

Thank you to those that participated in our Parents Club Meeting event on September 9, 2015 held in our library! A special thank you goes out to Patti Fabrizio for helping to promote and coordinate the event.

The forum presented an opportunity for parents of the Saint Patrick community to learn more about current and future doings from the principal's prospective. In addition, families were given an opportunity to ask questions and further discuss other issues that needed clarification or additional explanation.

Below is a brief summary of the agenda items:

- **Review of Summer of 2015**

We began by reviewing the items that had occurred at Saint Patrick High School between May and September of 2015.

- Between March and August, we hired 6 full time faculty members--2 English, 1 Spanish, 1 Science, 1 Religion, and 1 Physical Education.
- Our International Program has provided additional teaching resources. In addition to our 6 new faculty members, we have also added a full time counselor and a part time ELL teacher.
- We have added a Service Coordinator, Mrs. Lauren Marino, and Data Coordinator, Mrs. Lisa Bodnar.
- We provided over 30+ hours of professional development for our faculty.
- The Lasallian Convocation will take place at St. Joseph High School on October 30. This represents a non-student attendance day. Our faculty and staff will be participating in a service project on February 1 at a site to be determined. Again this represents a non-student attendance day
- We completed the first year of our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. For a look at the results, please click here: <http://www.stpatrick.org/saintpatrick2020/default.aspx>
- Saint Patrick High School received our official accreditation from AdvancEd and the Illinois State Board of Education. In short, the accreditation signifies our commitment to a pursuit of educational excellence.
- We formalized and completed our "Cyber Day" plans. This means that if we had to cancel school for weather and or emergency reasons, our students would be able to participate in a school day remotely and therefore the school day would not have to be made up at a future date. In fact, we used this process last year for a day that was canceled due to weather.
- As we enter our 4th year of the iPad program, we continue to look at how technology is impacting and enhancing learning. There are three questions we are examining this year as they relate to our Strategic Plan and the data we gathered using BrightBytes last year.

Essential Questions with technology:

- Vision 2020: How do we improve accessibility, practicality, and serviceability of technology to our stakeholders?
- BrightBytes: 1) How can we use technology to improve college and career readiness? 2) How can we enhance technology knowledge and confidence?

• **Curricular Development update**

As previously mentioned, we completed the first year of our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. Greater detail is provided on the link above, but below are a few highlights from the Curricular Development portion of the plan:

- Increased the number of clubs and activities by 17% since 2013-14.
- Increased the number of course offerings by 7.1% from 2014-15 through Triton and Archdiocese Virtual Academy
- Increased the number of certified staff with advanced degrees by 11% since 2013-2014.
- Added additional support staff in counseling, ELL, and are able to provide both a math and reading intervention.
- The class of 2015 produced five year high ACT scores in both the Math and Science Reasoning.
- Created a mentoring program for 1st & 2nd year teachers.

• **Upcoming dates**

We briefly discussed the following dates to be aware of that were coming up over the next month:

- September 13: Freshman Mass & Breakfast
- September 18: All school testing (except Seniors-half day)
- September 19: Run for the Shamrocks: <http://store.stpatrick.org/products/run-for-the-shamrocks-super-raffle/>
- [September 26: Homecoming](#)
- October 6: Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-8 (half day for students)
- October 15: Open House #1, 6-8 PM → 4 day weekend because no school on 10.16 or 10.19.

• **Volunteer Subbing**

The school is currently looking for people who would be able to volunteer and substitute at St. Patrick High School. It would especially helpful on our heavier faculty absence days when people are involved in retreats. It is preferred that someone is a certified substitute teacher, but not a mandatory requirement.

Our next Parents Club meeting will be October 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the library. We invite you to participate in our meeting and discussion.