**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School**

**Parent School Organization (PSO)**

**Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**9:30 AM – Dining Room**

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| **Attendees:** | Liz ReevesJackie WalterAmanda FritzNatalie DavidsonStevie SisloAmy DennisonMike McGintyJim Dahlman | Sarah LeinbergerJen LeschKate SimekJamie TeigenMarie MaslowskiJenny VoldenBridget MadichAbigale PiprideJenny HelmerKatie QuinnShelly Windom | Erica HamiltonJenni CrowleyAndrea SchwarzRenee RasmussenBeth HornKatie TucciKate OstlundShannon AndersonNiki SchaffKristin RobinsonChristina Cusic |
| **Prayer** | * Led by Liz Reeves
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| **Leadership Report****Mike McGinty****Jim Dahlman** | Head of School Update* + - Great start to the school year and thank you to everyone that has helped with the process
		- 42 of 45 teachers moved so even more help was needed with new building
		- Preschool drops added to the mix of new processes
		- All is going well and have received good feedback
		- 85 employees work in our school and 10-15 more that we share with the church
		- We are teaching what and who is OLG to the new employees who are getting up to speed
		- We ask for prayers for all staff
		- 110 kids in preschool – thank you for trusting us with your children
		- 705 students K-8th grade
		- 400+ families including preschool

Middle School Update* + - 10 new MS employees and new campus minister and part-time assistant teacher
		- New Math tutor helping with team teaching and individual students
		- New schedule this year with M-F schedule and 6 periods instead of 8. More instructional time and time to work on assignments
		- Changing back to Letter grading system soon!
		- Putting a lot on our teachers and especially the new teachers so asking for our prayers and grace
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| Treasurer’s ReportAmanda Fritz | * PSO gave $200K back to the school last year
* Please use the expense form sent out by Liz
* Reach out to Amanda if you do not know your budget
* If it’s a large purchase please ask if it can be billed directly to PSO and Amanda will write a check for it.
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| **Recent Events** |
| New Family Playdates and Orientation | * Every Kindergarten family received a mentor
* Transfers had a liaison for each gender and grade as a point of contact
* Each Kindergarten class had park playdates
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| Teacher/Staff Welcome Lunch | * Back to School teacher welcome lunch served 70 people
* Feedback was good
* They were able to sit down and get to know each other
* Higher end of budget – Chiptole
* Christmas lunch will do something similar
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| Used Uniform Sale | * Largest sale to date!!
* Over $4000 in revenue
* Jamie is retiring so need new co-chairs!
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| Spirit Wear | * Bernies sold out
* Some Warmies left and will sell at Dedication weekend
* Pick-ups went well. Some issues with sizes from vendor
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| **Upcoming Events** |  |
| Social Committee | * Coffees for each grade just started
* Need less coffee and food
* 8th grade is not until Feb because doing Marathon right now
* Parents Night Out starting soon
* Every grade will have one – all at ECC
* RSVP’s are going well
* Have not set Middle school yet – deciding if break up or keep all grades together
* Still will be setting up MNO at Hilltop in the future
* Try to have 2 parent events a year
* Will we include preschool in some social events
* They will be part of MNO but not PNO
* First year back to doing these events again
* We are still trying to figure out how to include preschool in all events
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| Dedication Weekend | * No PSO specific update
* Goose Chase app is very popular
* Sat and Sun is Kids Fest
* Sunday will have an ice cream truck
* Mass at 10am- say prayers for weather
* Bingo on Sunday – big prizes after mass
* Volunteer opportunities still open
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| Pep Fest/Marathon | * 9/23-10/1
* Each student to donate $150
* 10/1 Color Run same as last year
* Treats, NUD and Music
* Supports our TA’s and technology fund
* Ran by the 8th grade families
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| Pancake Breakfast | * Sunday 9/25
* 8:30-12:30
* All in person!
* QR code to order
* 2nd grade fundraiser and a SUG for those parents and MSSC
* It is the Kick-off event to Marathon
* Will take cash at door but prefer Cheddar UP via QR code
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| Grandparents Day | * 5th and 7th on 9/28
* 1st and 3rd on 10/5
* We changed up the grade pairings to allow for grandparents traveling
* Will run like last year
* Meet grandparents before mas
* Can be a special person but not a parent
* Get a flower and donut holes and coffee
* Photos opportunities
* They can go back to classroom but that is not the preferred option by teachers
* Younger grades will make a craft for the grandparents
* RSVP link in weekender
* Asking for addresses for the school
* Hard stop at 10:30 am
* They can do a tour of the new building at 10:45
* Volunteers needed for each classroom
* School mass is still livestreamed for those that cannot attend
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| Secret Santa Shop Photos | * Sat 10/8-and Sun 10/9
* Supports JPII
* Moved from library to outside and can include parish and preschool families and also entire families
* Sales went up triple because of adding more families
* Going to have old velvet couch as the setting
* Hot Cocoa Stand build help needed posted in the weekender
* Need some parent volunteers and MSSC volunteers same as last year- SUG link in weekender
* Same weekend as Little Saints Fall Fest
* Price - $50 per session.
* Barely made any money on ornaments last year – will come later to wait for Shutterfly sale
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| Family Mass and Breakfast | * 10/17 Mother/Daughter
* 10/18 Father/Son
* Donuts and coffee after mass
* SUG to go out for parent and MSSC volunteers
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| Veteran’s Day | * Friday Nov 11
* Ordered decorated cookies for all 4 branches of the military
* MSSC to put out flags
* MSSC to make cards to give to the Veterans
* Grades 4-8 attend and any other students with a Veteran can attend
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| Thanksgiving Baskets | * No update yet
* Each class has a list of donations
* MSSC helps deliver the baskets
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| **Looking Ahead** |
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| Sponsor-A-Family | * The requests have gone up with several expensive items
* More gift cards toward big items
* We are in touch with the people who handle the lists
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| Santa’s Secret Shop | * It will still be in the library but possible other locations that could host it
* Will be checking in on budget
* Still only K-8 because we can’t handle Pre-schoolers shopping yet
* 10,000 items with a budget of $10K budget and we take any donations
* On Fridays we used to open to parish community but that ended with Covid and possibly could reopen this to preschool families
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| Staff Christmas Gift | * No update on this yet
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| Holiday Boutique | * 12/11
* How can we make more money and a make it a better fundraiser
* Do you charge for the booths? How much?
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| Student Christmas Lunch | * 12/16
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| Staff Christmas Lunch | * 12/20
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| **Ongoing/Discussion Topics / Open Floor** |
| Art Adventures | * SUG has gone out
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| Room Parents | * They have been picked and notified
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| Library | * SUG has gone out to help
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| Resource Room | * Need to find a new home for this
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| Social Shopping Events | * Will still try to do a few a year but not as many as previous years
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| MSSC | * No update
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**Next Meeting Date: 0ct 11, 2022 at 9:30am, Church Dining Room**