

Parent Advisory Meeting 1/5/17

Present: Tracee Beck, Martina Castle, Jason Cox, Brenda Fiegen, Jayne Gaspari, Maimee Gomez, Veronica Houston, Kristin LeGrand, Kyle Groos, Karen Mikuska, Kathryn Muller, Maria Neely, Anne Nelson, Kerry Olson, Tom Polak, Kristin Ripperda, Connie Scott, Matt Stork, Brenda Washenberger & Jackie Shotkoski. **Guest Speaker** – Art Hagg

Prayer & Welcome

HS Registration Process & Timeline – Art Hagg:

- ≈ Master schedule is a blank screen because Art builds the schedule per the students' requests. He tries to balance the schedule and builds it really tight.
- ≈ **Freshman:**
 - Already met before Christmas to make recommendations
 - Make sure they have the right qualifications to be in certain classes
 - What requirements are needed for college
 - Counselors can make recommendations but parents make the ultimate decision in some cases
 - HS Counselors talk to 8th graders in the middle of January giving them basic information and answering any questions
 - Visit day is on the 30th of January
 - Campus visit is the 30th of January at night
 - Register for classes on February 8th & 9th
 - 6 classes are required
 - End of March is when summer school & driver's Ed registration is due.
 - The student is not locked into any class – they can do a regular class, and then advanced, then a regular class.
 - Any questions, please ask
- ≈ **Sophomores & Juniors:**
 - Mr. Lorang & Ms. Shields review the registration procedures in Ethics classes. And work with the sophomores on completing a 4 year plan that they do in pencil. If there are complications the students get referred to the counselors.
 - Also recommend the students to talk with their present teachers to see what they recommend as their next step in the specific classes – advanced or regular
 - Mrs. Jones visits with all the sophomore English classes during the week of January 23rd.
 - Mr. Hagg visits with all the junior English classes during the week of January 23rd.
 - The students will get a copy of their transcript and their 4 year plan to go over with the counselors to make sure they are on track to graduate
 - The juniors complete the Ability Profiler in SDMyLife.
 - World Language is not a requirement, but the amount of students that do not take a world language class is very low.
 - Mr. Hagg discusses the ACT testing/dates with juniors to get this done this year instead of their senior year.

- Mr. Hagg reviews college admissions, scholarship opportunities and dual credit opportunities.
 - Mr. Hagg also mentions NCAA & NAIA academic requirements for college athletic eligibility.
 - The counselors talk with students regarding alternatives to 4 year colleges and what their options are: taking a gap year and the different government aid to help paying for college the following year, 2 year colleges & technical schools.
 - Mr. Hagg also talks with students about making decisions for themselves vs. where their friends are going to college.
- ≈ Registration portal is open from February 6th through the 10th
- ≈ The process once the portal closes:
- Then the students who forgot to register or didn't choose enough classes get called in to finish their registration
 - Then they print off the numbers, look at the classes with low numbers and decide which classes are going to be approved to run and which ones will be cancelled
 - The ones that are going to be cancelled, the counselors call in the students and get them to choose another class
 - Departments look at the student lists and numbers and double check that the students are choosing the right classes, maybe they don't qualify for the next step they are choosing etc.
 - Mr. Hagg then creates the master schedule
 - Kyle & the department heads assign the teachers
 - Goal is to have the master schedule complete by mid-April
 - This timeline gives the counselors enough time to go back to students that still need to make changes to their schedule due to scheduling conflicts
 - The toughest conflicts are with the seniors
- ≈ Questions & Answers:
- Mount Marty transcripts need to be requested when applying for other colleges
 - Head's up – new families to the SF Catholic Schools receiving postcards are invited to arrive at 6:30 pm on the 30th of January. Everyone else is invited to come at 7:00 pm

Catholic Schools Week:

- ≈ January 30th through February 3rd
- ≈ Avera T-Shirts were ordered in November
- ≈ Friday, February 3rd – No classes in session (students report to Elmen Center at 9:40 am)

Transfer Students – Fall & Spring (Calls to Parents in February):

- ≈ The list will be provided at February's meeting
- ≈ Maybe one transfer student from Tea
- ≈ Discuss certificate program with parents
- ≈ Discuss opportunities to be involved

The Intuitive Surgical da Vinci Robot:

- ≈ Carol Vaca & Beth Odenbach are bringing in this demo for Thursday, January 19th

- ≈ The robot weighs 1600 pounds
- ≈ Show a demonstration for the Anatomy & Physiology classes as well as students involved with HOSA
- ≈ It's a neat opportunity for our students

Tiffny Hagen's 8th grade call sheets:

- ≈ 12 sheets that have not been called yet – any volunteers – Jayne Gaspari – Return by the February board meeting. Thank you Jayne!!

Julie Benson Update:

- ≈ The baby will be delivered on February 21st
- ≈ Teresa Mead has been hired as a co-teacher and came highly recommended

Late Start-Faculty Meeting on February 22nd:

- ≈ Review course registration requests to check for errors

Conferences – February 16th:

- ≈ Breakfast: St. Joseph Cathedral, Holy Spirit & St. Mary – Deliver at 6:45 am
- ≈ Lunch: Members at Large, St. Michael & St. Katharine Drexel – Deliver at 12:30
- ≈ Supper: St. Lambert, Christ the King & St. Teresa - have ready by 4:00 pm
- ≈ Send out email for donations after February board meeting & on February 13th

No School:

- ≈ Friday, January 13th – Teacher In-service
- ≈ Monday, January 16th – Martin Luther King day
- ≈ Monday, February 6th – Knight Drive Prize – day off after super bowl

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2nd