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Meeting Minutes

Parents' Guild Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2012
8:30 AM

List of Attendees:

Principal - Mrs. DeBenedictis
Director of Advancement - Pamela Cook
Parent Guild members
SFA parents and families

Call to Prayer

Mission Statement

Welcome from Principal

We shared the purpose of the Guild:

- To support and enhance the school community through fundraising and social events consistent with the philosophy and mission statements of the school and parish.
- To provide social events and foster an environment in which both adults and children will have the opportunity to grow as a faith community

* Funds raised from Guild sponsored events support two (2) grade 8 scholarships and educational/ enrichment programs throughout the year, including Field Day.

We are very proud of our first graders who recited the prayers and mission statement this week along side their eight grade buddies.

Our annual fund is taking place with much participation so far. The SFA teachers have all contributed as you may have read in the center fold of the recent Advisor. In order for us to work together as a community, 100% parent involvement in our annual fund is crucial to provide for, support, and enhance our cutting edge school.

Advancement Director - Pamela Cook

The annual fund progress has continued with many phone calls, gifts being received, businesses and corporations being contacted, and continued communication to the community, families and friends.

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The Spring/Summer Advisor will be coming out the in June.

The Barnes and Nobles Book Fair will be held on May 24th in Hingham, Ma from 9:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m. Our families will have an opportunity to buy summer books from the summer reading lists that day. The student Choir and Drama Club will also be performing for the public at this venue. A percentage of all proceeds from the book sales, cafe, music, and Nook purchases will benefit St. Francis of Assisi. This is an exciting opportunity to expose our school to the South Shore community, support our drama and music programs, and to reinforce the love of reading.

Old business:

Scholastic Book fair- This is ongoing throughout the week in our school cafeteria. Thanks to all who have volunteered and participated.

Catholic Schools Week- The week went very well with a wait list for admissions into several grades for next year. The feedback from new parents was very positive. They loved the 1:1 parent guidance during their tours and registration process. We will continue to do the same next year. Our emphasis will be reaching out to prospective families through our website and word of mouth. Our view book was very well received and complimented. It is the only one of its kind for the elementary level Catholic schools.

New Business:

Guild Sponsored fundraiser:

Comedy Night - June 1, 2012 at the Emerald Hall in Braintree, Ma. There are four comedians that will perform with a silent auction and larger raffle items which will be open to the public regardless of admissions to the Comedy show. This show will be appropriate for our audience and will be an enjoyable event for all.

Square One Art- This is coming along very well with the guidance of Mrs. March and Darlene Sullivan-Lee (Olivia Lee's mother).

Movie Night- Date TBA (May or June) This is a great meeting night for families and the students really enjoy it.

Art Fair- May 31, 2012 at St. Francis School. The school will be filled with the students art work on all floors. It is a 'MUST SEE' event. Our beautiful Class theme baskets are being made and will be available for raffle.

Field Day- Date TBA (May or June) at Thayer Academy Field. We will need volunteers for this event. This is a great opportunity for the students to enjoy recess after field day with Radio Disney and activities back at the school.

Grade 8 Scholarships from Guild- An academic scholarship and a need-based scholarship will be given out to 2 8th graders.

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Next meeting- Date TBA (May or June) Sign-ups will be available for Guild events such as the Halloween Party, Breakfast with Santa, etc.

Closing

Thank you all for coming and please join us at the book fair.
Guild meeting notes and announcements will be posted on the website.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20