

Parents Association of Notre Dame Academy

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, October 4, 2017

- Opening Prayer – Monsignor “Fr. Bill” McGhee
- Opening Remarks from Vice President – Atiqua Burns
 - Volunteer raffle for playground duty will be drawn in November
- Principal’s Report – Linda Hobbs
 - Thank you from NDA staff to PANDA for gifts at beginning of school year
 - ITBS Testing complete; results to be given during Parent/Teacher conferences on November 9
 - Trash bag orders are due Thursday October 5
 - Bags should arrive in about 2 weeks
 - Picture day is Wednesday October 11
 - Every child will get a picture taken (whether you are purchasing or not) as this will be used in the yearbook
 - Picture retakes to be done on Thursday November 14
 - Please return paper with background choice, even if ordering online or not purchasing
 - E.S.C.A.P.E. program with Fire Department - October 10
 - Assembly for all students
 - 2nd and 4th Grades will go through the Smoke House
 - Completed all drills (fire drill, tornado drill, intruder drill, earthquake drill)
 - Fire Dept came unannounced, and fire drill done in less than a minute
 - End of 1st Quarter – Friday October 20
 - Report cards will be issued on October 27. They will include time slots for parent/teacher conferences; first come, first served. Please fill out this form and return with your student the following Monday. Conferences to be held on 1 day on Nov 9 from 8 am to 8 pm
 - Red Ribbon Week – beginning October 23
 - Different activities to be planned; more info to come
 - Bishop is visiting school on October 31
 - Students are to be in uniform
 - Orange/Black Day (out-of-uniform) will be on Monday October 30
 - Halloween parties date TBD (may be 10/30 or 10/31 after the Bishop’s visit)
 - Water lead testing – October 28 for all schools in Belleville Diocese. Testing to be completed on all drinking fountains at school and gym
 - Grandparents Day – Tuesday November 21
 - Students will be in school all day; mass/activities will begin in the afternoon; more info to come
 - Friday newsletters from Principal Hobbs – be sure to read each week
 - At beginning of month, calendar is attached to the email; be aware of potential additions to the calendar (can view on [Mrs. Hobbs’ webpage](#))
 - Schedules include Math Team, Speech Team, Robotics Club, Chess Team
 - Chess team – Mrs. Rasmussen to run
 - Grades 2 thru 8 – meets twice a month after school
 - Clothes from St Mary’s, St Augustine’s, free for the taking; anything left to be donated
 - Hurricane Donations – due October 13 (details posted on [PANDA’s Facebook page](#))
 - Thank you to parents for volunteering during playground duty!

- Treasurer's Report – provided at meeting by Adriena Beatty
 - Spirit Wear
 - Sweatshirts to be offered – will only include design on front
 - Regular sweatshirts \$12, hoodies for \$18 (2X and above, add \$2)
 - Order forms to be sent out next week
 - Order by November 1 to be included in November order; orders received after to be included in December order
 - Students can wear on Spirit Wear days
- Upcoming Events
 - October 6 – No School (Diocesan Convention)
 - October 9 – No School (Columbus Day)
 - October 11 – Fall Pictures
 - October 13 – DUE: Hurricane Relief supply donations
 - Penny War – Melissa Kettler
 - Purple buckets for each team
 - Kids can place pennies and bills in their team bucket that will add points to their team's total. Silver coins can be added to other team buckets (counts as deduction from their opponent's total)
 - Team with most points at the end of Penny War will win pizza party. Starts now, ends when donations are due 10/13
 - Teaches our children to help those in need by example
 - Link to [Penny War flyer](#)
 - October 28 – Trunk-or-Treat – Melissa Kettler
 - Will have hot dogs, chips, soda, water for all participants
 - Donations are welcome (specific food items or \$ for purchasing food/drink)
 - Flyer should have gone home last Friday. Please let Trunk-or-Treat team know if you are bringing car and number of people; if yes, be sure to bring your own candy
 - Open to all NDA parishes; invitation to be extended to PSR; invite friends and family of the NDA parishes
 - November 1 – All Saints Day – Holy Day
 - Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm
 - NO PANDA meeting (will meet on November 8)
 - November 3-4 – Rummage Sale
 - Volunteers are needed the week of October 30 leading up to sale!
 - Online signup sheet on the [PANDA page of the NDA website](#)
 - If not enough have signed up by October 13, this event will be cancelled
- Fundraisers
 - Ending October 5 – Trash Bag Fundraiser
 - October 17-18 – Papa John's (3809 N Belt West location only)
 - NDA gets 20%!
 - Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards codes (bottle caps/cartons)
 - First submission deadline October 25!
 - Box Tops app – use this when you shop and get \$\$ for NDA!
- Information from the Athletic Directors – Christine Jones

- Basketball practice has started
 - If your child has registered to play and you have not heard from coaches for practice, let Christine know
 - Girls schedule was sent home
 - Boys practice has begun, Mondays thru Thursdays at 3:45 in Freeburg
 - Once games start, practice schedules will change a bit
- Family sports pass - \$30 (1 per sports season)
- Monday is a holiday – practice scheduled, but is not mandatory
- Those who have paid sports fees were deposited today
- Trivia night is in January
- BINGO Update/Information
 - [Signup sheet is online](#) (schedule is mostly filled up to Jan 1)
 - 8th grade parents having bake sale at Bingo on October 13, November 3, November 17
- Questions/Comments/Roundtable
 - Becky Worthen – Youth Group meeting on October 15 at Cathedral; 5 pm mass, followed by chili and activities in undercroft. 6th thru 8th Grade; get your kids to join us!
 - October 6 – St Teresa’s is having a Spaghetti Dinner/Quarter Auction to help send their youth to National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) for 6th thru 12th Grade
 - October 15 – Boy Scouts Troop 24 having pancake breakfast 7 am – 12 pm at St. Augustine’s
 - Breakfast with Santa – Greta Stock will not be able to do this year. Can mentor anyone who is interested in taking this on, please let us know.
 - Christmas event in the Cathedral undercroft from 8 – 10 am on a Saturday morning. Knights of Columbus did food (all-you-can-eat pancakes/sausage; charge per adult, kids are free), Boy Scouts handled trash runs, Santa comes for picture taking. Activities include gingerbread house, balloons, arts/crafts, face painting (avg 70-100 kids in past events)
 - For those in attendance, don’t forget your Spirit Wear coupons so your child can wear Spirit Wear the next day!
- 50/50 Raffle
- Closing Prayer – Monsignor “Fr. Bill” McGhee

Thank you to those who brought snacks!

Thank you to parents and teachers for coming!

Next meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7 pm