

WHPA/Booster Club Meeting Notes – November 7, 2024

Dr. Crafton-Head of School:

Dr. Crafton will be hosting Parent reception at the Hill House before the US and the MS Winter concerts. Details to come.

Election committees were created, and different activities occurred throughout the Lower, Middle, and Upper School.

Please review the school calendar as there are many upcoming events through to Winter Break.

Nov. 18 – Athletic dept info session

Dec. 10 – Performing arts info session

DEIB parent volunteers: Andrea Lawson and Seema Patel

3rd week of this month Dr. Crafton traveling to California to share information about W+H at an independent school event

Dr. Bowman-Upper School Head:

Bank of Violets: showtime is 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 11/8/2024 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, 11/9/2024– This is the NJ premiere of the show.

Sporting event at 2 p.m. Friday 11/8/2024 – State soccer game

Upper school Coffee and Conversation Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom and will be recorded: AP exams. Dept heads and college counselors will be present.

Model UN Empire conference at NYU from Thursday, Nov. 14 – Sunday, Nov. 17. The students led two days of in-house model UN conferences in Oakwood Room to prepare for NYU event.

College office: 42 seniors sent 220 applications for early decision. There were 100-120 letters written by our teachers and over 60 letters written by our college counselors. Shout out for amazing job!

Jayson Daniels-Director of Development:

W+H Annual Fund: Thank you to all who have contributed and those who will. All the funds go to school improvements and offerings. Tuition does not cover all activities and the fund assists to fill those gaps.

Jackie Oladeji (Lower School):

Thank you to all volunteers for a successful Halloween and amazing Trunk or Treat Grade level parent get togethers have taken place.

Guest author is coming to read in Friday assembly. Parents are welcome to all assemblies.

Friendsgiving details will be shared soon.

WHPA was able to donate \$1,100 worth of books to the library. Thank you to all who participated in the book sale to make this donation possible.

Cindy Williams (Middle School):

Oct. 18 was the first MS dance of the school year and we also held Parent Social in Oakwood room.

MS created book themed Trunk-or-Treat boxes and had a great time participating in the Halloween events.

Fall sports ended Oct. 30 and Winter sports start Nov. 12.

7th grade is currently on Philly trip, and 6th and 8th grade have been participating in STEM week for those who signed up to the afterschool program.

Youlin Tsai (Upper School):

Upper school parent social next Friday, Nov. 15 in Oakwood Room. Sign up genius will be emailed out this weekend with additional details.

Mr. Gonnella-Director of Admission:

Thank you to all Trunk-or-Treat participants

Lower, Middle and Upper school families: we invite you to attend upcoming opportunities to learn more about our school and the different offerings available

Athletic and Performing Arts information sessions also coming up

11/17/2024 – W+H Annual Gingerbread Event and WHPA Basket Raffle night

Virtual open houses – Nov 14, Dec 11, In-person info session will be in January 2025

Shakti Jha-WHPA/BC President:

Thanksgiving Pies and Sides – Orders due by Nov. 21 and pick up Nov. 25.

WHPA Basket Raffle – Please donate any items that you think would draw interest or matching the grade level themes. Ways to contribute: donate an item, gift card, cash, business products/services. Once baskets are created, tickets for the Basket Raffle will go on sale.

Hot Topic:

Mr. Romeo spoke about the Athletic department growing and introduced new girls' varsity basketball coach.

Meeting ended.