

PTO Monthly meeting. Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Please reach out any time with questions!

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Introductions. 11 attendees.

Halloween Wrap Up & Feedback

- Pumpkin Contest had 37 entries, photo submissions worked well, possibly push due date closer to Halloween
- Trunk or Treat had 30 trunks participate, event was well attended across elementary and middle school grades. Duration can be shortened to 1 hour, 5-6 or 5:30-6:30. Consider leaving playground end open so parents can see kids that exit to the playground. Consider offering pizza.

Spirit Shirt Fundraiser

- Shirts have been ordered and are expected 11/19
  - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to fold/sort tshirts for distribution before Thanksgiving break. Email [pto@materchristischool.net](mailto:pto@materchristischool.net) if interested in helping
- Cost of shirts: \$2,400          Current funds raised: \$3,500
- Hoping to raise an additional \$3,500 to fund proposed activities for remainder of the year (Teacher Grants, Teacher Appreciation, etc.)
- Email reminder to go out through Room Parents and Monday Message reminder (include in dates to remember)

NEASC Re-accreditation Teacher Panel Snacks

- Snacks to be provided for meeting on Friday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>
- Sign-up Genius link to be posted to PTO webpage

UNIFORM SWAP

- Issue was raised about so many LE uniforms still on backorder, could PTO help to organize either a physical Uniform Swap or set up an online location where families could offer or request specific uniform sizes/items?
  - Need to confirm restrictions with admin (are old uniform styles okay for now?)
  - Reach out to school nurse, Mrs. Worgan, who is currently maintaining the uniform closet
  - Susan Stephens & Anna Smith offered to help with this effort, will connect with them after follow up with feedback from admin

## AMBASSADOR/BUDDY FAMILIES FOR NEW FAMILIES

- Through general discussion, a strong desire from new families was voiced to be paired with a Buddy/Ambassador Family upon admission to MCS. New Families feel this is an area that needs to be strengthened at MCS.
  - Buddy Families would provide: personal connection, contact for small questions (ie: uniforms, parking, drop off/pick up), a personal connection to help show a new family 'the ropes' at MCS. There is a consensus that everyone knows what is going on and new families feel a little out of the loop.
  - Desire for one-one contact as opposed to large group information sessions
  - Karen to follow up with Melissa Senesac to discuss incorporating this into the admission process.

## SKIDA HATS

- Exploring the idea of placing a new order.
  - Due to minimums, a single print is most feasible.
  - Limited number of existing labels, delay to order more labels.
  - Cannot guarantee delivery before Christmas.
  - Reach out to SKIDA to confirm options.

Thank you!

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