

HSA Tea with Bea  
November 17, 2023  
HSA Review

November

- Fire Drill yesterday - went well
- Half day today - Hands of Hope collecting canned food for South Dakota Reservation
- Thanksgiving Break - returning 11/27
- Santa's Secret Shop
  - Set up on 11/27
  - Students can shop on 11/28 -11/29
- Kindergarten Roundup 11/28/ & 11/29

December

- Registration for current families begins 12/4
- Reconciliation on 12/6 for 3rd -8th grade
- Middle School Dance 12/7
- No School - 12/8 Holy Day of Obligation
- Casual Dress - 12/11 December Birthdays
- Christmas Programs 12/13
  - Preschool 9-10 Brownstein
  - Primary 1-2 Gym
  - Intermediate 2-3 Gym
- Santa visits younger grades 12/21
- Christmas parties 12/21-22nd depending on class
- Half day on 12/22

Questions from attendees

- Backdrop for Preschool program - will use the Nativity
- What is Christian Citizen Casual Dress Day
  - Each month a different virtue Preschool - 5th with a different virtue for Middle School
    - Teachers will do lessons throughout the month
    - Teachers nominate a student at the end of the month
      - Student receives a certificate and a free dress day
- Virtue Shirt Day
  - Intermediate through Middle School
    - Reminder to live a virtuous life - Ignite is this years theme
    - Once a month they can wear their virtue shirt
    - Add the levels that participate
- Catholic Schools Week
  - A time to celebrate teaching the Catholic Faith



- Dates were not clearly defined and confusing
  - Within 5 weeks - a lot to do - overwhelming
    - Auction items
    - Halloween party
    - Getting to know teacher/class
    - Conferences
- Teacher/Staff favorite items - shared list
- Does the information give to parents need to be reviewed/updated
- Administration attend the first meeting for Homeroom Moms
  - Point of contact at the school
- Mass Uniforms
  - Can JK wear the jumpers
- Carline
  - Once carline is completed cars that are parked and leaving can go any direction to exit the property - comment was made as parents were exiting after the Preschool Halloween Parade
- Sickness
  - When a student is diagnosed with
    - Covid
    - Flu A or B
    - RSV
      - We have to report with these cases and we do track and report to Douglas County Health Department
  - We reach out to families and let them know to wash hands, etc
  - Nurses work with classrooms to increase cleaning around the building
  - Kindergarten and up - contact Jennie McCallister first
  - Preschool and Junior Kindergarten - contact classroom teacher and Kari Rodgers
- Gala / Auction
  - Do we ever find out the amount - yes
  - Gross right now is about \$150,000
    - Net is going to be closer to \$110,000 with costs being deducted from that
    - Extra may be held to help with expenses to help with next year's auction expenses
  - Christmas/Continuations - we need winner names so we can ensure the winners are able to sit there
  - Items such as teacher experiences - was there a certificate?
- Option for lunch program - Sage Dining
  - Company would look at Ave and see what is available to be used
  - New build - they would help design the kitchen area
    - Size of school
    - Number of allergies
  - They handle staff, food menu, etc
  - Can be a part of your tuition or paid by the day
  - They handle the chef, helper - then parent volunteers would help with distribution

- They hire, do licensing, etc.
- Current program Wholesome Food Services is pricy and lots of pasta
- Students can get seconds, Teachers/staff are compensated
- Will help with a garden on the property
- Look at local sources for more organic, natural products
- Auditing
  - We do have a company who comes in to audit both the school & parish who helps to provide suggestions for both
- New Family Meeting - Summer
  - Could we do “tents” that have grade levels so parents/students can sit and make friends
  - Sometimes have difficulty with getting together with Guardian Angels due to vacations/schedules
- Back To School Picnic
  - Teacher with students sit with her/him with parents behind to meet and greet instead of a line to meet
  - Looking at a Food Truck (In and Out) with Kona Ice next year
- Being New
  - Email / Text Communications - Indoor pickup messages - clarifying Preschool vs K-8 School
    - Do we need a script for sending the message
    - Put in emergency packet for Admin
  - Clarifying All School Mass for new families
    - Used to be 3 Masses per week (grade levels) couldn't do buddy Masses except for 1 Mass per month for All School Mass
    - Junior K would attend once a month with their buddies
    - Father now wants only 1 Mass per week
    - All School is when music is held only once a month
    - Preschool and Junior K and Kindergarten usually start later in the school year
  - Someone reaching out more at the beginning of the school year
    - Guardian Angels
    - Principal / Admin
  - Fundraising - Jennie McCallister - could we track notes home, due etc
    - Many came out at once right after the Auction (day after)
      - Auction
      - PE - cup stacking
      - Santa's Secret Shop
- Special Days
  - Is there a list of these days and what to wear for new parents to know what is coming up
- Supply Lists
  - Have teachers review - what other items do they ask for that may need or not need to be purchased or on a supply list

