

St Helen Catholic School
HSA Meeting

Feb 7, 2018
8:15AM SHCS Cafeteria

I Opening Prayer - Heather James

II Campus Updates - Mr. Jones

- RenWeb is the new system that is being used for registration. It is a learning process for all. Please be patient as we all become more familiar with the system.
- Make up ice days will be February 19th and Easter Monday.
- Fence in the back playground will be installed once that area dries out.

III Guest Speaker - Adrian Fonseca, "Finding Joy in Lent"

- Mr. Fonseca spoke very beautifully about finding the joy in Lent. He describes Lent as a journey in which we answer a call from God. The purpose of Lent is to bring us closer to God. Lent should be viewed as a joyful time because Jesus sacrificed himself to save humanity. Jesus is the perfect example of how one can suffer to create good. We should offer our suffering for the healing of others. We need to learn how to take away good from our suffering and improve our relationship with God.

IV Volunteer Opportunities- Presidential Service Award – Suzanne Polk

- Children as young as five years old can receive a service award with a minimum of twenty-five hours. It is important to keep track of hours, not just the time volunteered at the school but any type of community work as well. Volunteer hours (community and school) do need to be kept on separate spreadsheets. There are three types of levels to this award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Hours are accounted from 4/17/2017 to 4/17/ 018. Please turn your hours in to Juliana in the front office and Suzanne will tally up hours that count towards the award. Suzanne will send out an E-Blast with more information.

HSA Volunteer Coordinator - Macie Ingram

- The best way to get people to volunteer is to meet new people and ask them face to face for help. Ask people who they know and how can their connections help our school. It is important to get to know the parents of students. Getting to know parents creates a better working environment. We need to ask people to step up. Seasoned parents need to reach out to new families, especially the parents of the lower grades.

IV **Treasurer's Report 2nd Quarter - Kalisha Bennett**

- Fall dress 2nd quarter earnings- \$3,960
- Family fun night raised \$14,714.98
- Kendra Scott Sales profit \$1,048
- HSA Budget for technology was \$10,000, we have spent \$9,705.09
- Budget for teacher/student apps was \$4,000 and we have spent \$2,395
- HSA budget for school décor was \$8,000 and we have spend \$5,508.10
- Committee members please send an e-mail to Kalisha to confirm your remaining budget

VI **Committee Updates**

Monsignor Braden Dinner Dance – Heather James,

- This is the school's largest fundraiser. We need to raise money for our school. The dinner dance has been branched out to parishioners. We have reached out to the church council and asked them to please participate in getting the word out. The school is used for by 57+ church related ministries. Please let us know if you know someone who is willing to support us in anyway. The money raised is used to help with the school's operational expenses. 100% of ticket costs goes to your fundraising commitment. This year the committee is trying to make the dinner dance a community event. Please help us in getting the word out.

Steps for Students – Jen Spade

- Thank you for registering for Step for Students. 58% of our school has registered, that's 399 participants. All the money donated comes back to our school, except for registration fee. 100% of the amount you raise counts toward your fundraising commitment. Step for Students packets were sent home with the oldest students. Please review your packets for race day information/instruction sheet. This is a huge event and we will have a tent with teachers and staff. This is a rain or shine event unless cancelled due to terrible weather. Race starts at 8:00 a.m. Plan to get there by 7:30 or earlier to find parking. It is recommended that you wear something other than the Steps for Students t-shirt. It will help in trying to keep track of your child. Stay on the course and everyone will be reunited at the finish line. Teachers will be at the finish line looking for students. An e-blast will be sent with more information.

Mixed Bag – Brie Johnigan

- Mixed Bag sales generated over \$4,000. Because of the number of bags sold, SHCS will receive 50% of the sales instead of 40%. Thank you for all of your efforts. A big thank you to Heather Mathias who coordinated this year's sale.

Catholic School Week Breakfast Tacos Sale

- CSW Breakfast Taco sales was a huge success largely due to Sylvia McGurk and Candy Ross. These ladies took last year’s first sale and made a few changes to improve the event. They managed to arrange donations of all the food and water, so all of the money the HSA collected \$495 profit! Thank you ladies!

Used Uniform Sale- Sylvia McGurk

- Our January Used Uniform sale netted \$1500. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our sale. Thanks to those who donated used uniforms and to those who made purchases as well!

Dates to Remember:

- Field Day- Pre-K and Kinder April 20, 2018
- Monsignor Braden Dinner Dance – April 28, 2018, 6PM - 12AM
- Field Day Grades 1–8 - May 3, 2018
- Final HSA Meeting – May 9, 2018, 8:15 AM
- Father Daughter Dance – May 11, 2018, 6 - 9PM

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