

- The biggest and most exciting thing going on this year for the FAB is the fact that Fr. Del kindly approved the purchase of a full Stage Curtain. It is a fully custom curtain and installation is beginning within the next couple weeks, if all goes well. The FAB is paying for 2/3 of the total cost and the rest will be funded by private donations, and possibly as part of this year's 8th grade gift. We are very excited and honored to be able to provide this for the school.
- Preparations are under way for the Halloween Bash. We had originally scheduled this event for Saturday, October 27th. However, though we have not decided fully or received approval/confirmation as of yet, we are looking at the viability of doing this event on Friday the 26th instead. Unfortunately, scheduling for this event has been difficult this year due to so many other activities, both personal and school-related, happening at the same time. I'll keep you updated once we land on a specific date.
- Our other general fund-raiser for this year is the butter-braid promotion. We did quite well last year and feel like we can do even better this year. Separately, we are in the process of getting approval from Ms. Bresler regarding a quarterly dinner promotion at a restaurant. We had a summer fundraiser that fell through, so we need to replace the loss of that income (hopefully with the restaurant nights).
- We are also working on the preparations for the VE trip parent meeting on September 17th. We are providing 3 fund-raising opportunities for them this year:
  - **Yankee Candle** - we've done this for a few years now and it seems to work well and has a fairly decent cost/profit ratio
  - **Scripts** - A gift card promotion that is handled completely online. We met with the Finance Committee in late August and received unanimous approval for this program.
  - **Butter Braids** - Even though the Braids are a total school fundraiser that benefits the FAB's budget in general, we have decided to keep track of the butter braids sold by VE students who plan to attend the trip and put whatever profits they make towards the cost of the trip.
- Our first general meeting open to the public will be held on October 9th.