

SHS PTSA Committee Reports for September 2006

Yahoo Report

Here's a report from the YaHoo! Lady....we're up and going with a new format and **COLOR!**

We have signed up lots of new members and are hoping word of mouth will get even more members joining. Please pass the information along to your friends and neighbors and remember the deadline for getting in YaHoo is Thursday at 5pm for a Friday posting. YaHoo!

diana

Character Education Committee Report

The 2006-2007 Character Education program will begin in September with faculty nominating students for "Responsibility." Last year, a total of 500 students were recognized throughout the year. At 8:00 am. on the first Wednesday of each month, we meet in the faculty lounge to attach the teacher nomination to a special treat for each student. If you have a business contact that would like to provide coupons for food or services to these deserving students, please let me know. If you have a talent for using a hole punch and/or tying a ribbon while talking with other parents – you would be an excellent addition to the Character Education team! If you are looking for a low-stress, minimal-time-commitment Committee to Chair, let me know.

Gay Brothers

Coffee Chat Report

1st Coffee Chat will be held on September 22 @ 8:00am here at SHS. Ms Moore will be our first speaker. Coffee provided and SHS spirit door prizes.

Virginia Boyle

Reflections Committee Report

- The deadline for turning in entries for Reflections at Sanderson is November 30.
- Mr. Green has agreed to have Spartan Productions produce a short video to spark interest in the contest.
- We need to obtain the entry forms/official rules to distribute to interested students but they do not appear to be available yet.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Dove

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Candy Machine Report

The candy machine is still Out of Order. The service man from Carolina Vending has been out 2 times and is now conferring with other service folks to get ideas for the next step. The first visit was approx \$140; the second visit fee is less, approx. \$30. He thinks the next step is to remove the main control board and send it off for repairs which will be approx. \$100.

I'll keep you posted on the progress.

Thanks,
Nancy Walker

Membership Report

For membership, so far we have sold 258 memberships (195 parents, 3 faculty/staff and 60 students).

We have collected \$1806 for membership and \$924 in donations, for a total of \$2730.

We will be collecting memberships at the 'Meet the Teacher' night and I could use some more volunteers.

Also, I have received about 25% of the total through the mail. so we will continue to have the membership form in the newsletter.

Thanks,
Tess

The Lifesaver Award program

The Lifesaver Award program is up and running. All the teachers received a flier with info on the program and the first faculty meeting will be on the 11th of Sept. If there are enough awards filled out then gift cards will be given at that meeting. If not the first group of awards will be distributed in Oct. I have to check the bulletin board to see as I was away for a family emergency last week.

Pam Koretsky

SHS Directory - Colleen Remein

Opt out form went out in the newsletter last week. I have contacted Lyn Carlisle who directed me to Jeannette Stevenson. Ms. Stevenson will ask her students next Tues. Sept. 12 to submit art work for the cover of the directory.

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Programs- Colleen Remein

Results from the 12 surveys returned are recorded below.

PTSA Programs Survey Results

6 - “Alive at 25” - 4 hour small group defensive driving class for students who have their drivers license. This would be done by Matt Thompson of the NC Health and Safety Council

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9 - School Wide “Alive at 25” day long program (as was done at Wakefield) include Irma Reeves program, cover defensive driving at this time.

8 - Program unique to grade level - suggestions: Looking for the right college with your student, adjusting to high school (for freshmen parents) also outline and stress the importance of grades for Freshman. Sophomore parents - what is happening in your child's life (normal development), dealing with peer pressure and developing social skills (esp for girls), College choices - Honors vs AP courses, admission requirements, Differences between ACT and SAT; when best to take

5 - Dr. Wilkie Wilson returns to educate us on Brain Health and teach parents ways to talk with their teenager about effects of drug and alcohol use on the teenage brain. Ask him to speak to the students this time

1 - Wake County Rep. from child nutrition services, Marilyn Moody, presenting the new Wellness Policy -Include Cafeteria representative, present at a PTSA meeting
Other Ideas:

- Repeat program for students interested in playing sports in college
- towards the end of the year teachers give feedback on Tues. AM meetings to parents
- Parenting Teens - workshop concerning development of teens, guidance strategies, balancing limit setting and ways to "let go"
- Writing workshop offered to all Jr/Sr's for preparation of college essays. (this was done in the past)
- Explanation of how the Drivers Ed program works
- Coffee Chats; Meet with guidance representatives
- The reality of the Internet for Teenagers (reviews of My Space, Face book, IM language, etc.)
- Suggestion of partnering with another high school to share cost and broaden participation

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We are considering a suggestion brought to us by Anne Brooks. Kristen Curtis (see information from e-mail below) had done a workshop at Cameron Village Library On Aug. 29th and Anne suggested we look into her availability.

Kristin Curtis will do free workshops so we want to plan something for Sept. or next spring. Kristin is available the following dates:

Monday, September 11

Tuesday, September 12

Thursday, September 21

Monday, October 2

." I try to give people some good, solid information about the structure of the college search process so that they feel less overwhelmed and more confident. I believe that most of the "noise" out there in the marketplace is designed to sell products or services, and thus is designed to scare people. Most families have so much unnecessary anxiety about the college search, and it is generally based on myth and misinformation. I try to play a small role in "calming the frenzy."

My stance is also that the student is the primary player in this process, and the students with whom I work 1:1 as clients have to sign a contract stating that they agree with that. The parents of course need to be involved, but it is the students' responsibility to meet deadlines, complete paperwork, do the necessary research, etc. I help students identify their own strengths and passions, and then teach them how to transfer that information to the college search process. They learn really important transferable life skills that will serve them well in college and far beyond".

Kristin

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