

Trinity Catholic Middle School

Home School Association

Minutes of the Meeting

March 15, 2011

Mr. Fox opened the meeting with The Hail Mary.

Mr. Fox has numerous telephone inquiries and visits to the school for next semester. The entrance exams are scheduled for next Saturday, March 19th. Although the interest seems greater this year than last year at this time, we have 86 children graduating and it will be hard to fill all of those spots.

The Iowa tests are complete and the results will be coming in end April/early May.

Mr. Casey and Mrs. De Santis met with the Mrs. Dunn, Assistant Principal of Trinity Catholic High School to talk about recommendations for math and Spanish placement. TCHS will be holding course selection meetings with the incoming students and parents. Mr. Fox also talked with Mr. Pavia and welcomed him back to Stamford.

This coming Tuesday morning, March 22nd, Bishop Lori is coming to bless the science lab. Chris Green is working on publicity, so the general public will see something special that our school has to offer.

The students' retreat will be to St .John's Basilica. They will go by grade level by bus, wearing their uniforms, tour the basilica, attend confession and mass. They will bring their own lunch and permission slips will be going out to the parents.

"Read Across America" was a successful event held at the school. Some of the high school kids came to read to our students and spoke about their favorite books. The purpose of this was to encourage kids to read as when they are in high school they will have to read a lot more than they do now.

This event is also something that can build a bridge between the middle school and the high school.

This will enlighten the concept that we are school system - children can start at one of our elementary schools in Pre-K and stay all though high school.

The Mayor of Stamford requested we provide our emergency plan to the City. At the present time emergency vehicles do not have access to our property via Berrian Road. Barriers are in place and they will have to be removed and replaced with something movable such as a gate with a lock which the school and the city will have access to in the case of emergency. A plan will have to be reviewed .

There will be a special mass for the installation of the Bishop this Saturday in Bridgeport. We have been asked by the Superintendent of Schools to make a presentation. There will be a reception after the mass and Mr. Fox is asking for volunteers to attend.

Next Thursday will be "twin day." The kids will pay \$2 and dress up with a friend as twins. The proceeds from this will go to Catholic Relief Services for the people in Japan.

Mr. Fox spoke with John Hennessey who will get in touch with a fence company. At this time the bus children are dismissed at the top of our driveway and they have to walk in the road with the cars because there is a fence there. A portion of the fence will be removed so that the kids can get off of the bus directly onto the sidewalk. This would be a positive change for safety.

The children will continue to be dropped off at the front door of the school as this system is working well with less cars extending out into the parking lot as it was before. However, the children are still arriving to school late even though the weather is completely fine. All are encouraged to arrive on time.

Butter braids will go on sale and the proceeds will go to our school play.

The clothing drive is this Saturday with drop off at the Sabres Den Friday evening before the dance or Saturday at the Sabres Den between 8:30 and 1. Forms will be available for you to take and to complete for tax purposes.

Saturday, March 26th is the Family Mass at St. Gabriel's at 5:15 followed by a pizza dinner. The homeroom parents will call families and ask them to bring a dessert, beverage or salad. The HSA will provide pizza. Gina De Vito will ask Fr. La Pastina if we can use the parish hall. Otherwise, we could use the Sabres Den.

12 - 13 people are scheduled to come to speak with the students for Career Day. The students will be given the choice of which careers they are interested to hear about.

On May 17th Mary Ronan will be returning to St. Cecilia School and all are invited to hear her speak. The following week she will be coming to our school to work with each grade.

Friday, March 18th is the spring school dance. This will be the last dance for this school term. Chaperones are needed . Mary will call them and also ask them to bring baked goods for the night.

The 8th grade dance is usually one or two nights before graduation. No graduation date is set yet.

Field day is schedule for June 6th with the 7th being the rain date.

Ladies Night Out is scheduled for May 5th. Fashion does not seem available this year so we are having an accessories evening including jewelry, bags, pashimas, etc. We already have many donated items including wine, gift certificates, a basket of high school items, a Tiffany necklace, a jewelry item from Bella's just to name a few. Lockers and extra sets of text books won't be auctioned but will be available for purchase.

Gift bags and contents are needed. / Rose is looking into the wine for the evening. / Nancy Maguire has small glass vases for the centerpieces. We must look into having them filled. / Karyn Ward is taking care of the program.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Di Martino