

September 2022 Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Location: School/Mattie Hall

Date: 9/9/2022 (in-person) (virtual meeting minutes are listed below).

Time: 8:00am

PA President: Liz Barr pa@ladyofhopeschool.org

Vice-President: Jennie Hrubesky

Secretary: Alison Dasho

Attendance: Liz Barr (6th), Alison Dasho (PK, 3rd), Kaitlin Dean (2nd), Adam & Allison (1st grader, first year), Karine Raetzloff (6th), Traci Carpenter (2nd), Eva (4th & 6th first year), Benisha Randle (7th), Sara Norris (5th), Erasmo (1st grade, first year), Raul, Sarah Perez (2nd & 1st grade; first year), Randy Nera (8th & 3rd), Bethany Wilson (8th & 5th), Rocio (PK, first year), Raelynne Scott (PK &, K), Cara Tohannie (1st grade).

Principal's Report (Mrs. Wartelle):

Teachers happy, kids are settling in, first week went great. Carpool under control. Tailgate tonight. A couple hiccups, we're working through it

- **Curriculum night** – doors at 5:15. From then until 6, parents can socialize and walk around in the gym, where tables will be set up around perimeter for info on various things (auction, scrip, parish programs, American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, speech team, art club, robotics, CYO, etc). At 6, the principal will present a short program. At 6:20, parents can head over to classrooms (2 sessions, 6:30-6:50, 7-7:20). Teachers will walk you through the schedule, curriculum, etc. You can always email the teacher w/questions, or Mirran and Kathy.

Q: Can kids come to curriculum night?

A: Geared towards adults, but kids of course are welcome (but they may be bored!).

- Clubs: CYO has started, soccer and cross country. Speech team starts next week, Art club in October
- Some trouble with iCloud accounts receiving newsletters and emails – they're working on it. If you haven't received a school newsletter, please reach out to Mirran in the main office. You should expect to see newsletters weekly, by end of school day (roughly) on Thursdays.
- **Hot lunch:** Hoping to do it, so we'll **need parent coordinators**. Two hot lunches this year if we have the volunteers. Weds is traditionally pizza day (from Alfy's). Probably begin at the start of October. And El Paraiso is willing to work with us again for a second hot lunch day. Likely for Tuesdays, still working on the option. Kierstin L. (school parent) is willing to help with pizza again – we may need **Tuesday volunteer help**. Hot lunches are paid for and volunteers are on a trimester basis.
- Picture Day next week Friday 9/16, full Mass uniform. (no spirit wear). More info coming.
- Spirit wear orders are open! For those new to the school, spirit wear is not official Mass uniform, but sweatshirts and hoodies (navy blue, red, grey) that students can wear as their uniform outer layer on any day BUT Mass days. If they're wearing their hoodie/sweatshirt all day, they don't need a polo underneath – a plain t-shirt is okay. BUT if they may need to take the sweatshirt off, then they need a polo underneath. First order will be in by the 22nd – usually delivered to the students' class by the next day. Contact Norski for ordering info.
--Spirit wear orders from the website counts as 10% toward SCRIP – Sara tracks and sends in to the school. Uniforms are 5%.

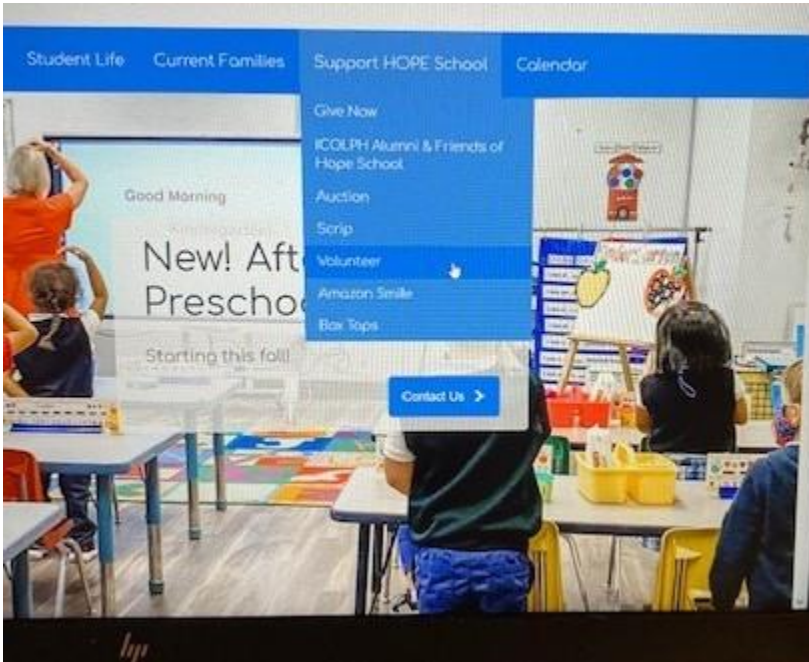
- Deacon Duane, October 4th **Blessing of the animals**, right after gates are shut from carpool at 3:10, Bring your pets!

---END of Principal Report---

Volunteer Opportunities

Q: Where can we find current volunteer opportunities?

