

## SCA HS/MS JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, April 12, 2019 10am  
Community Room

- I. **WELCOME**- Lisa Russell, Middle School SCA Vice President
- II. **Dr. Vincent Butera** - Overview of K-12 efforts, Upcoming Capital Reserve Proposition, 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and New Visitor Policy
  - May 21st - Budget vote - highlights include:
    - significant upgrade to social/emotional wellbeing
    - increase in security
    - improve opportunities for kids
    - field trips on the elementary level
    - upgrading classrooms, specifically 5th and 6th grades
  - June 6th - Nassau County having a symposium on social/emotional wellness that we have been invited to speak at
  - New visitor policy- there will be an SCA meeting dedicated to this. Practice is going to change in May
  - April 16th-Interact Club sponsoring a girl from Kosovo for a heart transplant
- III. **GUIDANCE UPDATE** -Jane Grappone - Directory of Guidance/Counseling 7-12
  - MS - 120 8th grade conferences have been completed and all should be seen by end of year and also preparing to go to the elementary schools at the end of the year
  - Amanda Gimondo-elementary guidance counselor-shared about 6th grade conferences and annual review. This was a pilot program this year but will be for all 6th grade students next year
  - HS- override season has begun
  - 9th/11th meetings all going well-conducting a survey at the end of these meetings
  - College results-some happy, some not as much....so important to make sure college lists are well balanced, remind current juniors that they need to have balanced lists
  - Colleges are pulling more students from early decision (50% in some cases)
  - Letters of recommendation - new committee on this-11th graders are going to be required to ask for letters by end of junior year
  - Doing more investigating to try to expand pool of teachers that can be asked for recommendations
  - Test optional schools-are they really? Yes, they are. School website has been recently updated with new lists
- IV. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** - Dean Schlanger- Principal Secondary School
  - Day of Silence - protest against bullying. approximately 45 students in the high school participating and do not speak all day
  - Quarter 3 report cards are out today after 4pm

- Preparing for upcoming AP exams - about 600 students taking AP's this year. Will take place offsite and students bussed there
- Incredible St. Baldrick's event before school on Tuesday. Thank you to Logan Panzik
- Override is available now. Keep in mind that more is not always better, important to make informed decisions
- Lockdown drill this week-always a work in progress

V. **BOE Update** - Christine Monterosso

- Capital reserve- money we already have
  - Elevator at HS
  - S/E Wing
  - MP project to add classroom space
  - SR - security doors and vestibule

VI. **CASA Update** -Connie Bruno and Jen Desena

- Recent Dance event-great with 35-40 girls. Sponsored by SALT and they Junior Coalition
- Applications for SALT due April 17th and available on the website (current 9th/10th graders)
- Shed the Meds tomorrow at Shelter Rock
- Speaker on Vaping on June 10th at Manhasset Library

Next SCA meeting Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30pm in the High School Art Gallery  
 Friday, May 10th at 10am in the Community Room