



**Parent Council Meeting
January 21, 2020
Agenda**

Opening Prayer

Old Business/Follow-up items

1. Community-Pool Social/Event- Need a committee
Let's plan. It can be changed if need be. Any possible date is waiting for CIF announcement about the sports swim schedule
2. Rosary/Servite Parent Academy- *Parent Academy any ideas, suggestions, please contact Nancy*
3. How to get involved or questions - Contact Nancy Windisch at pccouncil@servitehs.org

Special Announcement/Recognition

*Mr Brennan is leaving at the end of the academic year, which is felt by many as a great loss to Servite and the Servite community
The Parent Council is planning to start a committee to plan for recognition and a way to honor him; Susan Hamar volunteered to help take it on*

Friar Committees Announcements:

1. Advancement - Steffanie Early
*Fundraising for the year is on track with fundraising goals. The Class of 2024 won the campaign, and they will be recognized
Activities for spring is light
An announcement of the new principal will be made soon. A virtual Meet & Greet for parents and families is planned for next month for the Servite community to have a chance to hear from the new principal
Change is difficult, but as with all change, it will come with new opportunities
First semester ends next week
The second semester begins the first week of February with a new Hybrid Schedule, including the start time. It is hoped it will allow for more extracurricular in the afternoons.*
2. Spiritual - Maria Melendez
*Monday community prayer continues. A link in Credo Communications is sent out each Sunday. The time may have to be changed due to the new school day start time
Mother's Day of Reflection scheduled for March 25th (8:00 am to 3:00 pm) with the theme of A Hopeful Heart. It remains an opportunity for all women of Servite to come together in reflection and prayer. The scheduled speaker is Lindy Wynne, founder of Mamas in Spirit, a Catholic podcast for women. Keep an eye out in Credo Communications for more information*

3. Educational Resources - Hilary Recknor

If your son's motivation seems lower, that's normal. It is difficult right now for all. Efforts are being made to get out information to support the Servite community.

Freshmen and Senior meetings were recently completed and Junior meetings are forthcoming. The admissions interviews have been held successfully and there are plans made to continue with Open House and admissions and new family events.

Semester end assessments will be next week. They will not carry the weight as finals normally do.

Registration forms coming soon; look for them

How the SAT will play out as a factor in college admissions is uncertain at this time. Subject tests and essays have been eliminated. Colleges do not want to hurt students who have had testing site access. The website fairtest.org is a place to explore individual college and university testing requirements.

Travel programs have been tabled, but the Mandarin program will continue at this time with some look at how it may need to be redefined and options are being explored to continue experiential opportunities that can be offered.

Health Updates - Jen Gutierrez

Health faculty/staff are slated to receive non-mandatory Covid vaccinations soon. Health Director, Jen Gutierrez, is keeping abreast of all county and federal protocols to determine how campus events and education can be held within current guidelines

An outdoor event can be held, but would still require masks and physical distancing and any other CDC and local restrictions; we are all asked to be mindful and flexible

Overall in the county, hospitalizations slowly decreasing, but an uptick is still expected in the next week based on transmission history.

It is crucial to communicate with her if anyone is being tested or any household member is being tested to has tested positive.

If traveling outside of the area, please quarantine for a period of time.

Servite is proud of its zero transmission to date on campus. Let's keep it that way. Please communicate with her. If your son is experiencing even one symptom, keep him at home.

Faculty/staff trying so hard to help students to have a positive normal experience on campus and keep them engaged. Everyone working to figure out when students can return to campus five days a week, doing so safely and maintaining the health of all. Multiple options being considered. The primary goal is the safest environment within CDC protocols for both physically distant classrooms and safety at lunch

4. Admissions- Stephanie Naticchioni

Next week, Friday, January 29th is the Admissions deadline. Applications will be considered beyond this date, but are encouraged to be submitted quickly to be able to participate in admissions events. The application process is online through the website. To learn more about Servite and the admissions process, please contact Stephanie Naticchioni.

Student-led tours are held on Fridays at 3:00 pm. Shadow Days remain unavailable still. There is a plan to resurrect them once it is safe to do so, but the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff utmost priority, and

reducing the number of people on campus is still most prudent at this time. HSPT test Saturday and another in February. Sign-ups are done through the applicant portal.

Though applicant numbers are good, we are always looking to welcome young men into the next great class. Current families are being asked to help spread the word about Servite, referring to any potential families who may be looking for a community and education like Servite and would fit in with the school and its mission. Servite students can apply to be Ambassadors in the spring to help the following year.

5. Athletics - Vanessa Buchanan

The community is waiting for any decisions about sports. It is not a CIF decision and involves state and county. CIF working with schools to try to have a schedule and options so when given a green light, some schedules will be in place to move forward. Until then, students will remain active and participating in safety and health protocols. Their physical activity and involvement are recognized as important for their mental well-being.

6. Alumni - Nancy Garcia

There continue to be efforts to remain engaged with families beyond their four years at Servite, and the efforts so far have been successful

7. Servite Fashion Show - Kelly Rosenkranz

Some committee members visited the Marriott venue today. The committee is committed to hosting the Fashion Show "one way or another." Potential presenting challenges are anticipated and options explored. The committee consults with the county administration as well and has several options to consider based on the projected tier for this spring. It may require two different seatings to safely accommodate attendees and to allow for fundraising while covering costs. Other options, including an outdoor event, are also being considered if an indoor venue is not permitted. Other plans include an online Silent Auction as well as creative ideas for boutique shopping and alternative tickets once ticket sales are sold out.

8. Class Levels- Melissa McBeath/Vikki Peterson

Senior moms held the first class sponsored luncheon. Staff and faculty loved it. The moms of Class of 2022 host next week followed by the 2023 and 2024 respectively. It is hoped that the Alumni group will host in the future.

Seniors have had a different experience with the college application process. It was reported how strongly the Servite community is respected by colleges and universities and how strong and supportive it to students and families should needs arise. Do not hesitate to reach out to others who have gone before. An email from Parent Council is forthcoming about how to help with luncheons.

New Business *none*

Next Meeting - *Thursday, February 18th 7:00 pm*