

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy
Home Academy Association (HAA) MEETING AND NOTES
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Sept 19, 2019, 7-8 pm

COLOR KEY: MEETING AGENDA **MEETING NOTES** ACTION ITEMS

(Next Meeting is Thursday, October 17 at 8:15Am in the Parish Hall)

I. Welcome, Opening Prayer & Sign-In

A. HAA - Who We Are & Upcoming Meetings (5 minutes)

1. *Ms. McCann gave a big thank you to the HAA for all their support. Because of support from parents, volunteers and donations we were able to create a Science Lab, build a playground, upgrade school technology, improve our physical education program, and so much more. This year we hope to increase parent involvement at meetings and supporting events.*

B. Introductions

1. *Approx 25 attendees introduced themselves and their child's grade*

II. Principal Report (10-15 minutes)

A. Option C Alerts- *reminder to fill out forms*

B. Safety Procedures - *confirmed first fire drill conducted today*

C. Magazine Sales - *reminder Magazine fundraiser underway*

D. Academy Website - *planning to relaunch the school website in 2021. Please share new website ideas, features, function that you would like to see.*

E. Academy Facebook and Alumni Development: *plans to further develop alumni groups on Facebook page.*

F. Academy Calendar Reminders (sync to Google Calendar)

1. Tuition Payment- full payment by October 1: 5% discount
2. Terra Nova Oct 15th, Grades 3-8th
3. Progress Reports Oct 12th (Wall of Fame starts in Nov)
4. Pizza and Pretzel Days - *Signupgenius.com used to invite and manage lunch duty volunteers on these days and sent monthly via email. Check your Spam folder to ensure you are getting emails from SignUpGenius.com*

III. Class Parent Roundup (10 minutes)- Mrs. Paula Deist

A. Class Parents share questions, comments and feedback from their class

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- *Feedback on Math program moving too quickly for 4th grade class; McCann reviewing Math curriculum and planning for further instruction for teachers. Other parents confirmed 4th grade math moves fast, but it should balance out by November with additional tutoring and adjustments.*
- *Questions about lunch duty volunteer needs: Ms. McCann confirmed lunch duty volunteers will only be needed on pizza/pretzel days. Other days staff will support lunch/recess needs. 2-3 staff/coaches currently provide lunch/recess duty support.*

- Question about the use of the Homeroom App for class; Ms. McCann confirmed it can be used with teacher's discretion/approval. Every class is different.

IV. HAA Committees (15 minutes)

- A. Mission Statement & Vision Committee (katherine B)
 - 1. Next meeting on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30PM. All are invited to join and help further identify and communicate the core values of OLMCA.

- B. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Latin Night- October 19, 2019
 - a) Lilian Coca is chairing this subcommittee with 5 women. This adult only event will take place after a 7pm Spanish mass. Tickets are \$20 and includes one drink. All other items are available for additional purchase. Signupgenius will be used to recruit volunteers to decorate and bring food. If you are interested in joining this committee please email the HAA.
 - 2. Wine Tasting- November 16, 2019
 - a) Angela Martin and the OLMCA are chairing this fundraiser. More details about this local event will be shared next month.
 - 3. Christmas Event- **Save the Date on December 14, 2019, as the Parish Hall has been booked for our annual Christmas event.**

- C. HAA Proposed Events for 2019 (Melissa Rober) **Take a look at the annual calendar of proposed HAA events and fundraisers. Plan in advance to attend or volunteer. Some new fundraising events suggested were Bingo Night and a Car Wash.**

MONTH	EVENT NAME	MONTH	EVENT NAME
SEPTEMBER	Back to School Night	FEBRUARY	- Sports Night
OCTOBER	-DaddyDropOff (4th) -Latin Night (19th)	MARCH	Int'l Festival
NOVEMBER	-----	APRIL	-Talent Show -Paint Party (8th grade)
DECEMBER	-Ornament Workshop -Christmas Event (14th)	MAY	Race for Education
JANUARY	- Family Workshop -Movies (8th grade)	JUNE	Field Day

- D. Proposed Committees: **The below is a list of the committees being proposed, chairperson, desc to help to build a balanced school community and delegate and execute ideas. If interested in joining any of these committees please email haa@olmercyca.com.**

COMMITTEE NAME Chairperson	Committee Description, related events
Mission and Vision (Kathryn B.)	Helps define and the vision and mission for OLMCA, including meeting spiritual wellness (i.e. attending mass, supporting church events, parish and community) EVENTS: Spirit Week, Dress Downs
Fundraising (Melissa Rober)	Manages fundraising strategy and planning with Principal and Event sub committees. Includes Box Tops, Pizza/Pretzel and Dress Downs. EVENTS: Gala, Talent Show, Glow party
Health and Wellness (TBD)	Considers ways to implement mindfulness of healthy living throughout the school community through nutrition, exercise, mental wellness,
Events (Melissa Rober)	Works with Ms. McCann to manage and communicate event calendar, as well as partners with point person for each event subcommittee for planning and logistics. Supports event strategy and development of ideas for event success. EVENTS: Sports Night, Race for Education, Field Day, Family Workshop
#DaddyDuties (TBD)	Helps connect and engage the men and fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, etc. in school community. EVENTS: Daddy Drop off Day
Green Team Committee (TBD)	Shares and develops plans to reduce the school's global footprint and preserve the natural environment. Considers ways to reduce waste and improve energy efficiency for our school and the planet. Includes managing the Uniform Exchange Program, which recycles donated uniforms. EVENTS: Garden Club
Culture Committee (TBD)	Considers ways to support diversity, culture and inclusion for all events and activities. Includes strategy for "International Market" event EVENTS: Latin Night, Polish Night, Talent Show, Int'l Night (TBD)
Publicity and Marketing (TBD)	Works closely with Principal and Board to communicate news and information within the school, as well as externally. MEDIA CHANNELS: Email, website, Option C texts, folder inserts, Facebook
Sunshine (Venus Velez- Santiago)	Does things to help people feel better. Includes welcoming new families and becoming their "buddy, writing notes, gifts, and executing small tokens of appreciation within our school community, especially those who have experienced a life change.