

**Minutes**  
**Parent Organization Meeting**  
**Monday, September 17, 2018**

**Mrs. Leslie Andes** opens the meeting with a prayer and welcomes the parents.

The upcoming events:

Mrs. Keri Curty speaks about International Night, Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a fun night out with your family and friends. This year we have 11 countries, lots of different food to enjoy, a DJ, and a photo booth. It's a great night, the kids enjoy themselves.

Mrs. Patricia Bucolo chairs Family Fun Day, Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. It is at the Dolphin Circle. All catholic schools attend. Students please wear a St. Rita's apparel (regular or gym uniform, St. Rita's jersey or sweatshirt), your child signs in, and gets a free dress down day for coming. The students have a good time.

Picture Day will be on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Full winter uniform). We need two parents to help that day.

Mrs. Zoi Lauria speaks about Halloween, Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. With all her parent volunteers this is a fun day for the students. Students can come dressed in their costume (no masks/no shields, swords etc.) or Halloween colors. Each class comes down to the gym and enjoys about 40 minutes. There'll be about 10 stations, each class will take a class picture, could play games, there's a snack table, they'll be able to decorate a pumpkin, do a craft, trick or treat for candy, and there's also a blow up haunted house. We need volunteers to set up on

Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and help on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Christmas Wreaths is chaired by Julieanne Aruta. Forms to purchase a wreath will be sent home on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>. You'll receive your wreath to decorate/a name plate to attach and when it's done you'll return to it to the school. Julieanne hangs all the decorated wreaths in front of the school. The front of the school looks very festive.

There is a Junior High mandatory safety meeting on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Each student needs to attend with at least one parent.

Mrs. Nicole Pace spoke about scripps. Gift cards go on sale Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The school receives a percentage on the total sale and you will receive the gift cards before Christmas.

Thanksgiving Pies is chaired by Dina Feis and go on sale Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Pies (Holtermann's) will be distributed on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Movie Day will be on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> with a movie that is age appropriate. This is a \$2 scratch off dress down day. The scratch offs will be used for a raffle at the Christmas fair.

Christmas Grams is chaired by Joanne Reyes. This runs from Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, December 13 and distributed to the students on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. You can send a Christmas gram to your child and students can send a gram to their friends.

Christmas Fair is chaired by Leslie Andes, Keri Curty, Rochelle Luciano, and Nicole Pace. The days of the fair is Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need lots of donations for our big raffles, gift cards are great, and small prizes for the straw

table. The straw table is a popular table with the students, they get 3 chances for \$1 to win a prize, the students love playing. We will be receiving a 6 page bulletin about the fair. We'll need volunteers for all 3 days, 8<sup>th</sup> graders can volunteer and get hours for confirmation and National Junior Honor Society. The sweets table is always a big hit, homemade sweets, candy and chocolate are needed. We'll be asking \$10 per family to help with the fair. There will again be a special lunch to purchase for that day.

Pretzel sales are on most half days.

Shoparoo is an easy fundraiser, an app needs to be downloaded on your phone, snap pictures of your shopping receipts and the school receives points and then money at the end of the school year.

School uniforms for anyone that is interested are in the back of the gym, parents can swap or help themselves.

Mrs. Andes thanks everyone for coming.

Parents that attended the meeting received a nut card for their children to have a free dress down.