

Holmdel High School
PTSO General Meeting Agenda -- November 13, 2019 - 9:30 AM

Call to Order – led by PTSO President, Barbara Singer
Fire Notice -- Pledge
9:40 start

Principal's Report - Brian Schillaci – Mr. Schillaci gave reminders about parking lot; don't drive in the aisles; use the main entrance; after 7:08am use front of Satz & drop off area in Satz parking lot. Parent/teacher conferences info will be sent out tonight; sign ups start Wednesday, Dec. 20th. Conference dates December 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

20/20 update; meeting next Thursday. Mr. Schillaci has checked out new construction for TV studio, robotics, etc. He reports it is near completion and looks fantastic; dates for completion hoped to be set at next Thursday's meeting. There may be a ribbon cutting or something to mark the opening; perhaps parents may check out the space during the parent/teacher conferences.

Report cards will be up on Parent Portal on the 18th

Half days coming up on Nov. 27th; as well as Dec. 4th and 6th (conferences on December 3rd and 5th will be in the evening).

Info regarding long term items are not on daily announcements; look for those on the district calendar. Everything high school related is on that calendar all the way through April.

Parking lot passes/permits; see Mrs. Dedonato. Students need permission to leave school, and/or permit; cannot leave mid-day - only end of day. Holmdel high school does give driver's ed.

Can underclassmen attend college visits held at the high school was a parental question. Mr. Schilaci says he will talk to Mr. Swenson. Parents said some children were denied permission. It was noted other high schools have their own college fairs - that maybe end of sophomore or start of junior year our school could host one.

Vice principals report – Ms. Riggi and Mr. Brown reported Peer Leadership is off and running.

Hello Hornets initiative; transfer students are helped, welcomed. Will be doing 4 times this year; the first one was back in September; next one is before Christmas

Cross Country were Champions this Fall and the Football team went as far as the Semi-Finals in the Playoffs

High School Play November 22nd and 23rd at 7pm. "Acting Can Be Murder" admission is \$5 for students, \$15 for everyone else. Check out Facebook.com/HolmdelTheater and HCAA

Powder Puff game will be November 26th at 6pm

Every Friday is spirit day; students encouraged to wear blue and white.

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National Honor Society; school sent email to eligible students on Oct. 25th; folder with hours and application due November 26th; required 100 hours in school. For sports that would be the equivalent

of 2 seasons of a JV or Varsity sport. 100 volunteer hours defined as non-paying; website should be up by Friday; accepted students will be notified by Dec. 13th; induction ceremony end of January.

Guest Speaker: Officer Martin, Student Resource Officer apologized for missing first meeting. He tries to get same officers back – this year the high school lost one former officer; other schools have the same ones employed as in the past. There's been no negative feedback; administration has done a great job with security drills; i.e. providing posters in each classroom so there is no confusion re procedure

Underage drinking; Officer Martin reported that most definitely kids are drinking at parties in the basement while parents are upstairs; he says this has enormous liability potential for parents. Even if parents do not directly provide the liquor, they are held responsible. He recalled last year's unfortunate incident; parents were charged even though they did not provide. On a civil level, parents can be held responsible; they can be sued. Methods of sneaking alcohol into a home include students come thru side entrances with backpacks of liquor. Noted some parties 50-60 kids showed up last year; cops had to be called; there was an assault.

Vaping; materials sold from a store in Hazlet. Can be delivered right to the home of a student; purchased through Amazon; often coming from China. Officer Martin says very obvious smell or can be unflavored. Committee in place to inform our staff on the statistics regarding vaping.

6th graders are going to get a program and there are monthly meetings being held regarding developing programs for the HS kids.

Kathy Kudisch meets with any student who has been caught vaping or suspected of doing so.

Teacher Representative – Sheryl McBride/Sean Dowd

Sean spoke on HFEE; annual giving now thru December

Spring Gala at Bell Works ballroom on April 25th; will be seeking gift baskets and corporate sponsorships

Giving Tuesday - Tuesday after Black Friday; tax deduction; give to HFEE

Contributors will be listed on the Honor Roll of HFEE website

Companies matching donations - doubles the donation

Major gift initiative is still pending

Please see HFEE.org/give to contribute

October minutes - approved

No update for membership

Each marking period PTSO does a raffle for the parking spot outside \$5 to enter; can do online under PTSO; can do today at meeting

OFFICERS' REPORTS

1st VP Membership - Alicia Baylock

2nd VP Fundraising - Sarann Jennings

Treasurer's Report - Heather Behal; report is on table at this meeting. Fall Fling made \$3,100.

Memberships at 110.

Corresponding Secretary / Facebook - Darlene Kiss

Recording Secretaries - Colleen Quinn and Diana Kwan

Class Liaisons: PTSO Facebook posts Class fundraising events

Class of 2023 (9th) - STILL LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER; 2 people might be interested and able. Also some folks working snack stand expressed possible willingness. It's a 4 year commitment working with teacher in fund-raising

Class of 2022 (10th) - Vasilias Loucopoulos/Melissa Menges; pie sale order due by Friday

Class of 2021 (11th) - Heather Behal/Jen Baker/Alana Lazar; sweatshirts link online on daily announcement; another fundraiser coming

Class of 2020 (12th) - Gita Movva / Kimberley Herthel; not in attendance

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Project Graduation - Linda Fernand/Nicole Salzano; Darlene processing final coupon book numbers; Texas roadhouse fundraiser on Dec. 17th; also Chipotle fundraiser in February; Project Grad meeting this Thursday 7pm in library

Bake Sales - Darlene Field and Ellen Tesler; sale today (in the past tried to coordinate Bake Sales with PTSO meetings so bake contributors can go to meeting and then drop off their baked goods) Dec.11th next PTSO bake sale

ARISE Liaison -

HCAA - Heather Behal/Jill Keiser/Carolyn; fundraiser right now Evergreen; they are really great and long lasting; website can order; pick up from Jill's house.

Jan. 10th 5-8pm - Coco movie; 3rd year of doing movies; singalong; geared towards little kids; high schoolers volunteer; pizza is sold there.

This Thursday is the Indian Hill play; only 1 night – “Enchanted Bookshop”

Pop sockets for sale as well.

Demystifying College discussion went really well at the last PTSO meeting.

No meeting in December;

New Business

THE NEXT PTSO MEETING IS January 8, 2019 at 9:30 am HHS Auditorium

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