



**DASH Parent Association Meeting
October 9, 2024**

President's Message: Amy Roland/Stacey Lickteig

- Welcome, Prayer, Introductions

Secretary's Report: Jenny Batko

- Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2024 Approved
- If distribution lists for Volunteers are needed, reach out! (batkojennifer@gmail.com)

Treasurer's Report: Steph Guy

- No update

School Report: Dr. Hickman

- 20 Duchesne students and 8 adults attended the Chicago Network of the Sacred Heart summit. 520 in all attendees from 9 countries were represented. It was a powerful experience for attendees
- Sleepy Hollow Play – October 24th opening. Duchesne first high school to show this Nebraska written play
- Junior retreat was the 7th, service work
- Senior Night on October 8th for Sports was standing room only! Need a new gym...
- A Bold Step Forward Update, State of the Art Athletic Complex (<https://www.duchesneacademy.org/news-and-announcements/post-details/~board/academy-news-and-announcements/post/duchesne-breaks-ground-on-state-of-the-art-athletic-complex>)
 - Bi-Monthly meetings with MCL (contractor) and Architect
- Quarter ends on October 11th. Semester Grade Breakout: Q1=40%, Q2=40%, Final=20%. Grades posted on the parent portal on October 15th. Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment on October 17/18
- October 21st, Ms. Swanson hosting college application open house
- October 21st is Testing Day:
 - Freshman – ACT9, Sophomores – ACT10
 - Juniors will take practice ACT, Official ACT in March

Incoming Presidents-elect TBD

Event & Committee Reports: Amy Roland

Teacher Appreciation: Cathy Stidham, Lindsey Creath, Micki Taylor, Candice Towey

- Venmo is on its way! Conference lunch and breakfast planned and within budget

Mother/Daughter: Colette Martin, Jenni Ruddersdorf

- November 10th. Mass at 11:00, Brunch Field Club at Noon. An email Q&A for Freshman parents is being drafted for distribution

Father/Daughter: Kirsten Caskey

- January 12th NEW date, moved due to Super Bowl. Father/Daughter Four Square Line Dancing at Bushwackers, more details to come

Parent Event Masses: Megann Sauer

- No update

Parent Book Club: Kelly Gering

- No update

Student Fun Lunches: Meghan Schlattmann

- In the past we had student fun lunches but now not needed as much with lunch changes. Brainstorming on doing some fun snacks, more details and dates to come

Cardinal Parent Partnership: Julie Peterson, Anna Lee Welch

- Mentors reached out to mentees. Brainstorming different ways to make meaningful connections

Baccalaureate Dinner: Kate Brownrigg

- No update

Graduation Reception: Diane Kohout

- No update, more to come after the first of the year

Used Uniform Sales: Janna Drickey, Cathy Focht

- No update

Facebook Parent Page: Cathy Stidham

- Cathy can post any news/events on Facebook, email her with requests (castidham@msn.com)

Class Updates

Freshman A'28 Class Representative: Tami Tran

- Building community
- Managing quarter stress, continuing to learn how to do high school!
- Class leaders (president, vice president, four leaders) to be selected via voting
- Very involved group

Sophomore A'27 Class Representative: Katie Sewell

- Homecoming was fun!
- Active group
- Preparing for Mater
- Zoo academy application, see Burt Street News

Junior A'26 Class Representative: Katy Pogranicy

- Homecoming planned
- Senior night planned by Juniors went well
- Selected Prom committee and will start meeting

Senior A'25 Class Representative: Shaina Pearson

- Class picture on October 10th on historic corner steps
- First Quarter ends on October 11th and college application process generating some stress
- ... speaking of which, the November 1st deadline is approaching, teachers are aware of stress on Seniors especially and approach accordingly, with grace. A little extra love for Seniors during this time!

Open Forum

Focus Topic/Potential New Committee: Katie Sewell

- Committee will explore the impact of technology. How can we mitigate “costs” of technology? How can we create awareness and responsibility?
- Katie will be forming a committee, reach out if interested in participating (katieesewell@yahoo.com)
- Duchesne has an agreement with The Social Institute (<https://thesocialinstitute.com/>) to assist with educating parents on Technology and how Duchesne can best get information to families. In addition to providing curriculum for all parents, the Freshman class will be the first student group to be targeted. Look for a separate Zoom meeting to be scheduled via Burt Street News to learn more! Will be looking for a dedicated group of parents to assist with curriculum development.

Other?

- Children of Mary (<https://www.duchesneacademy.org/alumnae/children-of-mary>) meetings are on the first Friday of every month. 10:30 Mass, 11:15 Speaker

Adjournment: 1:00 PM

Next Parent Association Meeting:

Wednesday, November 13th

Noon at Duchesne

All are welcome!