HSA MEETING NOTES

October 5th 2022

1. Opening Prayer (Marc Bandelian)
2. Principle Update (Marc Bandelian)
3. School Improvement team will be meeting 6x a year with a presenter the Buffalo Diocese hires to discuss different aspects of the school such as enrollment. After the team meets there will be information sent to parents of students to get their feedback.
4. NYS Covid19 guidelines are still the same except for the use of masks not being mandatory. If a student tests positive for Covid19 they must stay home for 5 days and may return to school the sixth day if they are not showing any symptoms. That student will then be required to wear a mask for the remaining 6-10 days if they return on day 6.
5. The school must practice 8 evacuation drills and 4 lockdown drills yearly as a NYS requirement. This year the Southtowns will be working with the Town of Hamburg Police Dept. to assist with lockdown drills.
6. Future Events: NYS eventually would like to have all NYS testing done on the computer and will most likely be a requirement by the year 2026. All ELA and Math testing will be done online. This year the school will start off with a few grades at a time (4th & 7th) for testing to be done on the computer.
7. There will be no school Friday, October 7th for Professional Development day, and Monday October 10th for Columbus Day.
8. Progress reports will be going home Thursday October 20th
9. No school Friday October 21st for principle’s holiday/gala
10. October 28th is the Annual Trunk or Treat event that takes place in the Southtowns Catholic School parking lot
11. Treasurer Report (Amanda and Vanessa)
12. We are still waiting on a total amount made from the chicken BBQ sales.
13. Candy bars will be sold all school year long, there are about 25-30 extra boxes of candy bars if anyone would like to sell more than one box. ($72 Per-box total amount/48 bars in each)
14. Discussion of Chicken BBQ and Grandparents day
15. Chicken BBQ- Signage will be utilized next year to help guide people picking up their orders. Will better implement payment options to make accessible for everyone to be able to purchase/pre-order.
16. Grandparents Day- Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make this special day possible! Next year we will take count of those whole will attend to make sure there is adequate seating for everyone. There is also discussion about having a photographer so that each student/grandparent may go home with a picture of their special day.
17. Upcoming Events
18. Trunk or Treat- October 28th at 6pm. People may begin to arrive to set up their trunks between 4pm-4:45pm and the parking lot closes at 5:45pm. If participating in the trunk decorating, cars will not be able to leave the parking lot until the event is over. The kitchen staff will be providing popcorn and pretzels, there will be music, and lots of candy! Flyers coming soon.
19. Mother/Son dance- November 5th Nerf and Spaghetti dinner night. More information to come.
20. Veteran’s Day Celebration- November 10th More information to come.
21. Thanksgiving Food Drive- Begins November 1st. Each class will be assigned a different food item to bring in. National Jr. Honor Society will help to pack the donations. The Friday before Thanksgiving the food will be delivered to families.
22. Picture Days- October 11th (k-8) October 12th (Pre-k)
23. Gala- October 21st. We are still in need of volunteers to help with 50/50, silent auction, last chance tickets (will work in shifts during the event). We still need to sell tickets so that all other money for the event will go towards Southtowns Catholic school. You may still purchase tickets in the Church or school offices, and after Sunday Masses.
24. Open Floor
25. Possible fundraising ideas: Mum Sale, 10 for $10 gift certificate to local restaurants sale, hat/gloves fundraiser ($5 a pair, school gets $2.50 per pair, left overs get shipped back), set up with local restaurants (sell certain items school gets % of sales).
26. HSA will be sending an email sign up so that families may receive alerts for all HSA events and fundraisers.
27. We are still in need of room parents for grades pre-k 3 and 4th grade. (Parent’s help distribute information to other parents in the classroom).
28. Volunteers always needed for events/fundraisers, will be setting up a sign-up genius soon.