

Home and School Association Meeting

October 17, 2016 7:00 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School's Cafetorium

Call to Order / Prayer Mrs. Rios

Dress Down Day Dress down day for this Meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, October 18

Treasurers Report Per Leah Rios, rough estimate on KK netted \$50k without raffle or T shirts, but there are expenses that are not yet paid.

Spirit Report Mary Rowell (not in attendance, provided announcements)

- Per Mary Rowell, Get your hours in ASAP
- Directories for sale in office and copies available tonight
- Book Fair Oct 26 -- Nov 3 volunteers needed
- Lunch room assistance volunteers needed

Booster Report Nancy Benson

- Volleyball Tournament this week, volunteers needed.

Principals Report Mrs. Rios

- Parent Teacher Conferences are "Student Led Conferences" and will be held Oct 27 (evening) and Oct 28 all day. Students are out of school all day Friday. Students are learning to advocate for themselves, track their own learning and develop communication skills. The lower grades track their reading inventory on a bar graph for example. Eloquence and articulation are the skills that high schools and universities are looking for and the Student led conferences help develop these skills.
- Iowa scores are in and being shared with older students (Fifth grade and up). There will be a Parent Night that Mrs. Rios will host to discuss these scores further — what they mean, etc. The Iowa test scores are made up of a criterion reference test based on objectives / state standards and a norm test which is based on a percentage of everyone that took the test (like the SAT and ACT).
- Robotics program has taken off and going strong. School is working on trying to get to incorporate into the classroom.
- Curriculum update — St Maria Goretti is part of the curriculum team for the diocese
- Strategic Plan — An annual goal based working document. Committees are formed, goals are determined and timelines are developed.
- Posters are available in the back at this meeting. Attendees are asked to provide feedback on the following topics, there are posters and notes in the back of the room for: Kountry Karnival , Parent Education Nights, Top Concerns on Campus, General Suggestions
- Renweb will be down for a week after each quarter so that grades can be posted, comments reviewed, etc.

- Reading Bee for second grade coming up
- Cotton bowl art contest \$1,000 grant for school is prize. First through six grades are eligible.
- Tryouts for first school musical are this Friday.

Development Report

- **Website** — Abbey Lewis and Mrs. Fishman keep the website updated.
- **North Texas Giving Day** — raised appx \$8k with 171 donations to Annual Fund.
- **KK surveys** — Surveys will be coming out and committees will be having meetings to discuss what went well, etc.
- **Alumni Presence** Development working on reaching out to Alumni to re-ignite their presence on Campus
- **Dinner Dance** Save the Dates are coming out

New Business

1. Jessica Robinson — After School Activities for SMEED.

- Jessica has reached out to several vendors and they are interested in coming to SMG's campus and offering their programs to SMG families. She is currently researching this and requested that if anyone has ideas to please share them
- Jessica and Abbey are administrators of an unofficial school Facebook page — parents can use as a resource to ask questions, network and make connections with other school families.

Door prizes

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