

**McDonogh Parents Association**  
**Upper School Meeting Agenda**  
**October 10th, 2017**  
**8:30 am**

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

**Upper School Update:** Merritt Livermore, Head of Upper School- first US McD admissions visit day was today; 2-3 visits per week until Jan (200 + guests); Freshman Day of Service with 2nd graders tomorrow; Junior/Soph have PSAT tomorrow; Senior Nov 1st big deadline for College applications; Day off school for Seniors tomorrow to help with college apps; upcoming spirit week for McD vs Gilman; Gordon Braxton speaker for juniors and seniors spoke about sexual assault and preventing violence and empathy

**Speaker:** Janet Braun, Food Service Director, Sage Dining McDonogh School- She stated that Sage is private dining service; New App called "Sage Dining Services" or under McDonogh website "parents and students" link which gives daily menu, allergies, and nutritional information; "S003" is code if needed for students and approved by adults for nutritional information only; avg 750 people fed at lunchtime; Upper School given 2 options for lunch; Boarders are getting additional new "kids" item; Vegetarian option available every day (beans, wheats, barley, etc on salad bar); fish taken off menu by overwhelming request by upper school; Peanut Butter is no longer available- it was replaced with "wow" butter and "sun-butter"- please try it from lunchroom located near toasters anytime; best way to give feedback is email [jb Braun@mcDonogh.org](mailto:jb Braun@mcDonogh.org); or [jb Braun@sage.com](mailto:jb Braun@sage.com); 4 week cycle on menu; buy local food (Roots and MD/ PA markets) as much as possible and freshly cooked- sometimes makes for longer waits; parents can come in at lunchtime anytime; everything in Brass Eagle is made fresh by Sage

**All School Committees:**

**After Prom:** Debbie Thacker - Bake Sale at McD vs Gilman Nov 4th at 5pm; Debbie will get back in touch about location drop off; popcorn, cookies, chocolate dip pretzels, etc; pre packaged before delivery to be sold for \$1 each; sold near alumni tent

**Charleston Wrap:** Stacey Mannes- deadline extended to Oct 16th; If fill out paper form and shipped to school there is free shipping

**MPA Parent Ambassador:** Maureen Roden- ambassadors started today to meet prospective; Oct 29th; still need 8 volunteers; please email Maureen at [mmroden@icloud.com](mailto:mmroden@icloud.com)

**Parenting Education:** Judy Yu- McDonogh website on "parents and students" upcoming events to parenting education page; upcoming Screenagers: Growing Up in Digital Age; other schools have posted their events open to all McD parents and student Nov 16th; Nov 27th Understanding Gender Identity and Expression

**NYC Trip:** Shanae Walker- Wed Nov 15th; please mail Shanae check made out to McDonogh Parent's Association

**Upper School Committees:**

**College Rep Bags:** Jen Kirol- no change  
**Junior Pin:** Randi Hertzberg and Sari Alperstein- Oct 1st; went very well; thank you to all who assisted; should advertise more to parents about the ceremony; some recommend bringing siblings to see what they have to look forward to  
**Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Fall):** Dana DiCarlo - if interested please email or call her  
**Used Uniform:** Pam Foresman  
**Parent Get Togethers:** Krissie Verbic- Sophomore completed; Fresh and Juniors soon; Senior date to be decided in Spring  
**Teacher Coffee Bar:** Jill Bloom -no update  
**Student Treat (Snowballs):** Jill Bloom -no update  
**Teacher Appreciation Spring Luncheon:** Kristin Henry- probable food truck. Please email at [henryfamily5@mac.com](mailto:henryfamily5@mac.com) if interested in helping. Will need desserts, papers supplies, and drinks

### **For Discussion:**

Parent Only Event in February - ideas and volunteers- planned for February 24th; any volunteers are welcome; any ideas please send to Jill E [eisner.jill@gmail.com](mailto:eisner.jill@gmail.com); the event will be on campus and probably at night  
Upcoming Speaker/Topic Ideas of interest- Request for Kevin Costa with Life Ready/ LifeWorks curriculum  
Roots Update- Sharon Hood at Roots- Kristin H gave update on Sharon's behalf- there are clean up days upcoming including alumni ; she loves any assistance for ½ hour- multiple hours; students can receive community service hours available on weekends; plan is to have goats and sheep with possible culinary school; coordination with American Indian Reservation; Sage and Linwoods buys food from Roots; please email [SHood@mcdonogh.org](mailto:SHood@mcdonogh.org)  
Ann Fleming- new role, will be working with us through end of year; looking for new Parent's association position currently looking; we will miss her dearly  
Annual McDonogh Fund- Development/ Lea Ward - 75% by 75th day of school which is Dec 13th; there is a group of families matching the gifts; pledge only needed by Dec 13th to be paid by end of year; can be pledged online or send to Ann Fleming challenge

### **Upcoming Events and Save the Dates:**

October 11: Freshman Parent Program, 7:00 pm  
October 14th: Junior Parent Get-together, hosted by Eileen and Andy Mutch  
October 20-22: Addams Family Play/Musical  
Sunday, October 29: Upper School Open House, 3:00-5:00 pm  
November 1: Two Hour Delay for Faculty Professional Development  
November 8: Freshman/Senior Hundred's Dinner, 6:30  
November 15: NYC Bus trip

### **Next US meeting**

**November 14th, 8:30 am Mullan Board Room**

Guest Speaker is **Kevin Costa**, *Director of Innovation and Learning*. Mr. Costa will discuss McDonogh's curriculum and Life Ready Program (Please submit any questions in advance to Jill Eisner at [eisner.jill@gmail.com](mailto:eisner.jill@gmail.com) or feel free to ask in person at our next meeting)