A: “Volunteer” link for sign-up genius can be found under the ‘Support HOPE School’ tab:



If you'd like to volunteer in the school/with children (for activities like field trips, class parties, in-classroom work), you'll need to take the **Safe Environment Training** class. This can be done virtually! Look for the “Volunteering” link under the ‘Current Families’ tab for more information on how to register for that class:



HALLOWEEN PARTY INFO (BENISHA RANDLE, CHAIR): **Volunteer Opportunity

We are having a Halloween party! Last year was trunk or treat (it was great!). Halloween carnival, held in the gym, pretty dense. October 28th (last Friday of the month). 5:30 – 8 (ish). Flyer will go out first week of October so you can purchase tickets – not just for school families, you can invite cousins, friends, etc. Big opportunity to bring the community together. (Buy tickets early to help planners gauge how much food, etc., but tickets will be available at the door.) Possibly selling sausages. Concessions stand with spaghetti, chips, hot dogs, CANDY. Volunteers will be needed; Signup genius will be coming out early October. Haunted house on the stage – (some parents head that up), Parent coordinator for the 7th and 8th graders to help them run games, help with the littles. Shifts available. (students have their volunteer hours as well). Photo booth for Halloween costume photos (be sent via email). Big bouncy house, lots of games. Cakewalk from families that made desserts – sign up to donate baked goods – will accept items the morning of. Raise money for the 8th grade class (tip jar at concessions). Candy donations to Mirran at the office. Anyone who wants to shadow Benisha this year and next – her son will be in 8th grade next year so let's plan for someone to take over.

Other UPCOMING EVENTS to look forward to (and volunteer for!) this year:

- Steak fry, last Saturday of the month – every month, doors at 5:30, dinner at 6. \$15? Salad bar, steak, potato, cake and ice cream. Coffee, tea, water, and other beverages to purchase. Kids meals for \$6. Knights of Columbus. Pull bingo balls out, that determines table number. Bring games, iPad, coloring. Usually there is a raffle. 8th grade students serve at that.
- Spaghetti dinner (2/4; Saturday of Catholics Week)
- Christmas Concert (possible refreshments afterwards)
- December Christmas Mixer (TBD)
- Poinsettia/wreath sale (end of November, help with distribution)
- Catholic Schools Week (Grandparents Day, Student Day, Staff Appreciation Day, funny dress themes)
- Auction 3/4/23
- School musical
- Arts festival
- Field Day (parent suggestion for fun run to return)
- Talent Show (need parent to coordinate this)
- Movie Night, Game Night or Skate night (parent to help organize this)
- Book Fair (questions about why no library in school, how can we bring this back or have student's check-out books?); discussed possible in-person book fair, idea for Grandparents day during Catholics Schools Week. (need parent to coordinate this).

Volunteer hours entered through FACTs website. Be sure to enter your hours promptly so you don't forget! Mirran can help you if you have questions.

You can earn up to half your volunteer hours if you're volunteering with CYO sports, American Heritage Girls, or Boy Scouts

Q: Will we have School families this year? Same question on Buddies.

A: TBD, Liz will look into it. *(Yes, school families and buddies are in process).*

Coffee Brigade for teachers – Liz has a list of teachers' favorite coffees. On specific dates during the year, parents who volunteer will be assigned a teacher + drink, then bring coffee during morning drop-off or donate funds to help purchase coffees. What's the best way to communicate with everyone? The Facebook PA group, as well as in the school newsletter.

School supply kits – (Sara Norris, chair) broke a record! 51 students ordered kits, \$473 raised for the school (10% of purchases).

Q: How many students at the school now? How many new families?

A: TBD, Liz will look into it.

Box tops – there's an app for that. Doesn't count toward your fundraising goal, but can go a long way for little things like playground and recess equipment, etc. Just scan your receipt with the app.

PA meetings are typically on the first Friday of the month, in person after morning drop-off. Liz is also doing Tuesday evening Zoom meeting next week for anyone who can't attend morning meeting – if attendance is good, we may continue with both!

Next PA Meeting: October 7th at 8am Mattie Hall

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Location: Virtual Meeting

Date: 9/13/2022

Time: 6:30pm-7:10pm

PA President: Liz Barr pa@ladyofhopeschool.org

Vice-President: Jennie Hrubesky (minutes)

Secretary: Alison Dasho

Attendance: Liz Barr (6th), Jennie Hrubesky (6th), Linnea and Morgan Wolff (4th, 2nd), Raelynn Dean (K, new parent), Whitney Wiseman (7th), Sarah Lusier (2nd) and Lisa Klukas (6th).

Liz presented the Principal Report.

Discussed upcoming events: Halloween party, curriculum night, school pictures (9/16), spirit wear (see Norski website for ordering); if purchased these should be coming soon, hot lunch (**need Tuesday volunteers**), clubs (see school website), box tops, coffee brigade.

Shared screen on where to find information:

- Training req. to Volunteer-Safe Environment/Virtus, (Under Current Families Tab—Volunteering)
- Parents Assoc tab (under Current Families) which will include monthly meeting minutes
- How to find volunteer sign-up genius (Support HOPE School—Volunteer)

Potential for having other school activities (i.e., talent show) or after school clubs (i.e., book club, campfire), let Liz know if interested. These would count towards volunteer obligations if approved by Mrs. Wartelle.

--Suggestion by parent that sufficient notice be provided to parents related to upcoming events that need volunteers (example: Last year's primary school track meet which needed more volunteers), as with enough notice provided can request time off work.

Next Virtual Meeting: Tuesday, October 11 6:30pm (link to come closer to date).

-----END OF PA VIRTUAL MEETING-----