

SERV General Meeting Jan 8, 2024 Key Highlights

Recap of Past Events

Holiday Boutique - Suzanne Schwartze

The Holiday boutique went well. The only complaint from vendors was that we didn't have as much vendor support as previous years due to less volunteers. Two vendors dropped out the week of the boutique and will be giving them a donation letter. Made approximately \$5400

St Nick Bake Sale - Melissa Harvey

Made \$2788.25. Having venmo was very helpful. We had over 80 baked goods and sold out of all the big items. Had plenty of volunteers.

Donuts with Dad - Rosie McGuire

Donuts went over well. The dads enjoyed themselves and the students loved being able to share a donut with their dad. Volunteers stepped up in the final hour and had a great crew help setting up and serving. The school still did a lot of the setting up the night before and picking up the donuts.

Upcoming Events

Special Events Committee - Darcy Schoening, Ann-Marie Jojola

Will need a lot of volunteers the night of and to help set up and tear down. Ann-Marie will create a signup genius for food donations and event specific volunteers like photo booth, DJ and decorating and cleanup. There will be 5 or 6 different stations to help prevent the typical chasing friends around because they are bored. Also looking at middle and high school students to help volunteer for the night. Mrs Brook will connect with her high school liaison to enquire about volunteers. Micro phone and speakers were well loved from church for previous dances and may not be best to inquire through them. Darcy said she has extra equipment that she can bring like speakers and microphones.

Gala - Lisa Owenby

Gala will be held on Feb 9 at Spruce Mountain. Donations, volunteers and ticket sales are extremely low this year. 31 Days away and have only sold 71 tickets, about 100 less from this time last year. The committee only has one banner left (the previous one was destroyed by the wind), it will be hung sometime this week on the side of the school so parishioners and school parents will see it as they come into church and school. Classes are working on their class donation baskets but still haven't heard from Hatton, Kindergarten, 2nd and 7th Grade. Katie Torris said that they are working on theirs and should have it by Friday. Silent auction will be a lot smaller this year due to the lack of donations. Jessica Hammons is working with each class art projects and are aiming for

an all school project as well. There is another community event that same night as the gala. Not sure if that is the reason for low ticket sales but limo driver will be making several different trips between the two events.

Hospitality - Rosie McGuire

Next event is Grandfriends in April and Muffins with Mom in May.

Room Mom - Kelly Rohlfsen

Next Teacher luncheon is Jan 17th, pasta bar sponsored by 6th Grade. 2nd grade will be sponsoring the teacher luncheon for Catholic Schools Week February 1st.

Teacher Appreciation - Angie Thorpe

1st meeting will be held in April. The email will be sent out right before spring break.

8th Grade Fundraiser - Robin Sheehan

They will continue fundraising through January. Still trying to figure out when to turn over the reins to the current 7th grade class. What they currently have on the books are lunches, dress down day and Skate City. Robin updated the Skate City Flyer and will distribute to all the communication chains.

Security - Ann-Marie Jojola

Still working on a communication plan across schools & churches in the area, to include D38 and MA. Working with Monument Presbyterian Community Church just north of the school as a possible relocation site but running into a few logistical issues. They are not open 5 days a week and if the school has to evacuate due to a train derailment incident then they would probably be in the same evacuation zone as well.

Keep Watch with Me Ministry - Breanne Rutherford

Took the information folders from the table home to update since the classes are starting to participate in more adoration events and are encouraged to be praying for others as well.

Volunteer up keep

- Mid year volunteer reports went out. You are still able to log past hours.
- Keep up with logging your current hours. If you have met your volunteer hour requirements for the year, you will be able to sign up for spring conferences before the rest of the school.

Principal Corner - Mrs Brook

Registration for the 24/25 school year will open this week for current families. Registration will open for new families January 29. Catholic Schools week kicks off Sunday January 28 with Mass at 10:30 am and Open house from 11-12pm. They have been meeting and almost finalized the events for CSW. Expect a schedule to be sent out later this week. Spring Conferences, February 8-9th. lowa testing 12-23 Feb. Science fair is Feb 6.

Questions and Comments

The lack of volunteers was brought up on how to get more involvement from the parents. There were various discussions and suggestions offered. If we do not have the volunteers to run and help out with an event we will cancel the event. Another suggestion was to precharge families

that would rather pay for their volunteer hour commitment before school starts. Lisa suggested options for buying items for the Gala that could be used for volunteer hours.

Next Meeting 22 April at 5:30pm.