget!! Thank you to everyone for their generous donations at Check In Day!!
- So far, we provided 2 lunches before school started, OSP and Hawaiian Bros. The Committee stocked the fridge in their lounge as well as coffee and snacks.
- Last Thursday was our first Thankful Thursday. 8th grade parents rallied together and had a tailgate theme with Mr. Goodcents sandwiches. Decor and food were fabulous!
- This year, we are doing things a bit differently with Thankful Thursdays, allowing other parents to coordinate the meal each month. Next month it is 7th grade parents taking the lead for Parent Teacher conferences.
- Thanks to those that stepped into the leadership role with these fun days and to all the 8th grade parents who pitched in!
- This Friday, we are going to take in Sonic Happy Hour Drinks to all staff!
- All staff have been assigned a Birthday Pal who will send in a special gift/treat \$10 or less for the birthday guy/girl!
- \$2800 was collected for Staff Appreciation at check in day!
- We are off to a great start!! Thank you!

***Give and Get (St. Joe Serve Day) – Rosie Kolich, Katie Pearson & Jill Toepfer**

- Tomorrow is our GRACE family assembly in the church.
- Annette Bentzinger is our Catholic Charities contact.
- Our school/parish will help refugees from Afghanistan get situated here in KC.
- Each Grace family will be assigned a list of items for students to bring in (school supplies, gently used coats, cleaning supplies, Wal Mart gift cards).
- Truck will be at school the week of 10/11 – 10/15 in the central parking lot. Parent volunteers needed that week to help in the mornings.
- 10/15 there will be another assembly. Assemblies can be viewed on FB.

***Battle of the Books – Tammy Hook**

- Offered to students in grades 3rd-8th grade
- Battle of the Books will launch in October. Permission slip will be sent home soon.
- Teams are formed, students read books, and they compete by answering questions about the books they read.
- Students will participate in the Battle of the Books at the end of January.

***Savers – Chrissy Stirling**

- Saver's collection will start in October (10/1).
- Collection date will be 10/23.
- We are collecting **soft** goods again (fabric, cloth, clothes, sheets, pillows, bedding, towels etc..).
- The trailer is already parked in the front (EEC parking lot), so we are going to leave it there. The trailer will be unlocked at all times for everyone's convenience.

***Box Tops – Anita Kennedy**

- Continue collecting Box Tops!
- We are in need of a co-chair for this committee.
- Download the Box Tops for Education App and search for St Joseph Grade School under the zip code 66203!

***Used Uniform Sale – Ann Hawkins & Ali Edson**

- Great sale during check in!
- \$1,478 was raised during the sale.
- We are looking at having another sale in February or March. It will most likely be tied in with Parent/Teacher conferences.

8) Volunteer Needs (See below for needs). It was suggested that a Sign-up Genius be created and sent out to help recruit more volunteers! Several parents messaged Jill letting us know that they are interested in helping.

9) Budget Review from last year/proposed budget this year – Stephanie Deel

- We will vote on the final budget at the December meeting once all the fundraising/activities are confirmed.

10) Closing Prayer – Mrs. Maddox ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Committees with Chairs Needed

Ongoing

Cultural Arts

New School Year (Wrap Packs & Assignment Notebook Organization)

Special Events

Book Fair (November 5th – 16th)

Catholic Schools Week

Jag Jog

Dance: Father / Daughter

Dance: Mother / Son

Field Day: Kindergarten

Field Day: Grades 1 - 6

8th Grade Graduation

Sacrament Celebrations

First Communion (2nd): Breakfast / Special Event

Confirmation (8th): Breakfast / Special Event