

**November 29, 2016**  
**Chesterton Academy Parents' Association**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**Theresa Urdike** read us an Advent mediation by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. and led us in a decade of the Rosary.

**President's Report - Mike Hahn:**

-Sign-up Genius: if you haven't created your account yet, please do so. We hope to use this service for all event volunteering. It is helpful to committee chairs, administrators and volunteers themselves.

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

-We will again be having a Super Bowl Bake Sale after all of the weekend Masses at 14 Holy Helpers the weekend of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We have some wonderful bakers in our Chesterton Family. Don't miss it!

-500 Club update: Ticket sales are going well. The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 Early Bird drawings will take place tomorrow (11/30/16). To buy your ticket speak to a Chesterton parent or call the office at 674-8100.

-Reds, Whites & Brews update: The initial committee meetings have happened and plans are fully underway for the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 "Taste of Chesterton." Tickets will be \$45 presale and \$50 the week before the event and at the door. Look online or call 674-8100 for more information on how you can buy a ticket, donate items or be a sponsor.

-Rome Pilgrimage: Plans are in their beginning stages for a student pilgrimage to Rome! Stay tuned!

-Open Houses: Our next scheduled Open Houses will be held on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know!

-Patrick Madrid: The Conference was very successful and the feedback has been very positive. Thank you to Cheryl, Nora, Lindsey and all who helped. Thank you to our generous sponsor, Paul Friedman.

-Speaker Series: We hope to make speakers and conferences a regular part of the Chesterton year. We are currently looking at several options for our next exciting installment!

**Headmaster's Report – Ann Suchyna:**

-Student Academic Lab: This is a program where adults from the community offer tutoring for our students. We are in need of volunteers in many subject areas. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please call 674-8100 for more information.

-Peer Tutoring Program: The program is up and running. This program helps not only the student who is being tutored, but also the tutors themselves as they grow in their confidence of the subject matter and their ability to help their peers.

-Shadows & Seminarians: We had three shadows recently and two have enrolled for the fall of 2017. Two Seminarians spent the day with our students. One of them, Paul Ceygan, will be offering a retreat, together with Lindsey, her community and perhaps other young adults, for our students, during the school day on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

-College visits: Daemen College, Gannon University and Thomas Moore, NH, are all planning to visit or have visited.

-Houses: The system is going well. We are adjusting it as needed as we go along. Today Ann met with the prefects about upcoming events. After the Pops Concert fieldtrip on December 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having a short Christmas party during the hour remaining in that school day upon our return. We will have an additional Christmas/New Year's party that may include Secret Santa, Bingo, Deck-the-halls, etc. on the last day of school (December 23<sup>rd</sup>).

-Bell/PA System: We are in the process of raising funds for a system that will cost approximately \$1,000. We have already received a generous donation of \$500 toward this goal!

-Integrated Curriculum: Dr. Braun offered an idea on staff training. In order for our teachers to offer a more thoroughly integrated curriculum it would be extremely helpful if they had a better understanding of the value of the others courses taught, and an understanding of the subjects themselves, ie: the History of Science. With Dr. Braun's help we will be creating a seminar on integrated curriculum for our teachers.

-Spirit Wear Logo: Through the collaborative efforts of the students and Barb Courtney, we have come up with a new name for our sports teams: "The Wolverines"! This logo is a paw with claws, the new Chesterton Logo (CA) in the middle and the name "Wolverines" written beneath. Stay tuned for an image of the logo.

-Epiphany Party: We are planning to have a Chesterton Family Epiphany Party in January soon after school resumes. There are 12 days of Christmas and we at Chesterton intend to savor each one!

-Junior & Senior Dance: We will be initiating an annual Spring Dance for our Juniors and Seniors.

**Delta Sonic Fundraiser – submitted by Chesterton parent, Dennis Madej :**

-We will be offering \$5 Delta Sonic Gift Certificates for sale in the New Year. Support Chesterton and get the winter salt off of your car.

**Meeting was adjourned. Refreshments and social time followed.**