

**John Carroll Catholic High School**  
**PTO Board Meeting**  
**September 19, 2018 – 6:15 PM**  
**John Carroll**

John Carroll Catholic High School is a Catholic school that calls its students, faculty, and parents into active partnership for learning. We value the development of the whole person through spiritual growth, academics, the arts, athletics, and discipline in the context of a Christ-centered environment. Together, we strive to deepen our sense of conviction that our faith in God can bring about a just world. *Pro Deo et Patria*

**\*Welcome & Opening Prayer** (Erin Vicinanza/Dr. Montalto)

**\*Approval of Past Minutes** (Lorrie Steele)

- May minutes approved

**\*Principal's Report** (Dr. Anthony Montalto)

- Homecoming—the kids did a great job decorating. Pep rally will be Friday (9/21) at 2:30. Game will be against Woodlawn. There will be an alumni tent.
- JCCHS is getting involved in Sports Leader—the is a group for fellowship of Catholic/Christian athletes
- JC now has 4 new 14 passenger buses. Had to get rid of the vans due a rule about vans and rollovers. The new buses are on lease-to-own. Hope to also purchase 2 yellow buses—waiting on Jefferson County to approve sale.
- Parents should be award of new item kids are using. It is called a “juul”. Looks like a jump drive but is a kind of e-cigarette and they are becoming very popular with the kids.
- Please email Dr. Montalto if you ever have any problems or questions. Appreciates emails with questions, concerns, etc.
- School security—there was an incident at the Freshman Retreat. It was dealt with. Parents will be notified if there is ever a real threat to safety of students.
- Safety measures in place: the back gate is locked from 8:30-2:30, hall passes are used by students, visitor passes for visitors, there are alarms on certain doors, School Resource Officer will be at all major school events.
- JCCHS will have a full-time resource office beginning October 1.
- Reinforce: cell phone rules, be at school on time, don't sit in car upon arrival at school, follow dress code.
- Be aware that the emails that are sent when a student is absent are computer generated—you may receive one even if it is an excused absence.
- HC Dance 8:00-10:00 PM on 9/22/18.
- New carpet being installed in auditorium.

**\*President's Report** (Erin Vicinanza)

- Erin thanked those present for the large turn out for this meeting.
- PTO is looking at a possible fundraiser (Boston Butt sale) in November.
- Communication: PTO is starting a monthly newsletter beginning in October.
- Please email if you have any questions for the PTO.
- We are very excited about the new year.

**\*Finance Report** (Debbie Lancaster)

- PTO currently has \$31,878.45 in bank account.
- Expenses paid out so far for 2018-2019 school year include food for Open House, food for speaker, hospitality expenses, and milestones for teachers.
- Debbie recommends voting tonight to automatically transfer all funds over \$30,000 to the school in May or June 2019. (Those present voted and this was approved).

**\*Committee Reports**

- Spiritual Life (Beth Matthews)
  - Adoration: First Friday of each month, SignUpGenius available to sign up for time slots.
  - Hoping to encourage participation in 40 Days for Life in Birmingham.
  - Her Choice—they have a banquet on 10/30 and come of the JCCHS Ambassadors will help with that banquet.
  - November 15—there will be a social after the school mass for parents with coffee and light refreshments.
- Volunteers (Cindy Coyle)
  - We have about 50 people signed up to be on committees.
  - Contact Cindy if you would like to sign up for a committee.
- Hospitality (Lauren Elliott)
  - Provided Back-to-School lunch for teachers.
  - Provided snacks for Open House
  - Will provide food for the College Night representatives and dinner for the Ambassadors that work at this event.
  - Will provide Thanksgiving lunch for teachers.
- Band Boosters (Cynthia Martinez)
  - Dr. Mark Foster has joined the JCCHS family as new band director. He comes from Mountain Brook with 29 years of teaching experience. He is trying to grow and improve the band program by visiting the feeder schools and holding music classes for 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in joining band next year.
  - Band doing great with new marching program.
  - Band is in need of funds for instrument repairs and cases that need to be replaced. Also need to replace many percussion instruments. Dr. Foster is working on a list of items and approximate costs. Hope to present list at next PTO meeting.
  - Band parents are working on potential fundraisers.
  - Dr. Foster is a member of the Superjazz Big Band. This band will be performing at JCCHS on Sunday, September 23 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

- Teachers Report (Sarah Tarbox)
  - HC—kids did a great job decorating the halls.
  - The homecoming dress-up days have been fun.
  - Pep rally on 9/21.
  - Mr. Bouton will have Alumni Tent set up at football game.
  - Progress Reports going out soon—kids have until Oct. 11 to pull up grades.
  - Freshman Retreat was fun. Sophomore Retreat coming up in October.
  - Faculty had a good in-service on Sept. 14.
  - Kairos will be Oct. 2-5.
  - Junior Field trip will be 9/27.
  - Academies are doing cool things. Field trips coming up. Social Justice—big push for recycling in school.
- Carrollights (Kara Barlow)
  - Date will be March 16, 2019 at JCCHS.
  - This is the only parent-led fundraiser.
  - New ideas coming. Need help and more ideas.
  - Auction items are needed.
  - Need parents to help find corporate sponsors.
  - Need to involve alumni.
- Athletic Boosters (Emery Harris)
  - Football: very young teams. Will struggle this year but future is bright. Be supportive and support the team and parents.
  - Volleyball: we are playing in 7A this year. It will be difficult as well. Lots of talent. Support and encourage them.
  - Cheer: Going very well. Tina doing a great job with the girls.
  - Dance: About to enter competition part of the season where they will prepare for competitions in Jan. and Feb. Amy very excited about choreographers. Having second audition next weekend. Dance has also been working closely with Dr. Foster.
  - Lacrosse: Coach Steele working closely with Lacrosse board to help find a replacement for Coach Goska.
  - Green & White: very successful with large turnout.
  - Gym Banners: have been hung in the gym.
  - Mattress Sale Fundraiser: believe we will be somewhere close to last year at \$5000. Hope to promote more next year.

- Field Camera: We are in the process of installing the field camera for stadium and it will work like the camera in the gym utilizing NFHS. NFHS is \$9.95/month to livestream or you can watch events free the next day.
- AEDs: Dr. Montalto and Coach Steele identified the need and placed new AEDs around the sports facilities.
- Booster Board: All positions are filled except volleyball—hope to have that filled by next week. Emery rolling off as president at the end of this school year. Need fresh ideas and volunteers—please send our way.
- Mascot Media: this app provides our scores, schedules, etc.

#### New Business

- See Finance Report above.

#### Next Meeting

- October 17, 2018 at 6:16 pm in the library.

#### Closing Prayer