



## PTO Meeting - September 6, 2016 7:00pm

**Attendees:** Al Menard, Jennifer Simpson, Jessica MacDonald, Gereen Langmeyer, Mrs. Citta, all Faculty and Parents

### Agenda:

- Intro/Overview for parents on Basketball by Coach Steve, Cheerleading by Coach Kirsten and the Music Program by Mr. Vennink
- Opening Prayer
- Mrs. Citta
  - Introduced faculty
  - Informed parents of new computers to be delivered shortly for the new computer lab
  - Expressed the need for volunteers for our lunch program. Even though we have volunteers to run the program, we still need volunteers to work during lunch time. The Center of Hope will continue to help as well. If we have enough volunteers, lunch program will start in October.
  - Gave reminder to parents that once sports season starts, no child should be dropped off unless the coach has arrived.
  - Also gave reminder on how school drop off and pick up lines work
- Al Menard
  - Announced the Explore Lego First program that will be generously sponsored by United Lens. The program is still being researched but should be able to be available for about 10<sup>6th-8th</sup> grade students. More details will follow and a meeting will be announced.
  - Volunteers Needs
    - **Magazine Drive** every day from 9/13-9/26 to count orders. Need approx. 2-3 people per day
    - **Book Fair** – volunteers needed Evening of 10/7 will be reading night. Need after hours help
    - **Wine and Beer Tasting Event** – need volunteers for committee. A date also needs to be established
    - **Halloween Party** – Evening of 10/28/16 - there is a need for parents (at least 10 volunteers) to assist with the games
  - Box Tops – we will continue to collect box tops and have a challenge within each class for who can bring in the most box tops. Last school year we collected \$2000 worth!!
  - Fundraising
    - Discussed the annual tuition raffle and if this should still take place. The overall consensus was to keep the raffle. Attendee feedback:
      - Have it last for a longer period of time (start earlier/offer all year)



Notes cont.....

- Sell at Open House and Events
- PTO will continue to give a ticket to each attendee at the PTO meetings
- Keep the amount the same (\$20 each)
- Offer ability to purchase on school website
- Have out of dress code reward for most sold
- Scarecrows at Bemis Nursery
  - Need volunteers for 2 blocks of time on 9/24, 10/1-10/2 and 10/8-10/9
  - Blocks of time are from 11-1 or 1-3
  - Full profit on each scarecrow made is given to TCA as long as volunteers work the blocks of time on those days
- Xmas Trees - new Fundraising Idea (still being looked into)
  - Could possibly sell in court yard at Notre Dame during Festival of Trees
  - Chorus and Students could provide caroling
- Catholic Schools Reunion
  - Will take place 11/12/16 starting with 4:00 Mass and then a reception in the TCA gym
  - This is to grow attention and gain awareness for TCA and engage alumni
    - A needs list will be created for items needed that alumni and businesses could contribute funds towards or donate to the school
  - A new crest for the school will also be introduced at this time
  - In addition, Coach Aronson will organize an alumni basketball game for Sunday, 11/13/16
  - A timeline for the history of the school that will be available to view the day of the reunion will also be created
  - More updates to come
- September 12<sup>th</sup> will be First Responded Day for all Fire & police to show our appreciation. The Fire and Police personnel for the 11 Towns that attend TCA have been invited. This is in honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11
- Square One Art will be offered again this year through the student's art classes. They have already started on their art work. This is fundraiser that can go towards field trips for art classes.



- Parent questions:
  - Why was the decision made to change to Trimesters for Report Cards?
    - Mrs. Citta explained that the opportunity had come up to change the report cards and the faculty with Mrs. Citta approved the changed. This provides the best advantage for students based on the school calendar.
  - What will the commitment look like for the Explore Lego First program?
    - A meeting is being put together to discuss what is needed to run the program. More information to come soon. United Lens will also be helping throughout the program as well.
  - Issues to view handbook on the CA site on the mobile phone
    - Need to select desktop view to proceed

**Next Meeting:**

Moved to Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Cafeteria (due to the election taking place on the 8<sup>th</sup>)