

SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2019, Secondary School Community Room

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

Dr. Vincent Butera

- Secondary School was recognized as a blue-ribbon school, the ceremony will be in early November.
- Manhasset is paying a lot of attention to the social and emotional wellness of its students and giving students the tools to help them cope with stress.
- Meeting with designers for the SEL wing (Social Emotional Learning Center). This will be in the middle school near the tech office, middle school main office, and the common area. Want to design a comfortable and inviting place with welcoming chairs and tables, areas where students can sit, and mental health professionals will be in the area. The plan is to build it over this summer. The SEL wing is really for middle schoolers, once this is finished, they will turn their attention to high school students.
- There will be list of presentations coming out on the school's website e.g. information re acceleration in the elementary school.

Sean Adcroft

- The school utilizes Clever, so instead of memorizing 25 passwords, students log into Clever and can use their school related apps including Canvas.
- Canvas is Manhasset's new learning system which has been chosen, the system has many tools that teachers can use, much more than Google Classroom. Colleges use Canvas. Canvas includes the subject tile as well as a "to do" list and calendar. The student, teacher and parent apps have different capabilities with slightly different functionality. Canvas synchronizes with school data so information can transfer. Parent app will be rolling out in the next few weeks and parents will get a link to join Canvas. Canvas has advanced features and helps maintain data security. Castle learning integrates well with Canvas. Want teachers to be comfortable with the following three features: setting up their classroom, posting assignments and using the calendar. Students can add their own events to the calendar and can synchronize the calendar with a smart phone.
- Sean Adcroft will push into the middle school and teach making smart decisions with technology. Students need to treat technology in the same manner as we

think of food according to the food pyramid, keeping in mind that interactive technology is very different than passive technology, e.g. putting together a Social Studies project for 5 hours is different than watching a video gamer play a game for 5 hours.

- Clubs will still be on School Wires so that information is public.

Principal's Report- Dr. Dean Schlanger

- Discussed school's new visitor policy and noted that by having less people on the campus we can monitor things on the campus better; fewer cars on campus means the fire lane is much more open.
- Important Dates:
 - 10/17 photo retake day
 - 10/11 is senior photo retake day
 - Blood drive 10/18/19
 - Community Service Fair 10/16/19, 10am
 - Middle School Halloween party 10/31
 - Senior Banquet 11/4
 - End of Quarter 1 is 11/8
 - HS Mini College Fair 10/18 9-1030am
 - NYS Competition, Marching Band 10/20, Walt Whitman HS
 - Art for a Cure, 10/22
- Had 3 evacuation drills. First district wide lockdown drill was done in conjunction with the police. After the drill the police debriefed the school about what areas need improvement. Will also do cafeteria and gym drills since they are the two most vulnerable areas. Constantly doing the drills at different times for both evacuation and lockdown.

Guidance update—Ms. Joy-Anne D'Anca

- Counseling is very busy right now early decision for colleges has an October 15 deadline and then a November 1st deadline.
- Mini college fair round 3 of 4-- 20 were colleges present today in the hallway, students and teachers have been made aware of this.
- Holding individual college visits, the list is online. Students are getting a great amount of information and are getting their questions answered, these will continue throughout the whole fall semester

- 10/19 PSAT
- Middle School Transitions is going very well. Counselors will push into the transitions classroom 2x this month - working in small groups in the media center so kids are more comfortable and more open with the counselor and they will be familiar with their counselors when they have the individual meetings. Topics to be discussed are: decision making skills, I messages, and conflict resolution.
- Elementary school is working on self-confidence with the “Beautiful Me” program and the elementary school counselor created a four-part program for the boys as well.

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

- New “Set connect” middle school and high school clubs; focus of middle school club is on communication and advocating for yourself. High school club will have a program with PATV where students will learn how to create a public service announcement, learn to film the PSA and use the editing equipment in a real television studio. Each of the clubs will meet next Thursday morning and have two different advisors; CSAS is funding both clubs.
- 10/23 at Munsey Park will be the presentation “Don’t Press Send” focusing on the mindful use of social media and being kind on social media.
- 10/24 community presentation of “What Made Maddy Run?” on taking away the stigma of seeking mental health.

BOE Update- Ms. Pat Aitken and Ms. Christine Monterosso

- Bidding shortly on the traffic project
- The board is in the process of touring all the schools to see how the building and students interact
- The blue-ribbon video had 5600 views
- District adopted priorities and goals to strengthen social and emotions systems and supports as well as academic systems and supports and to develop a long-term plan for this. This is on the website as well as the presentations calendar.
- What Manhasset is doing for security is the same as the procedures being used in the business world and the new policy is working well.

Concluding remarks- Janet Diaso

Manhasset SCA is now on Facebook and Instagram

Manhasset SCA luncheon is November 3—seeking donation of \$5 from each family.
Luncheon will be at North Hempstead Country Club.

Next SCA meeting November 1st, 10am