

SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes Friday, September 12, 2014 Manhasset Secondary School Black Box

Welcome Back

- Caroline Kenlon, HS SCA President
- Kim Haggerty MS SCA President

High School Update- Caroline Kenlon, HS SCA President

- Welcome back thanks to all volunteers
- Directory all forms to Amy Keogh. Hope to get to print by Sept. 30th
- **Photo Days are Thurs 9/18 and Fri 9/19**. Parents should have received forms in the mail. Irvin Simon is taking pictures for whole district. All pictures will be taken during gym class in the gym.
- Wheatley Plaza Shopping Event is Sept 18, 19, 20. Raffles are on sale (100% to SCA). Twenty Five percent of shopping purchases to SCA.
- Homecoming is Saturday, October 11th need volunteers. Thanks to Christy Weppler, floats are back!
- **Project Share** 15% coupons for Modells. Amy Hill is chair and HS Liaisons are Becky Donahue and Monica Zenobio.
- **Senior Banquet** Wednesday, November 12th at Leonards. Chairs are Deanna Durso and Mary Felman.
- **SCA Luncheon** moved back to fall to November 19th and will be at North Hills. Need volunteers!
- Staff Appreciation Lunch Chair need volunteers!

Middle School Update- Kim Haggerty, MS SCA President

- Welcome back thanks to all volunteers
- **Opening Day Picnic** Middle School welcomed 317 7th Graders. Thanks to Jill Pulana for her efforts in organizing the Picnic.
- **Open House** was held this past Wednesday. Thanks to all for helping out. School year off to a great start.
- **Photo Days are Thurs 9/18 and Fri 9/19** Nancy Schlaefer is the MS Photo Day Chair. Please contact her with any questions at schlaefer1@mac.com
- **Halloween Party** Lori Kearns and Erin Kurkjian will be chairing this event. Please contact them to volunteer.

Summer Studies Award Program- Christine Shah, Chairperson

- Three of the students who received a Summer Studies Award last summer gave presentations. The students talked of their incredible experiences, challenges, learnings, etc. General consensus is that this program is extremely worthwhile and valuable to all its recipients. Last year the SCA granted \$14,000 in awards.
- This award is granted each year to juniors interested in participating in a meaningful summer activity. Juniors must apply for the award (complete an application, essay, two teacher recommendations and interviews.

• Detailed Information for 2015 can be obtained in the Guidance Office (applications by 3/17, interviews on 4/20, 4/21, notification sin early May)

CASA Update – Cathy Samuels, Project Director

- Upcoming Take Back Event (unused or expired medication) scheduled for Sept 27th Drop off locations at North Shore / LIJ Hospital or Nassau County Police
- Active Parenting a new 3-part parent education series designed to improve communication in families, teach responsibility and encourage children to be their best. Kicks off October 29. Target parents of children in grades 4 -8.
- Parents are invited to join CASA and become a part of 'think tank' of parents.

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

- Minor Guidance Office Personnel changes.
- New initiative over the summer Common Applications Account
- Some schedule change requests; most students seem to be adjusting to schedules and new school year
- Senior parent night is scheduled for Sept. 15th at 7:30pm
- College mini-fairs scheduled for Sept. 22nd, Sept. 29th, Oct. 6th; 35 individual visiting colleges; JR/SR can obtain passes on-line.
- Lots of interest from a broad spectrum of colleges this year. At least 155 colleges will be represented this year most ever!
- Many questions on redesigned SAT; letters going out this week

Principal Report- Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School

- School year off to a great start with minimal issue
- `more congested' this year about: about 1,700 students, 315 new 7th graders; MS Orientation was divided into 4 groups.
- Mandatory Code of Conduct Reviews all completed
- MS open House was 'wonderful'
- Uniform testing policy for grades 7 -12 (odd/even) to minimize replication and multiple exams on one day
- MS Dance tonight expecting a large crowd; always a fun evening
- Homecoming on Oct. 11th looking forward to positive changes and a great event
- In summary, a wonderful school opening
- Student Enrollment 7^{th} 315, 8^{th} 278; total MS = 593 9th - 289, 10^{th} - 285, 11^{th} 276, 12^{th} - 238 total HS =1,094 1,687

Charles Cardillo, Superintendent, Manhasset School District

- October 23 Complete course GAP analysis
- Ongoing commitment to Facilities Planning 4 major areas
- Welcome Back letter sent

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, October 10th 10:00am in HS Board Room