

**The St. Mary's High School Parent Partnership is scheduled to meet next on
Tuesday, Oct. 13th in the O'Brien Lecture Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

This is the main organizing meeting for the year. Committee chairpersons will be appointed for our most significant goals for this year. Whether you want to be involved as a chairperson or just as an occasional contributor we welcome and encourage your participation. Please consider attending. If you can not attend, please forward your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions by responding to this email.

Please see the minutes from the Sept. 14th meeting below:

The St. Mary's High School Parent Partnership held the first meeting for the 2009 – 2010 school year at the O'Brien Lecture Hall on Monday, Sept. 14th.

Jill Dalfonso from the Development Office addressed the group on the pending Parent Appeal and the Spartan Dollars fundraiser tentatively scheduled for January. More information will follow.

Brief discussion regarding decision not to have the Welcoming Mass this year. Msgr. Garrity and others reported that they missed having this event and inquired as to why it didn't happen this year. PP members reported that the dinner for new students that was held in May, along with some scheduling conflicts, may have resulted in some confusion. Members present agree that it was a successful event and they will try to bring it back for next year.

Discussion regarding goals for PP group to work on this year.

Major objectives that the group will work on this year include:

Pancake Breakfast for the Elderly – Co-chairpersons Margaret Hogan, Patti Capano and Ed Giacchino. This event was very successful last year but only reached a small group. Chairpersons will seek to expand it to include more seniors, possibly involving other locations. Tentatively scheduled to take place in November/December. Effort will be made to involve more students as a service opportunity. Further information will be passed along by Chairpersons.

Food Drive to Support St. Mary's Food Pantry – Another effort to create service opportunity for students while addressing a significant need in the community. SMH administration to be consulted to coordinate the event.

Parent Social/Fundraiser for Post-Prom Event – Major source of funding for Post Prom event. Discussion regarding best time to have the fundraiser, what type of event is best, etc.

SMH Jr./Sr. Prom – Post Prom event – Members want to get planning started early to seek feedback from students for entertainment etc. SMH administration to be consulted for guidance, planning, etc.

Members want to provide opportunities and encourage new parents to become more involved in planning/organizing these events. It is believed that this will promote new ideas and opportunity for new parents to become involved. As part of that goal it was determined that committee chairpersons/organizers for the Food Drive,

Social/Fundraiser and Post Prom event will not be appointed until the next PP meeting scheduled for Oct. 13th so that all parents have a chance to express interest.

Discussion regarding Board of Trustees interest in creating a more structured organization for the Parent Partnership. Members agree that it would be beneficial to have more structure and accountability but there is also a strong desire to maintain the spirit of inclusiveness for all parents – including those who can not regularly attend meetings. Chris Reddy and Patti Capano will meet with Board of Trustees representative to discuss mutual interest/concerns and report back to group.

Parent Partnership meeting schedule for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

Tuesday, October 13

Monday, November 9

Tuesday, December 8

Monday, January 11

Tuesday, February 9

Monday, March 8

Tuesday, April 13

Monday, May 10