



**DASH Parent Association Meeting  
September 11, 2024**

**President's Message:** Amy Roland/Stacey Lickteig

- Welcome, Prayer, Introductions
- Focus this year is Teacher Appreciation, Student Experience and Recruiting
- Honoring one hour meeting time limit to be respectful of attendee time. Overflow conversations will be addressed at committee meetings

**Secretary's Report:** Jenny Batko

- If distribution lists for Volunteers are needed, reach out! (batkojennifer@gmail.com)

**Treasurer's Report:** Steph Guy

- Reference "Duchesne Parent Association Board Treasurer Report" below for details
- Also below, "Duchesne Parent Association Reimbursement Form"
- If purchases are made on behalf of the PTA, Erin Bartolomei ([ebartolomei@duchesneacademy.org](mailto:ebartolomei@duchesneacademy.org)) is a good contact for logistical questions (Amazon account information, Tax Exempt number, Catering Invoice instructions, Cards for certain stores on hand, etc.)

**School Report:** Dr. Hickman

- Great attendance! Explore larger space for future meetings
- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools this year
  - September 18<sup>th</sup>: Network of Sacred Heart Prayer Service via Zoom to celebrate anniversary
- September 13<sup>th</sup>: All teachers in the archdiocese are participating in a wellness symposium focusing on mental health
- Homecoming Week (September 23-29): Attire for Dance on the 28<sup>th</sup> does not need to be formal, casual attire appropriate!
- 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>)
  - September 12<sup>th</sup>, ceremonial groundbreaking. Actual groundbreaking at the end of the month to begin construction on 1,200-person gym with

- upper track, weight training and new commons including new student entrance (lunch/collab space)
- Soccer field will be construction site for two years. An alternative plan in place for Soccer and Lacrosse – seasons will not be impacted! \*Tennis NOT impacted
- Preschool playground will be relocated to north-end of soccer field along with safety plan (two layers of fences)
- Working to limit distraction of construction (parking, school day, etc.)
- Venmo for Parent Association is in the works! Website and Go Fan will still be used for most payments but Venmo will be a good option for miscellaneous donations and provide better tracking

### **Incoming Presidents-elect TBD**

#### **Event & Committee Reports:** Amy Roland

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

- Looking for ways to make delivery easier for Conference lunches
- Exploring fun ways to show appreciation throughout the year (examples: Valentine's Day, Pie Day, Birthday, coffee cart, contests with student body)

#### **Mother/Daughter:** Colette Martin, Jenni Ruddersdorf

- November 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 11:00, Brunch Field Club at noon, photobooth, art project, working on speaker, tickets will be about \$35 – includes everything

#### **Father/Daughter:** Kirsten Caskey

- February 9<sup>th</sup>, moved from the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Kirsten (kirstencaskey@gmail.com) with any feedback. Currently reviewing date – might adjust again due to Super Bowl, keep an eye out

#### **Parent Event Masses:** Megann Sauer

- No update

#### **Parent Book Club:** Kelly Gering

- Meet quarterly
- Goal of group is to bring parents together and talk about topics that impact daughters
- Book: Anxious Generation by Jonathan Hait. Mental health topic
- Kelly's Ask: Difficult for people to attend at night. Kelly would like feedback and input from group on time/place/environment on how to increase attendance (kellypeace@cox.net)

#### **Student Fun Lunches:** Meghan Schlattmann

- No update, evolving role

**Cardinal Parent Partnership:** Julie Peterson, Anna Lee Welch

- Successful ice cream social for mentor/mentee families
- Next connection points with Freshman families will be 1) Conferences and 2) Mother/Daughter Event

**Baccalaureate Dinner:** Kate Brownrigg

- May 21<sup>st</sup>, New location – Ballroom at Creighton. More to come.

**Graduation Reception:** Diane Kohout

- No update

**Used Uniform Sales:** Janna Drickey, Cathy Focht

- No update

**Facebook Parent Page:** Cathy Stidham Class Updates

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

**Freshman A'28 Class Representative:** Tami Tran

- Off to a great start! Respectful and involved. Fabulous young women!
- Freshman retreat went well
- First group to participate in Mes Amies!

**Sophomore A'27 Class Representative:** Katie Sewell

- Going well!
- First unit test this week
- Preparing for Mater
- Great club and activity participation
- Collecting 6,000 diapers for Christ Child

**Junior A'26 Class Representative:** Katy Pogranicy

- Involved group, founded a new club – Cinema Club!
- Accepting applications for student-led prom committee
- Class rings – more to come in October

**Senior A'25 Class Representative:** Shaina Pearson

- Fun group, great leadership!
- Information on graduation announcements, caps/gowns, etc. provided at September 12<sup>th</sup> Class Meetings. Ms. Becker will send follow up information to parents
- October Class Meeting – verify spelling on diploma
- Working on college essays

## **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

## **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, October 9th**

**Noon at Duchesne**

**All are welcome!**

# Duchesne Parent Association Board Treasurer Report

Date: September 11, 2024

## Summary:

Estimated Income This Year = \$17,350 (student fees, M/D event, F/D event, Used Uniform Sale

Estimated Expenses This Year = \$19,260 (Emory Fund Reimbursement, Conge Donation, M/D Event, Girls State Support, F/D Event, PT Conference Lunches (Oct & Feb), Teacher Birthday Gifts, Teacher Appreciation Surprises, April Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Gifts, Community Day Support, Baccalaureate Dinner, Graduation Reception, end of year PAB lunch, Hurtz Donuts)

The estimated negative balance is okay at this time because we carried over money from last year (we were not charged for the bowling alley and Erin did not transfer the community day money). We are in very good shape. At this time, we are not planning to collect for Parent Appreciation or PT Lunches (with the exception of asking for cookies/desserts). We are going to cover it with PAB income.

## Upcoming Expenditures:

PT Conferences in October

M/D Event in November

## Notes:

Submit for reimbursement using the form. Email to myself and Erin B.

Duchesne is Tax Exempt so purchasing things through Erin is acceptable, just let me know so I account for it in the budget.

Steph Guy [Stephguy33@gmail.com](mailto:Stephguy33@gmail.com) or 402-957-5896



## Duchesne Parent Association Reimbursement Form Committee /

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Fun Lunch, Graduation Reception, Teacher Appreciation, etc)

Committee Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to (please write legibly):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number, in case of questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Itemized Expenses:

Date	Description of Expense (store name, items purchased)	Amount
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

**Please email CLEAR pictures of this form and the invoices/receipts to the Parent Association Treasurer & Accounting Associate:**

Steph Guy (402-957-5896)...[stephguy33@gmail.com](mailto:stephguy33@gmail.com)

Erin Bartolomei (402.810.997314) [ebartolomei@duchesneacademy.org](mailto:ebartolomei@duchesneacademy.org)

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Date Paid	
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**PLEASE DO NOT** mail to, or drop this form off at DUCHESNE. Email is best so both Erin and Treasurer can see it.