

Manhasset Secondary School  
SCA MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting  
Friday, February 26, 2010  
(snow date March 5<sup>th</sup>)

Welcome and opening of meeting by Jeannine Toes, High School SCA President & Caroline Kenlon, Middle School SCA President

Guidance Update – Kimberly Cosenza – Secondary School

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Counselors continue to attend the Team Meetings twice each cycle, per team and to monitor the 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Counselors have been meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to review their Middle School experiences and to begin the transition to high school.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Most 9<sup>th</sup> graders have met individually with their counselors. The focus of the meeting is to review the progress made to date in the transition to high school. The counselors are reviewing teacher recommendations and student elective choices.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Counselors pushed into the Health classes and conducted a program on “stress” and they will be visiting those who are taking the course during the spring semester. Most of the Counselors feel that the stress noted by the students was fairly common for high school students. The results of this topic will be shared with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents at Parent Night (April 15). This year 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will also be invited on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

The first Mock interview program will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. As the number of interviewers is limited, those who sign up first will have the opportunity to have two interviews. Based on the success of the program, the Guidance office may look to conduct another program in the fall.

There have been ongoing conferences which involves the initial college search and creating a list of schools that meet student interests and needs, as well as groupings of schools that match criteria for strength, target and safety schools. Parents of 11<sup>th</sup> graders now have their own Naviance passwords that were recently emailed to them. They now have access on their own but they will be linked up to their own child’s data. Going forward we will extend this permission to the other grade levels.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Many are waiting for college results to come in and many will begin hearing during the next four weeks. The results for ED applications were very favorable. 42 of 72

students were admitted (58.3%). This compares to last year 56%. Over the last two months there were many calls made on behalf of those who were deferred from the early round and the counselors are hoping that some of those decisions will result in positive admissions decisions.

The seniors are reminded to check the counseling dept web page for information on scholarships.

#### Athletic Dept

They discussed Concussion Management Workshop. This workshop discussed the proper protocol of an athlete returning to his or her sport. An athlete is given an exam if he or she ascertains a head injury. It is very important that the Parents and athletes are educated in this topic. Information should always be shared with the coach and trainers.

#### Language Dept

Arletete Siffer, District Coordinator of foreign languages made a power point presentation. Encourages students to attend the language lab for extra help (7:30 am – 3:08 pm)

#### Principals' Report – Dean Schlanger – Principal Secondary School

There will be an Xbox tournament on March 5<sup>th</sup> consisting of 16 teams of 2 shown on the Smart Board (5:00-6:00) this is a fundraiser for Haiti victims.

The principal will also have an assembly today to discuss the 11 grade Jr. Prom

There was a Student Athlete Conference which discussed elevating the level of leadership. A number of HS students went to Hofstra as captains to learn how to be more influential and make a difference for their team.

#### Superintendent Report – Mr. Charlie Cardillo

Mr. Cardillo briefed the Parents on the 2010-2011 Budget and is going to have a Q/A session at the Black Box Theater on 3/15.