



Prep Moms

September 12, 2017

minutes

I. Opening Prayer

Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve You as You deserve:

- to give and not to count the cost;
- to fight and not to heed the wounds;
- to toil and not to seek for rest;
- to labor and not to ask for any reward,
- but that of knowing I am doing Your will. Amen.
 - St. Ignatius Loyola

- Review of Prep Moms organization - purpose, roles

II. Introductions

III. Principal's Report – Mr. Jim Bopp, delivering on behalf of Fr. Nietzsche

- Thank you all for the service that you do for the school
- Wisconsin Province has formed together with a different province to form the Midwest Province. This means that we are part of a larger network.
- Chapel: recently renovated, artwork created by Prep students. There is daily Mass at 7:10 a.m. Average attendance has risen.
- Lunch program operating more smoothly in its second year. Has transitioned well.
- Loyola Scholars program has now doubled in size.
- Sports: great spring and summer season, including titles earned.
- Mock Trial: great spring season, won state, went to nationals.
- Art program: of the five 2017 graduates, they were accepted into 16 of the top art programs/institutions.
- Summer travel: several trips abroad and regionally, from pure travel to service and spiritual-based.
- ToMorrow Labs: basement space has been converted into a cutting-edge technology lab.
- Several new faculty members
- Alumni Volunteer Corps: There are three graduates doing a year of service post-college here at Prep.
- Dan Kennedy, new hire/Jesuit in training - Student Activities Director. Has been a huge presence and accomplished a lot.
- Faculty has completely transitioned fully from desktop to laptops.

- Average ACT scores have risen. Test prep course is now available online to every student. There is a module for the PSAT and SAT as well. Can be accessed in Family Connection.
- This year there are 11 students named National Merit Semifinalists.
- Accreditation: accredited last year for another six years.
- Two endeavors that Mr. Bopp is focusing on: 1) students services and 2) teacher evaluation, including counseling and college counseling, expanding roles within the counseling department; revamping teacher evaluation/goal setting.

IV. Recent Prep Moms Events

- Freshman/Transfer Mass, Dinner and Orientation - Aug. 13. This event combines what previously were two separate events. Flik provided dinner. A few parents provided feedback for suggestions for next year.
- Welcome Dance - after Blue/White game. 860 students attended the dance (more than previously).
- Curriculum Night - Aug. 23.
- "Green" Water Effort - a lot of waste is created with water bottles (i.e. being abandoned after opening), therefore filling cups (compostable) with water at refreshment stations.

V. Upcoming Events

- Ignatian Breakfast (replacing previous monthly lunches). Led by Fr. Schneider.
 - o Friday, September 15. Continental breakfast.
 - o Thursday, November 9
- Appreciation Baskets for Fall Parent-Teacher Conference, October 19
- Homecoming Activities
 - o Thursday, October 5 – Prepapalooza - current student bands, alumni bands. An outdoor event for both students and families.
 - o Friday, October 6
 - 4pm – Homecoming Game at CP's Leahy Stadium
 - 4pm – Tailgate hosted by Student Council, plus food trucks
 - 8pm-11:30pm – Freshman Homecoming Dance - open dance for all freshman Prep boys, and girls from Marian, Duchesne, and Mercy.
 - o Saturday, October 7 – Homecoming Dance (Soph - Senior), 8pm – 11:30pm
- Prep Moms Fall Social, November 1 (recent date change). Watch for notices soon.
- Note about the dances - parents sign up not so much as "chaperones," but to provide more adult presence, attend the refreshments tables; faculty/staff also attend to be a discipline presence if necessary.
- Open House for Prospective Students, November 5

VI. Closing Prayer – Judy Pritza

Next Prep Moms Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 7pm, Carta Hall of Fame Room