

SFO Advisory Meeting

November 7, 2022

Fall Festival Wrap Up

- Raised \$3500 over budget
- Lindsey O'Brien- chair for next year
- Meeting in spring to discuss new ideas
 - Add pumpkins from Kaylee Koch
 - Silent auction items
 - Games

Budget

- Discussed expenses and fundraising
- On track to have a balance of about \$50,000 at the end of the year

Communication

- Discussed use of website and preferred methods of communication

Committees

- Reminder that teacher birthday collections are optional and that we do not allow classroom treats for their birthdays.
- Upcoming Events
 - Advent Service Project-Jaci Aberson and Courtney Van Horn are creating a signup genius for Sister gifts
 - Christmas Specials Collection- need to find a chair
 - Class Mass Donuts- going well

Parent Speakers/Activities

- System wide: Cory Greenwood (week of Jan 16?)
 - Lenten Fish Fry?
 - Grandparent (Special Friend) Day?
 - Trivia Knight?

Attendance Matters- Reminder that our goal is to reduce the number of absences and tardies

Attendance is an essential component to a student's academic success. **Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools expects an attendance rate of at least 95% for all students, or absenteeism of no more than nine (9) days per school year.** Absenteeism can interfere with all aspects of the educational process as well as affect social relationships.

Why is it important to be on time?

1. Young children are easily distracted. A classmate who comes into the room after an activity has started causes disruption. Disruptions can take time away from valuable activities.
2. Your child wants time to visit his/her friends and settle into the classroom routine. Being late doesn't make that transition easy for them and they may feel anxious or rushed.
3. Some children are embarrassed when everyone's attention is drawn to them. Being on time means that they are not an unexpected center of attention.

While we recognize that some absenteeism is inevitable for various reasons, we strive to monitor the school attendance records to ensure all students receive the maximum benefits and opportunities an education has to offer. **In response, attendance and tardy letters will be mailed out at midterm and quarter breaks to keep parents informed.**

Future SFO Advisory Meetings

January 26 @ 8:00 am

March 27 @ 2:00 pm