

WHPA/Booster Club Meeting Notes – October 2, 2024

Dr. Corinna Crafton-Head of School:

- Letter about elections recently sent out. Team of faculty and staff to plan activities that are developmentally appropriate . ex: Upper school-learn to engage in the election. Branches of government, who elects the president, etc. Some of the students in upper school are able to vote in this election. Middle school-a little different, more about student government, student council, taking the lead with teachers and practicing the elements of governance in leadership. Kindness and leadership is very important. Fun and thoughtful activities to learn about politics.
- DEIB sub-committee, invitation sent out to take part in the new DEIB subcommittee, action to be part of small teams(students, parents, alums, faculty and staff). Inquiry invitation form for interest to be part of it has been sent out. This is for all divisions.
- Lastly, accreditation ceremony on November 14, 2024. What it is? NJIS-the association in which WH belongs to, visits us every 10 years, for 3 full days. In the middle (5 years) they come back for a day. They meet with everyone within the school. We also encourage a group of parents from all divisions to come in and meet with them, request form will be sent out if interested.

Mr. Gonnella-Director of Admission:

- Great turn out at the new parent reception, new faces joined our community.
- Open house on October 19, 2024, for new admissions and interest.

Mrs. Rogers-Middle School Head:

- 70% of the families from middle school attended back to school night, great turn out.
- Spirit week was celebrated great throughout all divisions, everyone took part which was great.
- First dance of the year on October 18, 2024. 6:30-8:30. DJ, Snacks, fun!
- Parent reception, same evening, same time.

Shakti Jha-WHPA President:

Lower School updates:

- 3rd and 4th graders—8:30am, fall fair soccer game.
- Halloween-starting to plan, will inform details soon!
- Upper school-theater show on Nov. 8 & 9, Bank of Violets, it's a play and musical, a "playsical". Ticket info will be out soon!

- Middle school will be doing SpongeBob in late November, details to follow.

Both WHPA and Booster Club will be joint this year. Booster Club executive board members by voting.

President: Shakti Jha

Booster club middle school- Andrea Lawson

Booster club upper school vice president- Jessica Nichols

Booster club treasurer- Janelle Rodriguez

Booster club social media coordinator- Kerry O'Neill

- Hot topics to be discussed in our evening meetings, if you would like to speak, have a speaker you would like to bring in, or have a topic you would like us to address please let us know. Next meeting is November 7.

Ms. Leonard-Lower School Head:

- Everyone is welcome to join Lower School assemblies every Friday, great way to start your Friday!
- Coffee and conversation for lower school, Thursday-October 10, 8:30-9am with Ms. Leonard, topic: responsive classroom character development approach, experience a morning meeting, what it means to be a community member and a friend!