

**Holy Spirit School (HSS) Parent-School Association (PSA) Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022 at 6 PM**

Call to Order

- We called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Mrs. Collins led the opening prayer.
- We approved the June meeting minutes. (Motion: Mrs. Ayala, Second: Mrs. DiGiorgi)

2022-23 Draft Calendar of Events

Planned Events

- Used Uniform Sales: We held two uniform sales this school year. The next sale will occur in the spring. (Date TBD)
 - *Note: We are only able to accept donations for items that are part of the new uniform. We also accept gently worn shoes.*
- Dine-to-Donate: Thank you to Mrs. Leverone for coordinating these events. The next event is at Panera on Wednesday, October 26th from 4 – 8 PM. A Duck Donuts fundraiser is also in the works. If you have ideas for Dine-to-Donate venues, please contact Mrs. Leverone (kleverone@hsseg.com) or psa@hsseg.com.
- Race for Holy Spirit School: This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, **AND WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!**
 - The race is on Thursday, October 20th. The rain date is Friday, October 21st.
 - We are encouraging a color run this year. PK students run the loop in the lower parking lot. Elementary and middle school students run the neighborhood loop.
 - We will use PledgeStar to help families raise funds. (More information to follow.)
 - We are searching for someone to coordinate the fundraiser. We also need LOTS of help with a variety of tasks leading up to, during, and after race day. Please contact psa@hsseg.com as soon as possible if you can help.
 - *Note: Please see the [Sign Up Genius](#) for volunteer needs.*

New Proposals for 2022-23

- Mrs. Ayala proposed a BBQ fundraiser, sponsored by *My Place* in Schodack. She will share more information at a future meeting.
- Mrs. Ayala proposed a Thanksgiving dessert fundraiser, sponsored by *Windy Hill Orchard* in Schodack. Families can pre-order fresh pies to pick up on the last school day before Thanksgiving. She will share more information at a future meeting.
- Mrs. DiGiorgi proposed a Gingerbread House Decorating Night/Christmas Wreath Raffle at HSS. She will share more information at a future meeting.
- Mrs. Bogdanowicz proposed opportunities to partner with the Rensselaer Elks Club. We appreciate their continued investment in our school community.
- Mrs. Collins proposed a Family Liturgy Dinner/Breakfast to build our school community and help new families feel more connected. She also heard there is interest in another snow tubing event, with an earlier and/or staggered start time for younger students.

Volunteer Approval Process

- To volunteer in the presence of students, please complete the Diocese's requirements found on the HSS [website](#). This includes online trainings and a background check.

Pizza Fridays

- Each Friday, students can purchase slices of pizza for \$2 each that will be delivered to school from *Elias Pizza*. Juice boxes will also be provided. Please note students should pack a snack and a water bottle.

Open Forum

- Please like and share Holy Spirit School's [Facebook](#) page! Please consider leaving a review.
- The PSA Board will explore offering childcare at future PSA meetings.
- We are so excited to start the year without COVID restrictions and to build our school community. We encourage all community members to build a relationship with another family. If you need help getting connected, please contact the psa@hsseg.com!

Closing Prayer

- Mrs. Balmer led the closing prayer and we adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Holy Spirit School PSA Advisory Board

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