

McDonogh Parents Association
Upper School Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018
8:30 am

Welcome and Introductions: Jill Eisner, Chair
Kristin Henry, Assistant Chair

Speaker: Alice Margraff, Director of College Counselling
Sophomore college program starts this Sunday. They have their college counselors (mainly divided by advisory groups); individual meetings start in March for Sophomores; Juniors have started working on case studies/school ideas. Parent and students should have filled out questionnaires. Juniors work on college essay and interviews in English classes. Seniors submitting last of applications and others have already heard and decided. Please come meet if you have any questions at anytime about course selection, athletic recruiting, financial applications/scholarships, etc. Standardized testing is happening (ACT/SAT pretest Soph year) and some are making decision not to take tests/prep (1000 schools now are test optional). There is free test prep with Khan Academy. McD counseling department still deciding about software updates. There is a new program called SCORE maybe used instead of Naviance. Colleges use SLATE and that might be better. PreAct test is Feb 25th. It can be taken at home and submitted to Capital Educators. Subject tests are required for some schools and ideally want to submit if 700 or more; often take Math, US History, Literature and some foreign languages. Program for women and sciences will be hosted in April, more information will come. Demonstrated interest is becoming more important to colleges when visiting, sign in to the registration area.

MPA Updates: Randi Hyatt, MPA Chair
Erika Davies, MPA Assistant Chair

March 24th - all parent event; looking for volunteers and attendance; future information coming; on campus, whole school

Parent Relations: Ann Fleming, Director of Advancement Services and Parent Relations
March/April Jen Little will be taking over the parent's association

All School Committees:

After Prom: Debbie Thacker - June 5th PROM and after prom venue is 10:30pm-3am for 350-400 kids, possibly at Dave and Busters in White Marsh; volunteer meeting Feb 1st at 8:45am at Mullan Board Room, please come out, open positions for next year are Treasurer, registration packaging, and bingo leaders (would love to have shadowing this year)

MPA Parent Ambassador: Maureen Roden - no updates

Parenting Education: Judy Yu - keep eyes out through parent news and emails for McDonogh and other school info

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Used Uniform: Pam Foresman- if you have any uniforms, please give them to Mrs. Waskey/ front office in Allan Building as you are cleaning out, especially if you have white pants; next sale tbd, if you are in need of clothes soon, you can email Pam

Teacher Coffee Bar: Jill Bloom February 8th, 7-9am; need 1-2 volunteers, contact jillbloom@comcast.net; set up outside Horn Theater, can bring in baked goods if interested

Student Treat (Snowballs): Jill Bloom May 3, need 1-2 volunteers

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Spring): Kristin Henry - April 19th , Thursday ; Contract signed with Koopers Food Truck for 11:30am -1:00pm. Please see google doc to assist and donate items even if you can't attend. Thank you in advance for all of your help. The teachers really appreciate this!
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fLbRV_bEJ3ofFm6h4ntl90Npu5AnQOS_wFDVGjfgl58/edit

Parent Class Liaisons- thank you to Laura McManus (9th), Erin Coudon (10th), Randi Hertzberg (11th), and Jill Bers (12th)

We are looking for Vice Chair US MPA for 2018-19 to start in April with transitions -please contact at henryfamily5@mac.com if interested

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13th