

Saints APA Meeting 8-7-24, 6:30 pm

-Call to Order and Prayer

-Introductions of those present (approx. 15): New officers, event chairs and volunteers

Mr. Horne:

-Dads needed for the APA! Father volunteers are important for our events and volunteer efforts.

-We need a Freshman class APA representative. If interested let us know/come to next meeting.

-This is a community building organization. Our focus is not fundraising. Our mission is to invite people in and host events to build the Saints community.

-Recent improvements have been made to the school: 1) Beautiful new field and track- under budget and ready early; 2) Painted Vasey Hall

-New Art teacher just hired- Brandon Seacrest. He is a local North Park area dad, and his artwork is featured in multiple galleries around town.

-There is a PSA flight crash memorial currently being constructed on the side of the school on Palm; it will be a small prayer garden (Note Sept. 25 is the dedication of the memorial- Palm will be closed on that block for the ceremony and there will be impacts to drop off/pick up on that side of the school)

Natalie Boeh (APA President):

-For volunteer registration purposes, there is a proposal to change from Sign up genius to Evite; it will help for keeping lists of volunteers, there are new Evite features make it more like Sign up genius but better, we will do a test run for the family BBQ in early Sept.

-Leona sent out a highlights calendar item with the July newsletter. Many, but not all, events are listed.

-Discussion over whether there is a way to do a QR code at the family gathering, 8/24-25 new parent cocktail parties or freshman orientation (8/14- 8 am), to gather information on potential volunteers.

Upcoming Fall events discussed:

-New parent cocktail party- We need a couple of APA volunteers to attend, to welcome new parents, 4-6 pm both 8/24 and 25.

-Meet the teacher night- 9/4. We will have some drinks/snacks. Should be good to go.

-Family Mass and BBQ- 9/8. Might need additional help.

-Freshman retreat: 9/21 and 22. Rebecca has sent out the retreat information and is coordinating. It will take place on campus. She likely doesn't need additional assistance but will keep us posted.

-8th grade visitation: 10/2 and 3. We will need a number of volunteers, both to set up/tear down and to do tours/answer questions.

-Open House: We will need a lot of volunteers to help with, set up, tours, food prep, clean up.

-The above are the main fall events for which we need volunteers

-Senior parents who chair events need to bring in parents of non-seniors to have them learn the events, to prepare for them to take over next year.

Spring events of note:

-Parent social, Feb. 1, right at end of intersession.

-New event: Mom Prom! Sons bring their moms to a dance. ASB is putting it together. Feb. 15.

-Big spring events: Grandparents day, Junior mass and brunch, Senior mother/son lunch, Taste of Saints, Faculty appreciation lunch

Other Discussion Items

-Discussion as to donation effort of gently used Saints T-shirts for Freshman, from upperclassmen. Possibly have a bin to collect for a week or so, then distribute at Freshman retreat?

-St. Monica's prayer group potluck dates: Dates are going into Saints scene. Mass time has changed from 7:50 to 8 am in morning. First potluck is Sept. 12. Trying to get dates into the school calendar because some dates vary for the masses and potlucks.

-The calendar has been generally updated to include more times and will try to update events that do not have times.

-All senior events dates are set. Grad night location is not yet confirmed. Prom was booked 2 years ago. Graduation related dates are not changeable.

-2024-2025 Year stats: 203 freshman. 721 students in the school.