PAPA Meeting September 24th, 2025

Intros
Welcome from Amy Smucker
Recaps
Welcome Calls:

- Some families had specific questions, which were forwarded to admin etc.

Welcome Events/Registration Days:

- All went well, smoother than last year
- Better communication with day student parents re: timing of return to campus from Wilderness Orientation

*****lots of meeting discussion about how new families find out about potentially borrowing stuff for Wilderness Orientation: consider in **MAY** a plan– not just targeted to certain families who may need help. And consider having a loaner/used area for supplies. **Talk with Admissions.**

Fall Newsletter

- Lots of sign ups since published. >120 families completed the PAPA Interest form to receive information on events they may be interested in helping with this year.

Parent Partners with Class Deans

- Mentioned in Newsletter, some sign ups already
- 2 per class

*****lots of discussion about how new families get information*****
Who do they "bother"? Can we have a group chat? Who are the Deans and what do they do?

- Debbie reiterated that no staff or parent is ever bothered! Please reach out. Advisors, Debbie (Parent Liaison), PAPA Steering Committee members, etc. are all available.
- Facebook group is maybe under utilized
- **Need to repost info** in email re Deans, communication etc.
- How else to improve?

Parent Giving/Fall Auction/Golf

- Tracey reviewed Feb Giving Day, Fall Auction etc.
- 55 auction items so far – we are still looking for/accepting items
- Golf sign ups great, supports scholarships

Fall Family Weekend (10/16-10/18)

- Lots awaiting sign ups until after conference schedules come out

Halloween (10/25)

- Wish list is public
- Will need decorating volunteers

Open House (10/25)

Faculty/Staff Appreciation

- Notes either emailed or mailed
- Sign up for less visible roles

Exam week snacks

- Granola buffet on the Tuesday of exam week

Adopt A Team

- Many all set with parents, committee members on it
- Reviewed what it means, recommendations for how to support teams

Events Committee

- Met after to select leaders for upcoming events