

SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting

Friday, September 13, 2019, Secondary School Community Room

Welcome Back Michelle Longobardi, Middle School SCA President and Janet Diaso, High School SCA President.

Dr. Vincent Butera

- Overview of first day, new visitors' policy has been running smoothly. New policy came after many conversations with law enforcement. Tried to be sensitive to the experience of parents while making it safer.

 - 45 teachers and 10 administrators are in their first and second year with Manhasset, about 20-25 percent of the entire faculty and staff.

 - Introduction of New Administrators:
 - Dr. Guarav Passi, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
 - Christopher Hale, Director of Fine and Performing Arts
 - Joy-Anne D'Anca, Director of Guidance and Counseling
 - Adam Kuranishi, Administrator of Assessment and Data Analysis. This position addresses how to use the information we have such as from the NWEA testing to make more intelligent decisions. Facilities projects passed in May 2019 budget
- Security vestibules at Shelter Rock completed; by the end of summer 2020 a new SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) center within the Middle School will be created to house 7-9 counselors and health professionals; the multipurpose area of Munsey Park will be reconfigured, and elevator will be installed in the Secondary School. The Secondary School asphalt and drainage project will be up for rebid soon, and 17 classrooms will be renovated.

SCA Summer Studies Awards Program- Meaghan Chainani, Chairperson

- Summer Studies Program offers juniors a scholarship to do a program over the summer. Anoush Hogan and Luke Vetrone were two of this year's recipients. Anoush attend the Tanglewood Young Artists Program in Lenox, MA and Luke attended a week-long course at Hofstra for teen entrepreneurs. Juniors are encouraged to explore the opportunity. More information will follow on the application process. Scholarships are awarded. This year 9 students received the award, about \$1000 per student.

Principal's Report- Dr. Dean Schlanger

- class pictures first week of school, senior retakes 10/11/19, all others 10/17/19

- code of conduct assemblies completed, these are the rules, regulations and expectations of the school which include topics such as academic integrity and vaping
- Middle school open house 9/12/19, High school next Wed (9/18/19)
- Spirit week begins 9/16/19 students dress up every day in different themes and there is an abridged class schedule Friday (1:30) for the pep rally. Homecoming and home football game are on Saturday, 9/21/19 at 130 pm starting on Colonial Parkway (game is at 2pm).
- Visitor policy—parents have been very cooperative, few issues, some unforeseen cases and the school is accommodating these situations to bridge the gap, traffic on campus is far reduced and the security can focus on the students
- Have 3 POP (Problem Oriented Policing) officers that patrol the school periodically
- Beginning lock down drills
- Middle School welcome back dance 9/20/19 7:30-9:30pm

Guidance update—Ms. Joy-Anne D’Anca

- Elementary school has a new counselor. New transitions program introduced at the Middle School, every 7th grader has a built-in study hall—counselors pushed into these modules the first week of class and gave them a survey about how comfortable they feel academically and emotionally. They also did some ice breaking activities. Future subjects in the curriculum include organization and study skills
- October 24, 2019, Grade 12 parent night, 7pm—college discussion, counselors are pushing into every classroom now to see what students are thinking about re college and trades, etc. counselors will be meeting with individual students too
- October 3, 2019, 7pm —financial aid night—specialist from Siena college will talk about the dos and don’ts of financial aid
- Counseling website is updated in real time re college visits –lists will be posted on website. (Mini fair 9/20/19 9am -1030 am and 9/27/19 11am-1230pm)
- 9th grade parent night 10/2/19 7 pm

CASA update—Ms. Jen DeSena, Executive Director, Ms. Connie Bruno, Program Coordinator

- 12th grade parent night is during Red Ribbon Week; CASA will present the sister of Maddy Halloran. Maddy committed suicide at UPenn, 5 years ago. The presentation will be about the pressures of social media for perfection. Will also have a community read of the book What Made Maddy Run by Kate Fagan (of ESPN) and book discussion November 18, 10:30 am at the Manhasset Public Library.
- CASA no longer has a federal grant so it heavily relies on dues, parents should consider joining and pledging to the SAFE homes pledge.
- Allison Rushforth, Director of Special Education noted that the district has a mental health support team and has partnered with Nassau County mental health organizations. The

school wants to be aware of what is happening and have supports and structures in place in each building so that it is accessible to each child. Faculty and staff have and are being trained.

- October 23, 2019, 9:30 am Don't Press Send author Katie Schumacher will speak to parents and give guidelines on dealing with kids and social media and how to ensure kids are safe online.
- Chris Herren will also do a school assembly and community event
- November 1, 2019 CASA will host the Harlem Wizards— Wizard's player is coming to the elementary schools to talk about the six pillars of character and then there will be a faculty/staff vs Wizard basketball game.

BOE Update, Ms. Pat Aiken and Ms. Christine Monterosso

- BOE welcomes any parent to contact them
- New Middle School SEL wing was a direct result of the survey funded by the SCA
- Board of Ed meets every other Thursday—can look at the website links if you cannot come.

Next SCA meeting October 11