

Manhasset Secondary School
SCA MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting
Friday, September 25, 2009

Welcome and opening of meeting by Jeannine Toes, High School SCA President

The new grade level chairs were introduced. Thanks went to Jeannette and Dean for the new sitting area at the flag pole. Photo Day has just finished and went smoothly. Homecoming dance ticket sales will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Guests are welcome if they are Manhasset residents. Jeannine announced all chairs for upcoming events and stated that all contact information is on the website.

Guidance Update – Veronica Ammirati and Caitlin Finley – Secondary School

Caitlin Finley was introduced as the new MS counselor, taking over for Ruth Proller. She will be heading the 7th and 8th grade orange team. New student lunch was last Wednesday and another will be next Wednesday. School success, good habits and study skills will be introduced to middle school students.

Veronica Ammirati announced that the high school is busy with schedule changes. 12th grade parent meeting was well attended. Counselors went into senior classes to discuss college applications and are now meeting with students. Counselors will be meeting with the 9th graders frequently in small groups through the fall. 9th grade parent meeting was last Tuesday and was well attended. December 1st there will be a meeting for 8th, 9th and 10th grade parents about standardized testing. Mini college fairs have started this fall, there will be four. PSAT is on October 17th, all 10th and 11th graders are invited.

Summer Studies Awards Program – Elise Kline, Co-Chair

The summer studies program was established 36 years ago to rising seniors. This year \$9600 was given out. Joe Nazarian was one winner and chose to go to Zap Fitness in North Carolina where he learned more about fitness and nutrition. Jonathan Gillis went to Stony Brook University to help with his science research project in biomedical engineering. Sam Weinberg studied Book Studies at Amherst. This process begins in March with final interviews in April. The committee is looking for parents to serve on the committee.

Caroline Kenlon – Middle School SCA President

Caroline introduced the 7th and 8th grade level chairs. The middle school Welcome Back dance ticket price will be \$10.00 and with that you get a t-shirt. Yearbook orders are being taken. Planet Manhasset now has a middle school liaison. Family Theatre, K – 6 will be doing *A Christmas Carol* at Munsey Park on December 5 at 2:00 pm and middle school children are encouraged to go. Middle School Halloween Party is October 31, CarolAnn Ronbeck is chairing the event. Caroline announced all

chairs for upcoming middle school events. All information is on the website along with contact information. Supplies for school supplies through Raindeew raised about \$500 for the SCA. Benefit bash is at Lord and Taylor and Macy's, tickets are for sale and are \$5.00.

Principals' Report – Dean Schlanger – Principal Secondary School

Update on renovations in the school. 55 classrooms have been repainted, the flagpole courtyard project is now complete the 2007 graduating class has donated a new MHS entry sign and the class of '64 is planting a memorial tree. All the room numbers have now been changed and are working smoothly. 40 smart boards have been added, new hall ceiling tiles and lights have been added along with a new boiler and burner. 5 new bathrooms were installed. High achievement awards have been updated. Next summer the new locker rooms will be started. New year assembly for code of conduct was attended by all students. MS and HS open house was well attended. Enrollment numbers are now at about 500 in the MS and 900 at the HS. Middle School Dance is tonight, and Spirit Week will now have a DJ at the pep rally.

Mark Sippin announced that Spirit Week is next week followed by the Homecoming Parade at 1:00, football game at 2:00 and dance 7:30 – 10:30. Spirit Day decorating of the hallways will start at 6:30 with judging at 8:00.