



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 7, 2014
Manhasset Secondary School Board Room**

Welcome

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

Guidance Update - Marcie Fogel, High School Guidance Counselor

- **Seniors** – over 72% have applied for Early Action / Early Decision
- **Juniors** - 11th Grade Parent Night was well attended. An overview of the post- secondary planning process was presented. Counselors will begin meeting with students in small groups. 325 Students took the PSATs in October. Results will be in by mid-December.
- **10th Grade** - two day career workshop begins today. First day – matching careers to student interests (career interest inventory, etc.). Day 2 - pick a career and do research (how to prepare, etc.)
- **9th Grade** – Counselors will begin meeting individually with students, and then in groups. Students will receive the Orientation Guide – companion piece given to parents in September.
- **December 2nd** – Financial Aid Night presented by Dr. Jackie Nealon from NYIT
- **December 4th** - Standardized Testing 101 presented by Mrs. Grappone.
- **Beginning of January** – Returning Graduate Panel. One for parents, one for students.
- **Middle School** - fourth and final push-in meetings for 7th grade students on the Essential Habits for Successful Students. Counselors also working on new website for MS.

Special Presentation – Dr. Anthony Ambrosio , Administrative Director, Arts, Music and Drama

- Overview of MS /HS Music, Arts and Drama Programs
- Comprehensive Music, Arts, Theater Program – continuous from K – 12
- 100% participation at Elementary Level thru music and choral programs
- The Orff Method utilizes student site-performance-based approach to teaching music
- HS /MS Programs are performance based and highly specialized
- Vocal music program is dense, centralized and offers students the opportunity to explore many types of repertoires in MS and HS
- Men’s Chorus - 70; Women’s - from 35 to 43
- Symphonic Choirs 0 -52 , Concert Choir - 68
- Orchestra Program 70 in 2005 to 104
- Band Program – stable at 110 to 120
- Theater program stable (down .5 FTE)
- Visual Arts Program– 502 to 579; AP art enrollment robust. MS art from 92 to 217 (no new staff)
- Staffing can be a challenge (finding teachers of excellence)
- Charlie Cardillo – Arts and Music are a significant component of the Dec. 3 Bond Vote reflecting the District’s commitment to the Arts Programs

Principal Report – Dean Schlanger, Principal Manhasset Secondary School

- Staff Development - Teachers become the student - prominent artists / musicians brought in to work with teachers.
- Q1 – officially over. Next Friday at 4:00pm grades will be posted on the Parent Portal.
- Dec. 3 is Parent Teacher Conference Day - Teacher Reacher Program launches on Nov. 13 at 7:00 (don't wait if there are issues).
- Successful Spirit Week; Pep Rally went well, Game went well
- Numbers down on HS Dance - maybe due to 3-day weekend or weather?; decision to take next year off and evaluate.
- Senior banquet next Wednesday
- Next MS Dance on December 5th
- MS issue -gave update while maintaining confidentiality on marijuana issue; tremendous amount of rumors; school has strong approach and stiff penalties as part of alcohol / drug policy; this was an isolated incident and parents / community should not be alarmed; administration is working with the child and family to address the issue.

Board of Education - Regina Rule, President Manhasset Board of Education

- November 6th – course Gap analysis – asses what courses the district offers now and what courses the district should consider.
- December 3rd – Bond Vote – walking tours are ongoing to educate and inform the community.

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- **Photo Make-up Day**- contact Irvin Simon for a makeup day.
- **Halloween Party** was a huge success. Thanks to Co-Chairs Lori Kearns and Erin Kurkjian.

SCA Business

- **SCA CEC Walking Tours** sign-ups – happening now
- **Holiday Gift Giving Program** – due by November 14. Joy Sargent (MS) and Lisa Middleton (HS)
- **SCA Luncheon** on November 19th at North Hills Country Club
- **Champions for Charity** – Dec 4th thru Dec 6th

Reminders

- **Senior Banquet** – Wednesday, Nov. 12th 6:30 – Leonards
- **Parent teacher Conference** sign-up – November 13th at 7:00pm
- **Sound of Music** – Nov 20th thru Nov 23rd at MHS
- **MS Holiday Dance Friday** - Dec. 5th 7:30 – 9:30

Holiday Concerts

12/10 MS Concert I (chorus 7, string ensemble, orchestra) 7:30pm

12/11 HS Cioncert I (band, orchestra, concert choir) 8:00pm

12/15 MS Concert II (chorus 8, band) 7:30pm

12/18 HS Concert II (chamber orchestra, wind ensemble, women's' chorus, men's chorus) 8:00

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, January 14th, 2015 Black Box Theatre 7:30pm