

## Knightline 2.3.20

#### **News and Announcements**

- Good news to share! On Wednesday, January 29, 2020, the House Finance Committee met and voted to carry over HB521, the bill to repeal EISTC funding for students. The bill has been carried over until next year. This is great news for all our Catholic schools and for parents who might not have otherwise been able to afford to send their student to PCHS or another Catholic school. Many thanks to the parents, faculty, and staff who wrote to their Virginia Delegate on behalf of PCHS. It made a difference! Unfortunately, this bill will be back next year, so the Diocese of Richmond will continue coming up with different strategies on how to combat this bill from ever being repealed. Stay tuned, much more to come in the upcoming months ahead.
- Surveys results are in! On behalf of the administration team, I would like to follow up on the Parent Satisfaction Survey sent out in November via our weekly newsletter, Knightline, as well as in a Parent Alert reminder prior to the deadline in December. The survey was designed by the Office of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Richmond, who also tabulated the link below.

There were 103 responses from 237 households; a 43% return which, statistically, is fantastic! We are grateful to all the parents who filled out the survey. Each question used the terminology "Strongly Agree," Agree," "Neutral," "Disagree," and "Strongly Disagree." Per Diocesan instructions, items "Strongly Agree" and "Agree" were joined under one column and the same was done for "Disagree" and "Strongly Disagree." As these surveys are anonymous, I would like to encourage any parents who may have selected disagree or strongly disagree, that my door is always open if there is any situation or issue you would like to discuss or to share your suggestions for ways to improve PCHS.

This information has been shared with our leadership teams, the School Advisory Board, and the faculty and staff. Again, I want to thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The feedback we received is both substantial and important for the future of Peninsula Catholic.

Parent Survey Results--2019-2020

Sincerely,

Janine C. Franklin

Principal

- National Honor Society will be sponsoring a RED and YELLOW tag day this Thursday, February 6, 2020 to raise money for the victims of the corona virus in China. We would like to send 500 masks and 500 pairs of gloves. This tag day will be \$2 and we are accepting any additional donations! All tag day rules apply.
- Mark your calendar for Re-Enrollment! Re-Enrollment for current students for the 2020-2021 school year opens Monday, February 10, 2020. For more information please

- contact Alyson LeMaster, Director of Enrollment at 757-596-7247.
- Join the Junior class at our Annual Chipotle Fundraiser! Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 4-8 pm at the CNU Chipotle location. Be sure to bring this FLYER or mention the PCHS fundraiser at checkout. Thanks for your support!
- PC will be taking students who wish to attend the VA March for Life on February 13, 2020. Permission slips are available from Mrs. Smith

## **Auction Update**

- Auction offer just for you! The Newport News Marriott at City Center, our Great Gatsby Auction Venue, is offering a room package for anyone attending the Auction. A special \$149 Marriott room package is available for a limited time until Friday, February 14, 2020. This package includes a guest room, breakfast for 2, and complimentary valet parking. To make reservations individuals may call our reservation system at 866-329-1758 and ask for the Peninsula Catholic group block or follow this link. Block will be open until February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or until block is full (whichever comes first); group rate is \$149.00.
- Auction Tickets are on sale NOW! DO NOT miss your chance to get your tickets on sale at early bird pricing of \$75. Early bird pricing ends Friday, February 14. Please click the link to reserve your tickets TODAY!
- Keep selling Great Big Raffle Tickets. Each family received tickets to support our Great Big Raffle that will be held on March 14. Extra tickets are available to earn individual and homeroom prizes. The individual contest will be held in February. All tickets and monies are due Friday, March 6 to count toward the homeroom contest. Contact Robin Thomas or Cody Wiley if you have any questions.
- We need wine. One of the various games at the auction this year is the famous Wine
  Pull. In order to include this fun activity we are looking for donations of a \$20 bottle of
  wine or higher. You can drop your bottle/bottles off in the main office or contact Robin
  Thomas, Director of Development and Marketing. Please help us achieve our goal of a
  variety of quality wines. Make sure you include a donation form so your family will
  receive credit for the donation.
- We need clear, 750 ml wine bottles with the labels soaked off. I do not want to give
  the surprise away, but these will be used in the auction. For every 5 clear bottles of wine
  with the labels socked off, you will have earned one service hour towards your families
  commitment. Contact Robin Thomas, Director of Development and Marketing for further
  assistance.
- Other ways to contribute in the Auction
   Become an Event Sponsor; follow this link to see the different sponsorship opportunities.

**Attend our Great Gatsby event**; follow the **link** to experience this GREAT event for yourself.

**Procurement**: If you are interested in helping with procurement, contact **Robin Thomas**, Director of Development and Marketing before soliciting any donations.

**Know a Limo drive?** We are looking for a limousine service to add to a package for a more enriching experience.

**Donate:** You can donate your hotel points, air miles and/or time share to be auctioned off at our Great Gatsby Event.

Thank you for your support.

#### Home and School

## Open House

PC will open their doors with tours for prospective students and their families while the HSA provides a light meal for the prospective students and their families as well as pizza for the teachers and student ambassadors. We are in need of many helpful hands for this event from volunteering to food prep. Follow this **link** to sign up to help.

### • After Prom Wish List

This Wish List is for gift cards and raffle prizes for the juniors/seniors attending After Prom this year. This gives parents an opportunity to look and decide if/what they would like to donate before After Prom with pre-approved gift choices. Follow this **link** for gift ideas.

#### • Booksale Committee

Volunteers are needed to form a team to spearhead the annual HSA Book Sale. Jackie Yau, the current Book Sale coordinator, is available to answer any inquiries about this new team. During the next few months, Jackie will meet periodically to slowly prepare this team to run the Book Sale. Please reach out to *Jackie Yau* at any HSA meeting or contact her.

# \*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

The Book Sale is the HSA's **ONLY** fundraiser and we need a team of individuals who can pull it all together with many available volunteers at your side. The money raised from the Book Sale goes towards **ALL** the years events and activities that the HSA sponsors for the students, teachers, staff, faculty, and parents.

#### Nominating Committee/New Treasurer

The HSA Board is looking for at least 2 people to form a Nominating Committee that would assist in the process of electing a new Treasurer starting the **2020-2021** school year. Interested and consenting individuals will be placed on a ballot from January through the end of February and a vote would take place at the March HSA meeting for those individuals. The new Treasurer - in training - will be able to work with Jackie Yau until the end of the school year so the transition from one Treasurer to another would be seamless. In the event that a Nominating Committee and the new Treasurer ballot are not filled during this time period, the Board will follow through with interested individuals as the year progresses. Once an inquiry and acceptance is made, a Board vote will take place and a final approval will be made by the Principal for a new Treasurer. We would like to have everyone involved in this voting process and to do that, we need people to volunteer for this. Please contact *Gena Petersen* with any inquiries.

## • Friendly Reminder

Our next HSA meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the PC library. We hope to see you there!

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

• The PC Booster Club is looking for parents to become active volunteers as concession stand and floor worker staff at Thursday night Bingo sessions at the Knights of Columbus. Please email Will Robertson to sign up.