



## Meeting Minutes

### Parents' Guild Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2010

7:00 PM

#### **List of Attendees:**

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

**Call to prayer** with intentions for our Saint Francis families

#### **Mission statement**

#### **Welcome from Principal**

Welcome to all new families that have recently joined our Saint Francis School.

We shared in the excitement and celebration of our eighth graders awaiting their acceptances to prospective high schools. We are very proud of them and all their accomplishments and hard work.

Our second graders are preparing for their first penance and first communion and they are doing a wonderful job.

We will have four Guild meetings a year. Our next meeting will be in the morning in the church hall.

#### **Advancement Director - Mrs. Pamela Cook**

#### **Old business:**

**Book Fair** - A great opportunity for volunteering and parent involvement. There were many new volunteers.

**Uniform swap** - There will be a few dates available to turn in and purchase uniforms that are in good condition

**Halloween Party** - Nice outcome and fun was had by all. There was a number of new very organized parents that helped.

**Movie Night** - Very successful with a large turn out. We are looking to schedule another one in the Spring.

**Thanksgiving Drive** - Organized within the school with items and gift cards collected and donated.

**Santa's Breakfast** - Always successful and fun for all kids, adults and parishioners who like to join us. Many activities were planned and a delicious breakfast was served.

#### **New Business:**

**Catholic Schools Week** - January 30 to February 3

This is one of the most important weeks for Catholic schools nationwide.



1. Open House - We are looking for volunteers to help with tours of our school and answering questions. Parents point of view speaks volumes.
2. Tuesday - Special Persons day - two people per students may be invited. Come and join them for lunch and a show. Your child will be given the tickets needed for the lunch.
3. Wednesday - No special activities planned, just within the classrooms
4. Thursday - Teacher's appreciation Day with noon dismissal
5. Friday - Student Appreciation Day with pizza and popsicle. Friday evening is our Family Liturgy Mass at 7pm. All our welcome. This will end our week and allow us to focus in on our faith as well as our academics.

**Holiday Calendar Cards** - Major Fundraiser/ requirement for all families

**Square One Art** - Very well liked and fun for the students. This will be done in school. Families should look at the custom items available in the catalog with their children's art creations. There is no purchase required.

**Tour Guide- Catholic Schools Week** - volunteers needed

**Registration-** yesterday and today for pre-k and K. Next week for upper grades

**Pamela Cook will be focusing on and involved with:**

1. Advisor
2. Sustained giving program (Annual Fund)
3. View Book that will allow us to be competitive with the competition
4. Outreach to alumni ( 50 plus years)
5. Grants for technology and funding

Closing

Communication methods:

1. SFA website
2. check emails
3. voicemails
4. Text messaging is available but may opt out

Signs up sheet for Tour Guides were put out

Guild committee notes and announcements will be posted on the website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05

