

Education Commission Meeting Minutes October 24, 2023

Present: Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, Nicole Keifer and Pat Bondi

Committee Reports

St Edith Parent Association (SEPA)

- The first STEM night was held for the school families, over 150 people attended.
- The school Halloween party is Friday, October 27th.
- December 1st the Santa Shoppe and Cookies and Cocoa with Santa are happening.
- The prize amounts for the school raffle has been changed.

School

- The MSU/UofM Food Drive benefiting St. Christine's ended on October 20th. 536 cans of total were collected. (UofM fans won the competition.) Students paid \$1 to benefit the student council to wear casual clothes on October 20th.
- Holiday Sip and Shop (school fundraiser) will be on December 9th at 6 pm to 9 pm. Tickets are on sale now.
- On Thursday, December 14th the 7th and 8th grade drama students will perform "Christmas Cookie Baking Challenge" a sing-along comedy. The public performance is at 7 pm in the school gym. Tickets are \$3.
- The 3rd and 4th grades Mackinac trip is scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd, 2024.
- The first quarter ends October 27th. This is the first year using the AOD grading scale.
- All classes are participating in rosary activities as October is the Month of the Rosary.
- All school mass will be on the first Saturday of the month at 5 pm mass. A different grade will lead the mass each month.
- Mrs. Gennaro is using the SMORE program to build weekly newsletters for the school which are available to read on the school website.
- New lunch procedure this year with the students eating on the stage instead of in the hall. This alleviates a few issues, including having the students eating in the classrooms during funerals.

School Committee

- Bulletin articles will now be submitted monthly in order to keep parishioners informed of current events happening in the school.
- This is an accreditation year for the school. The staff is working on gathering evidence for each standard.

Religious Formation News

- Re classes continue Sunday and Monday with a final enrollment count of 224 non-SES students.
- Our Out of Step Sacrament Prep classes began with 11 students from RE and SES participating. Students attend Sunday mornings from 9-9:40 before regular classes begin.
- We are preparing for our first RE Family masses on Nov. 5th and 6th.

Adult/Family Parish Formation

- This Saturday is our annual Family Fall Festival after 5:00 pm Mass. Children will Trunk or Treat, complete a craft, play games, eat, and watch It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown.
- Bible studies going on are Walking with Purpose on Thursday mornings using the study, Ordering Your Priorities from 10-11:30; Mary, A Biblical Walk with Mary is on Thursday evenings from 7-9PM; Grace in Tension Discover Peace with Martha and Mary begins this Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- Pizza dinner is Nov. 4th and Spaghetti Dinner is Nov. 5th.
- Looking ahead- Advent by Candlelight is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 6:30 pm. Our theme is Keeping Christ in Christmas with Janene Ternes as our guest speaker.

RCIA

- There are now 9 people participating in this year's group!

Next Meeting December 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the Religious Ed Office.