

St. Helen Catholic School  
H.S.A. Meeting

August 31, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer- Fr. Richard
- II. Welcome – Rayanne Darensbourg
  - Introduction of board members for 16-17.
  - Fr. Jim discussed the updates over the construction timeline. During the summer, the pavilion was brought down, new a/c system was installed in main building and new electric wiring was installed.
- III. Dr. Coleman
  - We will experience some parking and drop off & pick-up issues during this fall. Trenching through the parking lot will begin mid-Sept. and will cause a few changes in the carline. Maps have been sent home, and notifications will continuously be sent via email.
  - A few comments have been made about Gradelink and the website changes made over the summer. The website was redesigned to capture prospective families. Gradelink protects confidentiality and provides a one location to see grades, communicate with the teachers, ability to view the calendar and upcoming deadlines and due dates, etc...
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary family night and Mass were a huge success! Our students are truly the best!
- IV. HSA Treasurer Report – Kalisha Bennett
  - “Thank You Suzanna Garcia for the many hours and years of service that you have contributed to the HSA to help support SHCS!”- St. Helen Catholic School Family
  - Financials for the 2015-2016: HSA supports many SHCS fundraisers and for the 15-16 school year we net \$20K.
  - 16-17 school year will begin with \$38K to be used for the following expenses.
    - Teacher supplies, teacher appreciation, technology, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, field day, etc...
  - The magazine sales net \$12,082 in 15-16.
  - Family Night was able to a raise \$10, 539!! Thank you for your support! The event was a true success and opens the door for many more!
- V. Family Fun Night – Recap
  - The idea for FFN was to form new relationships with our SHCS community and we succeeded!
  - A survey was available during the meeting, requesting honest constructive feedback on whether FFN should be an annual event or should we return to selling magazines.
- VI. Volunteer Opportunities – Brie Johnigan
  - Reminder that each family has to support 25 volunteer hours by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - Record your hours online or in the volunteer book in the receptionist office.
  - A list of all of the SHCS committees can be found online or contact Macie Ingram for more information.

- Volunteers are needed as lunchroom monitors, Dinner Dance, Steps for Students, birthday club, etc...
- VII. VIRTUS/The Fund for SHCS- Raquel Wood
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> refresher will be released on October 1<sup>st</sup>. For those who attended “Keeping the Promise Alive” refresher between 2011-2012. This is an online workshop and for those who are required to take it will have 60 days to complete the course. It is now offered as an online workshop, and it must be completed within the 60 days given. If the workshop is not completed within the 60 days, then those registrants will be required to attend the first workshop, “Protecting God’s Children”. If you do not remember your username and password, email Raquel Wood at [rwood@sthelencatholicsschool.org](mailto:rwood@sthelencatholicsschool.org).
  - In 15-16 the fund raised over \$25K. the goal for 2016 is to raise an additional \$25K to support scholarships and to continue to build relationships with our SHCS community.
  - We would like to increase products for our spirit store.
  - Currently working on opening online payments through our website, to support automatic payments to the school.
- VIII. Committee Reports
- Used Uniform Sales- August sale raised \$3040!!! You may drop off your gently used uniforms anytime during the school year. Next push for a collection will be in December and another sale in January 2017.
  - President’s Volunteer Service Award- Yvonne Turner presented the program and its success over the last few years. Volunteers who submit over 100 hours qualify for the Presidential award. Thank you for all you do!  
Staff Appreciation Committee
  - Spirit Night and Label Collections- Local businesses are being booked for the school year, check our school calendar for updates.
  - Steps for Students- Heather James- Save the date for Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017!!
- IX. Dates to Remember:
- Monday, September 5 – No school, Labor Day Holiday  
 Wednesday, September 7 - Spirit Night at Spring Creek BBQ, 5-9 pm  
 Box Tops Labels Month- last year we raised over \$1000, please send them with your child throughout the month!

**Next HSA Meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 8:15 am**  
**Don’t forget your child’s Casual Dress Pass to be used tomorrow!**