



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 11, 2013  
Manhasset Secondary School Board Room**

**Welcome**

- **Michaela Sheridan MS SCA President**

**Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics-  
Ray Scacalossi, District Math Coordinator**

- Major changes to Algebra I/Integrated Algebra course, 8H, 9R and 9H
- Changes were made at State level
  - June 2010 New Standards released
  - 2011-2012 State developing curriculum
  - 2012-2013 Grades 3-8 began implementing new math curriculum
  - Summer 2013 State released 2 of 5 Algebra course modules
  - 2013-2014 Schools implement new Algebra I Common Core Curriculum
  - October 2013 State released remaining 3 course modules
  - June 2014 Algebra I regent mandatory for all students
- How is it different than previous Algebra course offered?
  - Common Core Algebra is a more ambitious version of Algebra I
  - It uses Modeling; applying Algebra in real world situations, how can integrate Algebra in "real life"
- Challenges:
  - The course assumes mastery of previously taught concepts
  - It assumes a deeper understanding of concepts
  - It asks questions in context
  - Has higher cut scores/ grading curve
- Students taking this course will be taking 2 regents exams
  - **Common Core Algebra I regents on 6/6/14**
  - **Integrated Algebra I regents on 6/20/14**
  - Schools can count the higher of the 2 test scores
  - Only the higher of the 2 test scores will appear on transcript
- In addition to 2 regents, 8<sup>th</sup> graders take a NYS Math 8 Assessment Exam the end of April
- A waiver has been submitted for those taking 8H, Common Core Algebra; if accepted those students may not have to take this additional math exam
- Teacher Prep
  - 7 teachers currently teaching a version of Common Core Algebra Course
  - Teachers are assigned to prepare a day's lesson and then share it with the group
  - HW, quizzes, tests are similar across all teachers
  - Teachers are meeting before, during and after school to prepare for this new course
  - They are all in constant email communication
- Under Consideration:
  - Homework Recitation Club- place to review HW questions
  - Flipped Learning- Online tutorial to help work through problems step by step online
- Know it was not fair to walk in to school year with a brand new curriculum so giving students opportunities to be successful
- Working with students and teachers to build positive self-esteem in math

- Give to end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter before decide to drop or switch classes
- Math lab is open everyday 7:30-3:08
- Email or call Ray Scalossi with any questions

### **Guidance Report- Jane Grappone- Director of Guidance/Counseling 7-12**

- SAT's are being revised; will be based on Common Core, will be released in 2015,
- **College Fairs**
  - Open to all juniors and seniors
  - Must get a pass online before attending, teacher must sign off before student can enter fair; counselor will sign pass and then student will return to class
  - Pass is found on counseling page of Manhasset website
  - 120 schools scheduled
  - Mini Fair Schedule: (see website for schools attending each date)
    - ❖ **10/15 at 1:00pm**
- **Individual College Visits**; see the website for dates and times
- **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Parent Night**- HS Auditorium **10/17 at 7:30pm**
- **PSAT's 10/19**; 196 10<sup>th</sup> graders and 125 11<sup>th</sup> graders are signed up
- **ACT's 10/26**
- **HS/MS Guidance Standardized Testing Night- 11/19 7:30pm** in Black Box

### **Principal Report- Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School**

- **Security**
  - Front Entrance- must buzz in at Middle School door and show Photo ID to enter building
  - In October door alarms will be installed throughout the building
  - Jr's and Sr's will be receiving ID's that will allow them to enter building through the Senior Annex and Middle School Entrance
  - Have held 5 of the 8 required fire drills
  - Will be beginning lock out/in drill district wide soon
  - Discussing plan for those students off campus during a lock out/in
- Progress Reports
  - Released 10/11 at 4:00pm on Parent Portal
- **Spirit Week- 10/15-10/19**
  - Tuesday- Pajama Day
  - Wednesday- Think Pink
  - Thursday- Patriot Day (Red, White & Blue)
  - Friday- Orange & Blue Day
    - ❖ Each class will receive a class shirt to wear
    - ❖ MHS t-shirt Donated by Nancy Morris State Farm; No Text and Drive Campaign
    - ❖ Middle School will get a t-shirt to wear as well
  - Friday Sprit Morning
    - ❖ Seniors in MS Gym 7:15-8:08
    - ❖ 9-11 grades in HS Gym 7:15-8:08
  - Friday will be an X-Day Schedule
  - Pep Rally 1:30-3:08
    - ❖ HS in HS Gym
    - ❖ MS in MS Gym
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- **Homecoming**

- **2:00pm Parade**

- ❖ Class of '63 marching in parade
    - ❖ No floats this year because felt it became too exclusive; built floats at student's homes; it is a school sponsored event and all students should feel they can participate
    - ❖ Each class will have a banner and will get points for decorations and participation
    - ❖ Still consideration other ideas for this year and for next year's parade

- **2:30pm Football Game**- MHS Varsity vs. Bethpage

- **7:30pm Homecoming Dance**

- ❖ Tickets on sale during lunch and in front of SPA on Thursday 10/17 and Friday 10/18

**SCA Business & School Events**

- MS Halloween Party- Thursday 10/31 7-9pm
- Senior Banquet- Wednesday 11/13 6:30pm

**Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, November 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00am in HS Board Room**