

Thank you to those that participated in our Parents Club Meeting event on September 21, 2016 held in the atrium! 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:

We began by reviewing the items that had occurred at Saint Patrick High School between March and September of 2016.

- **Review of the Summer 2016**

- Between March and August, we hired 10 full time faculty members--4 Science, 2 Social Studies, 1 Religion, 2 Title I Teachers, 1 Counselor.
- Added ELL Coordinator: Angela Weiner; Director of Diverse Learners: Lisa Bodnar; Service Coordinator: Scott Ellis; STEM Coordinator: Marie Ferentz; Assistant Dean: Joe Smailis; Attendance Officer: Mary Gibson; Director of Student Services: Dan Geraghty; College Counselor: Dan Kusinski; Department Chair Fine Arts: Geoffrey Arndt.
- Provided over 30+hours of professional development for our faculty.
- Successful offering of Dual Credit courses @ SPHS via Lewis University.
- Finalized the INCubator lab and the class officially launched. The final pitch night will be May 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the theatre.
- Continued to develop STEM program (goal to become STEAM)--launch in 2017-2018.
- We completed the second year of our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. For a look at the results, please click here: <http://www.stpatrick.org/saintpatrick2020/default.aspx>.
- Gathered artifacts and completed narratives for Christian Brother Services Report--visit to occur in late October.
- Reviewed our AdvancEd improvement goals and outlined how to continue to address needs.
- Completed draft of Technology Plan.
- Discussed procedures and assignments for Learning Lab. Students now have the ability to access teachers in the core areas for additional academic support during their assigned study hall period.
- Reviewed "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.
- Implemented practice ACT testing for freshman, sophomores, and juniors. Two practice tests will be administered each school year—one in the fall and one in the spring. This will allow the class of 2020 to gain five practice ACT attempts before taking their first

official test in the spring of 2019. It will allow the school to better track student growth and progress over time.

- **Curricular Development Update**

As previously mentioned, we completed the second 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:

- Since 13-14, we have increased:
 - A) the number of clubs and activities by 18%
 - B) the number of course offerings by 11%.
 - C) the number of teachers with advanced degrees by 16%.
- The class of 2016 produced school record ACT scores in each of the four content areas as well as composite. Since 2012-13, our overall scores have increased 8%.
- The class of 2016 was the first class to ever fully participate in the Kairos retreat program.

- **Upcoming Dates**

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

- October 3: College Fair, 6:30 PM
- October 4: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-7, 1:45 school release
- October 8: Homecoming
- October 13: Open House #2, 6-8 → 3 day weekend
- November 1 & November 21, All School Mass—ALL ARE WELCOME

- **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 November 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the library. We invite you to participate in our meeting and discussion.

