

St. Mary's Catholic School Parent Association (SPA)

September 21, 2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes

INTRODUCTION:

Meeting started with an opening prayer led by Kerri Handren. The general introduction of "What is SPA" was briefly discussed with new members. SPA welcomed new families from other area schools. Introductions were presented of new board members to SPA. Co-Presidents: Kim Greene and Kerri Handren, Vice President: Marianne Mackinaw, Treasurer: Charlie Jordan and Secretary: Laura Forth.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 5th, Walk to School will meet at the Mansfield Library. Parents should park there if walking or dropping off kids that are walking alone at the library. Police will be there to offer crossing help during the walk. Students will need permission forms signed to walk alone. Pre K and K will need parents walking with them at all times. The walk will begin promptly at 8:10am. Permission forms will go home and will need to be filled out and returned to school prior to the walk.

Oct. 12th, Boosterthon Fun Run. This year we chose to do a fun run to raise money for SPA and future school activities like field trips, classroom requests etc. Packets will go home shortly at the pep rally. **Pep Rally will take place Oct. 2nd in the school Gym.** Nightly challenges and prizes will be discussed with students at the rally. Additional incentives will be created and done by the principal and teachers per classroom. A Pledge O Meter will take place in the classroom and gym to show daily calculations. Reports will be printed daily and prizes will be given to the students in their classrooms. A couple of moms that transferred to SMCS noted their event was successful with participation in the past due to additional challenges and rewards offered to the students . (example: shave principal hair, dunk tank, ice cream party at end of year field day event, and out of uniform pass options) Students will receive Boosterthon t-shirts to wear during the run . They can wear gym shorts for event. SPA will follow up on if Boosterthon is providing water or if we need to purchase. There will be three groups Pre K – 1st

start at 8:30, 2nd thru 4th will begin at 9:30 and 5th-8th grade will run from 10:30-11:30. Each run lasts about 30 min.

Oct. 19th, Parent Night Out- Great chance to meet new families and socialize with current families enrolled in SMCS. We will meet at Home Plate in Taunton this year. Every year we pick a different location. SPA will provide apps and we will have a cash bar. Event starts at 7:30pm. All parents of St. Mary's are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Oct. 27th, Hallowed Halls will take place at St. Mary's. Instead of a trunk a treat we offer Decorate a Door/Booth Hallowed Halls. Families will be asked to decorate (theme picked by family donating). For the event we will need 10 doors/10 booths/4 decorators in the gym/café and Festive Attendees to rotate and visit different areas during the event to keep activities flowing. Also will need a breakdown crew to ensure the event is cleaned up on time. A sign up genius will go out for volunteers for the event. Kerri will be helping out this year on the committee. Kerri will provide the "allergy free bags" for families with kids with allergies to ensure that they are safe and have a variety of candy/snacks. When families enter the event they will sign up at a table. They will proceed down a hall for trick or treating. There will be a fee per family to attend. Photo backdrop station will be located in the Gym for photo opportunities. We will also have a ballot table to vote on doors/booths and principal pick. Music will be played in the Gym.

BUDGET:

Charlie was able to give us an update on the Used Uniform Sale hosted on Curriculum Night. Next meeting he will hand out an updated budget overview. Last year fundraiser totals were discussed. 2018-2019 goals were discussed.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

Mrs. O'Callahan – working on STEM Makerspace this year. She has organized the library space. Stop by and check it out. STEM – Makerspace goes in line with Fun Run event. (Theme) The next meeting will take place on Oct. 19th.