

## **Cathedral Mother's Club**

**2019-2020 CMC Meeting, August 16, 2019 8:00am-9:00am**

**Cathedral High School - Baker Board Room**

Minutes prepared by Buffy Johnson

***If you cannot attend the meetings, you can join on Facebook live (on the Mothers Club Facebook page) or you can call in at 1-888-296-6828 and then press 678172.***

**Meeting Facilitators:** Co-Presidents Erica Edwards, Beth Hunter; President –elect Ashley Vukovits

**Sponsor:** Dennis Thomas-Vice Principal for Academic Affairs

**Principal:** Dave Worland; **President:** Dr. Rob Bridges

- I. **Erica Edwards, Co-President**, opened the meeting by leading us in the Cathedral Parents' Prayer then started with a joke to lighten the mood!
  - II. Most of the Mother's Club Executive Committee was in attendance. We all introduced ourselves and our children and what they are involved in at Cathedral.
    - *Mother's Club Executive Committee Members: Ann Bagwell, Shelly Cadwell, Joy Cripps, Erica Edwards, Beth Hunter, Buffy Johnson, Charisse Pierce, Angie Piper, Tracy Sanders, Lorraine Vavul, Ashley Vukovits.*
  - III. **Erica and Beth, Co-Presidents**, went over some general housekeeping:
    - A big shout out was given to **Shelly Cadwell** for another successful uniform sale! Also the Freshman Orientation was a big success!
    - Information was shared on where you can find the Calendar of Events for the Mothers Club. Go to ***gocathedral.com, Parent Portal, Mothers Club, Meetings/Events, View the 2019-20 Calendar.***
      - A. **Semester 1 Events**
        - i. **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>-Happy Birthday Cathedral**
        - ii. **Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>-Open House**
        - iii. **Faculty/Staff Holiday Appreciation Luncheon**
      - B. **Semester 2 Events**
        - i. **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020-Baccalaureate**
    - You can register or renew your Mothers Club membership by going online to: ***gocathedral.com, Parent Portal, Mothers Club, Pay Your Dues.*** This year you will receive a gift of a Pura Vida bracelet in the school colors when you pay your dues. Remember the membership fee goes towards funding the Teachers Grants at the end of the year. Please consider joining even if you cannot make it to all of the meetings.
    - You can also click on the link to ***Get Involved: Sign Up to Volunteer*** , email us through the website, or send us a message through the Facebook page.
- We would like to extend a big "thank you!" to those that have already signed up to help! We truly appreciate your time.**

- We briefly went over succession planning (treasurer, communications, administrative). Some of the members of the executive committee have seniors which means they will be leaving next year. If you have an interest in joining the executive committee for the CMC, please let us know.
  - We looked into participating in Boxtops for fundraising, but found out that it is not an option, as it is for K-8 schools only.
- IV. **Tracy Sanders** gave an update on the Bowling League. Ideally you should register by August 25<sup>th</sup>, but she will take applications up to the start, which is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Information can be found on Cathedral's website under the Parent Portal. You can ask your friends and neighbors to join with you! It does not need to be a Cathedral Mom.
- V. There is a survey posted on our Facebook page asking about interest in social activities in addition to our CMC meetings. Please take a moment to fill out the short survey. It will not take up much of your time.
- VI. A School Update was given by: **Dennis Thomas-Vice Principal for Academic Affairs** (*You can watch the video on our Facebook page.*)
- Mr. Thomas had just left the Academic Innovations Team meeting, which was newly formed this year. It is led by teachers that work within each academic department. He said it has been a high positive for the school, especially with having new staff and teachers this year. The team focuses on teaching the Holy Cross ways and making connections in the classroom from subject to subject. The teachers work together so their lesson plans complement each other. These meetings are held on late start days.
  - The Freshman Orientation, that was held on Saturday, August 3, 2019, went very smoothly. 211 Freshman students participated. Mentoring by the Seniors to the **Freshman** was more enhanced and generally, information is better received when given by another student who has essentially been there and experienced what the Freshman are going through.
  - Picture Days are coming up. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a sign up Genius on the Mothers Club Facebook page for parent volunteers.
  - **Meet the Teacher** night is Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The late start day is changed to the Friday after this event. See your Parent Newsletter for information. An email will be sent from Cathedral with your student's schedule for you to follow. Take a screen shot of the schedule or save on your phone to bring with you. This is a good opportunity to meet your child's teachers and know their expectations for the school year. If you have multiple children, Mr. Thomas suggests that you ask your children which teachers they would like for you to meet the most, and then just go to those classes.
  - Mr. Thomas discussed that the chain of communication with teachers should be student to teacher first and then if necessary, parent to teacher. It is important for our kids to learn to advocate for themselves and to be respectful.

- Sometime next week will be the Freshman class elections.
- The Flex period is now in the middle of the day instead of at the end of the day, as in years past. This seems to accommodate for easier access to teachers for any questions by the students and a more productive use of the students time. Or even as a time to destress.

VII. **Beth Wissler- Assistant Director for Enrollment Management** introduced herself and plans to be present at future CMC meetings. If you are interested in learning about being an Irish Parent Ambassador, please contact Beth in the Enrollment office or email at [bwissler@gocathedral.com](mailto:bwissler@gocathedral.com).

**The next Mother's Club Meeting will be Friday, September 6th, 2019 from 8:00am-9:00am in the Baker Board Room.**

**Please join us! It is a great way to obtain up-to-date, valuable information from the leaders of our school.** <https://www.gocathedral.com/parent-student-alumni-facultystaffportals/parent-portal/mothersclub>

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