

Saint Catherine of Siena School 190 Shelton Rd Trumbull, CT 06611
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Home School Association Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

A Home School Association Meeting was held on September 19th, 2018, in the St. Catherine of Siena School 8th Grade Classroom, at 7:00pm. The meeting was presided over by Eunice Giaquinto, Principal, with Lisa Palmieri as Secretary

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Co-president: Jena Corsello

Co-president: Amy Mignone

Secretary: Lisa Palmieri

Treasurer: Mary Dineen

MEMBER/S NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

N/A

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Ennis

Donna Renzoni Smith

JP Rizzitelli

Kris Murano

Tracey Ferrerra

Mary Florczak

Kimberly McKeown

Kristin Johnson

Susan Levesque

Andrea Dallas

Kathy Hynds

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Peter Trifiatis

Katie Miller-Creagh

Opening prayer was given by Principal Giaquinto, at 7:05pm, followed by introduction of HSA Officers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

HSA meetings will be held on a quarterly basis; parental involvement/ideas are constantly welcomed and appreciated

Goals for the year: Parental involvement/ideas are constantly welcomed and appreciated

1. Optimizing fundraisers: Co-Presidents explained how fundraisers work; some are assessment based; some are not. Shop w Scrip explained in-detail (contact Susan Levesque). [Http://www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for more information; each store patronized yields a different percentage back to the school; this IS an assessment-based fundraiser.
2. Continue community-building efforts; all efforts and events explained throughout meeting; see below.

Hot lunch program: Hot lunch is delivered by Vazzy's (Johnny Vazzano). New to the 2018-2019 school-year is the ability to be credited for snow-days. New options and better portions have been provided.

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS:

1. Movie Night: The 2018 Movie Night yielded the highest number of attendees to-date; Approximately 300 participants enjoyed a movie on school grounds; Included in the price was pizza provided by Colony Grill c/o The Hot Oil Rig. Parents suggested advertising the movie well in advance of the screening so families can better-plan.
2. Apple Run5k/Walk/Kid's Candy Apple Fun Run: For its inaugural year, the race garnered approximately 260 participants. Though slated as a community-building event instead of a fundraiser due to overhead costs, the amount of sponsorships and participation incurred changed the event into a fundraiser. All proceeds will go directly to school-

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enhancement projects. Funds raised and enhancement projects they benefit will be announced as soon as final numbers come in.

3. Ladies Night: Next Lady's Night to be held on 11/11/18 @ the Old Dog Tavern; Stratford, CT. Price of event: \$50.00 per-person; cost includes chicken, pasta, salad, wine. Flyers/more information forthcoming.
4. Pizza with Santa: Event date is Monday, 12/3/18 @ Vazzy's Four Seasons. The event will be held off-campus for 2018 due to Parish construction.
5. Grandparent's Day: Though typically in October, the event has been moved to the spring due to Parish construction; details to follow.
6. Christmas Boutique: Everyone is excited to bring back a children's-favorite from 12/10-12/13 in the school-lobby. Children are able to purchase gifts, ranging from \$.50 - \$10.00. An on-site wrapping station will be available. Volunteers are needed; contact info: Amy Mignone bttrfly785@aol.com or Jena Corsello jena.corsello@gmail.com
7. Sound Tigers Night: (January 2019) This event will take place during Catholic Schools Week; there is a possibility that the venue will host a Catholic Schools Night. (Consideration for the Youth Choir to sing).

Events Committee: Katie Miller-Creagh spoke; all parents welcomed! The events committee is dedicated to new and creative ideas for the school with the specific goal of including and drawing middle-school participation. The 2018-2019 events schedule is in the process of being determined and the Committee is looking for new ideas all the time. New to the 2017-2018 school year was the popular/well-liked spring plant sale and mother/son bowling. (Contact person Katie Miller-Creagh).

Care Team: Sue Ennis volunteered to chair the committee. Details and events will be forthcoming; volunteers needed.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

*A survey for new fundraisers/ideas will be sent home in the coming months. New ideas and parent coordinators are welcomed!

1. Rockin' Jump Passes (late November/early December)
2. Walk-a-Thon: October 26th, 2018: Funds earned typically go to school-enhancement projects and the event usually raises \$13,000.00-\$16,000.00

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3. Golf Tournament: The largest annual school fundraiser. Event date: 5/17/19; option to golf and dinner or just dinner. Details to follow.
4. Box Tops: Parents are encouraged to bring clipped box-tops to the school (drop-box in the school lobby). A new receptacle has been placed in the Church as well.
5. Shoparoo: An online fundraiser; parents can download the app, scan receipts, and scanned-receipts earn points for the school, which translates into money earned.
6. Big Y Educational Express: Parents can sign-up online. With points earned by shopping at Big Y, linked to your Silver Savings Card and set up to be transferred to the School, the Principal can purchase items for the school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Book Fair: (Contact Person Tracey Ferrerra). Though typically a bi-annual event, there will only be one Fair in the Spring of 2019, due to Parish construction.

Catholic Schools Week: New to the 2018-2019 school year is the addition of a "mini" Catholic Schools Week in November. The second week will be in February as usual. Both weeks strive to showcase excellence in the Catholic education and identity.

TREASURER'S REPORT: An SCSS income and expense analysis from 2014-2017, broken down annually, was provided to all attendees c/o Treasurer Mary Dineen.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

-School enrollment: Principal Giaquinto reported that the current school-enrollment is 258, with prospective students continually touring. New ideas of marketing toward the Pre-K 3's are being created.

-Marketing: Principal Giaquinto expressed a desire to re-establish and open-house committee.

-School Enhancements:

-Garden: A portion of the funds raised from walk-a-thon will go toward a garden in the side-field of the school; the garden will become part of the science stem lab.

-Lobby: A school-lobby enhancement project/outside enrichment is forthcoming.

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-School Safety: During Summer 2018, the glass perimeter of the school was outfitted with security-film, making the glass highly resistant to shattering and entry through a pane very difficult.

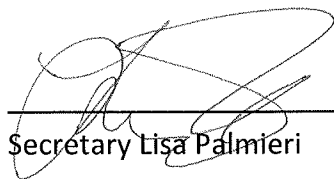
ADJOURNMENT:

HSA Co-Presidents Amy Mignone and Jena Corsello reminded all present that the HSA is always looking for suggestions and ways to better improve the home/school community. Ideas/suggestions welcomed on an ongoing basis, to any HSA member.

Details on the time and date of HSA's 2nd-quarter meeting will be posted in the HSA-corner of the Thursday email as determined.

Meeting concluded at approximately 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary Lisa Palmieri

Date of approval