

St. Francis DeSales High School Parent Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm) – SFD Cafeteria (Meet in the Chapel)

- Prayer Service Rebecca Metzger
- Call to Order Lee Ettenhofer
- Approval of September Meeting Minutes Lee E.& Amy Nicely
- Student Council Update Olivia Ettenhofer
- Olivia reported on the canned food drive and the “canstruction” competition the students had at each grade level.
 - Student Council held a blood drive this fall and will have another one later in the winter or early spring
 - Students will have a Red/Green dress down day along with pictures with Santa. All donations from this event will go to providing gifts to 5 families.
- Financial Report (**see attached report**) Tom Etgen
- School is fully staffed, first time since Covid. Please contact Tom with any questions you have, and indicate if you would like them addressed at our next meeting.
- Alumni Report Sarah Evans
- Alumni Awards of Distinction –
 - This will be combined with the Athletic Hall of Fame and is scheduled for May 20th
- November Topics:
- Campus Ministry and Religion Department Overview Rebecca Metzger
 - Mrs. Metzger reviewed the role of Campus Ministry – organize prayer services, coordinate grade level retreats, All School Mass, Adoration, Ash Wednesday
 - Mr. Kohler reviewed the Theology curriculum, and explained the Assessment for Religious Knowledge (ARK) will be given to students in the spring 2023 and they will hopefully receive the results in late May to early June.
 - New Inspire Technology Course J. Barber/J. Gedeon/K. Gattis
 - All freshmen take this semester long course and it has three components: Intro to Computer Science, CADD, and Digital Life Skills, which focuses on organization. The teachers couldn’t be more pleased on the success of this course. Students are engaged and implementing the skills they are learning.
- Enrollment Julie Barber
- Discovery Night #2 Recap
 - Open House Recap
 - Had 240 families register. The event went very smooth, and Julie thanked all of the volunteers who helped to make the day a success
 - Class of 2027 Remaining Enrollment Schedule
 - Application window is from November 6th-January 9th. Entrance exam is scheduled for January 14th.
- Co-Curricular Report Bill Steller
- Fall Sports Postseason Update
 - All teams have concluded their seasons
 - Winter Sports Update
 - Tryouts have concluded and seasons are beginning for all teams
 - Fall Production - "Middletown" Recap
 - Very successful fall production
 - Holiday Choir and Band Concerts
 - Choir concert is December 5th @ 7:00 and it will include the choirs from St. James and St. Anthony
 - Band concert is December 7th @ 7:30 and will include the following feeder schools: St. James, St. Matthias, and St. Paul.
 - Spring Musical Update
 - The spring musical will be Mary Poppins and tryouts will take place in December.
- Advancement Report Phil Kraker
- Be the Light This Christmas
 - Officially begins on November 29th (Giving Tuesday) to support Franciscan Loop completion. The goal is \$200,000 with 250 donors. Matching gift challenge of \$150,000 by December 16th. Have \$80,000 pledged already.
 - Clergy Recognition Wall
 - This will be located on the wall just across from the Chapel doors. Will honor those SFD alumni in the religious vocations. The design will include a wall wrap, interactive monitor, SFD images and quotes, donor recognition.

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Administrative Report (**see attached**)

Dan Garrick

- Principal's Perspective
- Items of Administrative Emphasis
- Canned Food Drive Update – school exceeded goal this year!
- Veterans Day Prayer Service Recap
- Father Daughter Dance Recap – a huge turnout and thanks to the Mothers Club for their hard work
- Saint Nicholas Day Treats Volunteers (Dec 6) – PAB parent volunteers will serve ice cream during lunch periods
- March for Life 2023

Curriculum Report

Jim Jones

- National Honor Society Recap
- Thanksgiving Week
 - A short and busy week scheduled. Mid terms are due this week.
- Semester Exam Schedule
 - December 14th – periods 4, 5, 6 with dismissal @ 1:00pm
 - December 15th – periods 1, 2 with dismissal @ 11:30
 - December 16th – periods 3, 7 with dismissal @ 11:30
 - December 19th – periods 8, 9 with dismissal @ 11:30
- Curriculum Survey
 - Students will be given a survey before winter break to gauge interest in course offerings
- Upcoming Calendar of Events
 - November 23rd-November 28th – Thanksgiving Recess
 - November 30th – Parent-Teacher conferences via zoom (6p-8p)
 - December 14th-December 19th – semester 1 exams
 - December 20th-January 3rd – Christmas vacation
 - January 13th – Quarter 2 ends

Accreditation Update

Rob Dvorak

- Accreditation Status Update
 - Passed the recent audit. Everything else is on track
- Professional Development

Student Services Update

Katie Shelton

- Let's Talk: How to support your teen during difficult conversations – November 17
 - This event was canceled due to low number of registrations. Guidance department will discuss rescheduling. Guidance is also planning to reach out to parents to gauge what type of programming and topics might be of interest in the future.
- Senior Application Status
 - 71% of seniors have submitted at least one college application
- Iowa Testing
 - Juniors and Seniors who need to retake the Iowa test will do this on November 21st and 22nd.
- Career Exploration
 - Guidance is planning to host a Career Fair this spring. Students will complete career surveys to determine which career clusters have the most interest to be highlighted at the Career Fair.

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Dan Garrick

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
- January Topics- Parent Volunteer Expectation and Solicitation