



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 8, 2013
Manhasset Secondary School Board Room**

Welcome

- **Caroline Kenlon, HS SCA President**
- **Michaela Sheridan, MS SCA President**

Science Updates- Theresa Curry, District Coordinator Technology and Health

- The initiatives do not impact 7th-12th grade students. Only in effect for 6th grade and younger
- Will be rolling out starting with current 6th grade class (2020)
- **New Science Initiative:**
 - **7th graders** will no longer take Life Science; will take Physical Science which will include chemistry, earth science and physics; this course will be similar to current 8th grade science course
 - Will no longer need to administer 8th grade science State assessment which will allow teachers to have more instructional time instead of teaching for a state test
 - **8th graders** will take Living Environments
 - ❖ Students will take the regents in June at completion of course
 - ❖ Will provide various levels for all students
 - ❖ Regents level, Honors, CSE intro level, double accelerated, X Class support class, etc.
 - The flow chart of the initiative is available online in Science department website, please refer to chart for additional information
 - Please contact Theresa Curry with additional questions
- **LEAPES**
 - Living Environment Honors/AP Environmental Science
 - Manhasset is 1 out of 3 schools in the state that offer course
 - Double period every day
 - Students will take the Environmental Science AP test, Living Environment Regents and Living Environment SAT Subject test
 - Offered to 9th graders for 2014-2015 school year
 - Criteria for entry into class, 8th graders need for 1st two semesters:
 - ❖ A -Earth Science accelerated
 - ❖ A- English 8
 - ❖ A- accelerated Math 9H or 10H
 - Letter will be sent home to those students that qualify
 - Can override but need to meet with Theresa Curry individually to discuss entry
 - Last two years have had about 24 students per year; can have up to 28 in class
- **Saturday Science Research**
 - Extracurricular program run by Peter Guastella through SEPTA
 - Meets 15 weeks starting in November for 3 hrs. each Saturday
 - Students attend science competitions on Long Island
 - If already have a Saturday commitment please do not sign up
 - Participation has no impact on selection into 9th grade research or any other course
 - Only 18 spots available because Manhasset only has 18 spots at each competition

- Criteria for entry:
 - ❖ Students take an assessment that is used for selection purposes only
 - ❖ Those with top 18 score are selected

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

- **MS Report:**
 - Guidance counselors have held 3 out of 5 push in meetings with 7th graders
 - Meeting with 7th graders in small groups to introduce themselves to students and see how transition to middle school is going
 - **8th Grade Guidance Parent Meeting 1/8 at 7:30pm** in High School Auditorium
 - Guidance counselors will start meeting with 8th graders individually about scheduling for next year and the transition to High School
- **HS Report:**
 - 70% of Seniors have applied early decision/early action, 225 student/170 applied
 - Guidance counselors meeting individually with 9th graders to introduce themselves, discuss transition to High School and goals for High School
 - On Dec 2nd and 3rd will meet with 9th graders during gym periods to review Part II of HS orientation guide
 - 10th Graders taking Career Inventory through NAVIANCE, on 11/8 and 11/9
 - 11th grade parent night was well attended
 - Mini Fairs and College visits are done for this year; 160 colleges attended
 - Committee working on new criteria for Honor Society induction to reflect new grading system
 - **HS/MS Guidance Standardized Testing Night- 11/19 7:30pm** in Black Box

Principal Report- Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School

- Quarter one ends today, 11/8; grades will be posted to Parent Portal on Fri 11/15 at 4pm
- **Conferences**
 - **Wednesday, 12/4**
 - No classes for students
 - Only 31 slots available for each teacher; do not wait for conferences if have a question or a problem. Call/email teacher at any time
 - **Conference Sign-Ups on Teacher Reacher 11/18 at 7:00pm**
 - ❖ Need to set up a new account to register for conferences
 - ❖ Suggest you register before sign up opens
 - ❖ Slots will fill up fast, in minutes
- **Security**
 - District Wide Lockdown Drill on 11/4
 - ❖ Went well; fewer issues than in the past
 - ❖ Outside security held kids that were off campus at the time
 - 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 7 of the 8 required fire drills
- **Spirit Week/Homecoming**
 - Debriefing with each class to find ways to improve for next year
 - How can we increase attendance at dance next year?
 - Need to determine plan in Spring for next Fall
- **Senior Banquet- 11/13 6:30pm at Leonard's**
- **MS Halloween Party**

- 90% attendance
- even boys were dressed in costume this year
- Great event!

Board of Education Report-Regina Rule, President

- Next Meeting **11/21 Shelter Rock, 7:30pm Student Recognition 8:00pm Common Core Math** presentation
- See website for additional meeting dates and topics of discussion, community always welcome!

SCA Business & School Events

- Thank You'
 - To Justin Lennon, Hospitality Chair, for today's meeting
 - To Christy Weppler, Homecoming Chair, we had 250 attendees (mostly 9th and 10th graders) we will be reviewing parade floats for next year. Hope to renew the tradition but need a chairperson to do so...
 - To Laura Tranchina, Directory Chair- new directories will be mailed soon
 - To Barbara Thermos, Terri Orlando and Malinda Gillan, Senior Banquet co-chairs, all the seniors and their parents are looking forward to a wonderful event!
Senior Banquet is 11/13, 6:30pm at Leonard's
- Charity Art Auction- event raised \$4000
- Holiday Gift Giving Program- emails were sent to all parents from GLC's with gift giving form. Lisa Middleton and Monica Zenobio are the co-chairs
- **High School Musical- Legally Blond; 11/21-11/24;** tickets are available for purchase on the HS website

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, January 15th 7:30pm in Black Box Theatre