

HSA General Meeting

11/14/18

1. Tyra Duhan-Welcome
2. President McKenna's school update
 - a. Thank you to the HSA for the campus clean up
 - b. Academics:
 - i. 2302 students took PSAT and SAT on October 10, 2018 – New school record
 - c. Perform arts:
 - i. Dickens Christmas Carol 12/13: 10Am and 3:30pm, 12/14: 7pm 12/15: 5pm Widener Show 12/18 Performance -10AM
 1. Music Department Winter Concert 12/20: 7pm
 - ii. Spring Musical: Big Fish
 - d. Athletics Update:
 - i. Field Hockey made it to semifinals of the Public League playoffs
 - ii. Football won the quarter final vs Kensington and the semifinal vs Southern. The team lost to Northeast HS in the 6A Public League championships on 11/10/18.
 - iii. Boys Varsity Soccer: finished 10-6 overall and 7-3 in the league, they beat Washington in the quarterfinals 4-1 and lost to Northeast 2-1 in double overtime in the Public League semi-finals.
 - iv. Girls' Varsity Volleyball: won the 4A Public League Title.
 - v. Boys Cross Country and Girls Cross Country finished in the top 3 in the Public Championships. 4 students qualified for state tournament
 - e. Girls Soccer won the Public League Championship and the District 12 Championship.
 - f. Girls tennis finished 20-2; won the Public Championship and District 12 title
 - g. Golf finished 2nd in the Public League
 - h. Trying to start ice hockey team- won't happen until next year- fundraising for ice time and equipment.
 - i. Admissions
 - j. Shadowing Program Led by Chuck (209) and Harvey (221) Steinberg ended on November 6th.
 - i. Over 900 students visited Central HS for a full day.

- ii. November 15th the admissions process will formally begin for the 282nd class.
 - iii. Central received nearly 4,000 applications this year
 - k. Safety: Inspector Washington from the Northwest Division has promised that Central will have continued support from Philadelphia Police during the morning and after school.
 - l. 90 plus cameras are being installed in the building: all hallways and exterior doors and around entire perimeter of the school.
 - m. President McKenna took questions from the attendees:
 - i. Question: Has President McKenna heard of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), program:
President McKenna's answer: Central uses the Previstar system, has also heard of ALICE and is continuing to update training for staff.
 - ii. Question: What is the "no tolerance" policy at Central?
 - iii. President McKenna's answer: Central follows Philadelphia School District policy. Central does not have its own policy
 - n. Young Alumni Day: Day before Thanksgiving, the last graduating class, (277) will come back to Central and walk around the school.
4. 281 Class Representative nominations- postponed until next meeting
5. HSA Updates
- a. Campus Environment-Mimi Harvey and Jeremiah Hall
 - i. Sunday Nov 4th Campus Cleanup – 100 people participated both parents and students
 - ii. Cleaned up central grounds, the garden, baseball field and parking lot
 - iii. There will be another clean up in the spring
 - iv. Freshman can get community service hours if they participate
 - v. Environment team consists of 41 students who participate in projects to improve Central's environment inside and on the campus grounds
 - b. HSA fundraising-Maureen Doyle
 - i. Celebrating Central Auction May 11, 2019-Location-Penn's Landing
6. Class Representative updates:
- a. Class 278 Jenny Yu
 - i. Powderpuff Football Nov. 19th 3:15pm.
 - ii. Homecoming Dance Nov 16th
 - iii. Career Day Nov 19th
 - b. Class 279 Keir Gray
 - i. Powderpuff football: 278 vs 279. Monday Nov. 19th @ 3:15pm parents welcome.
 - ii. Barnes and Noble Fund raiser 12/4-12/16 central earns 10% of all sales- Location. Barnes and Noble at Rittenhouse Square.

- iii. Class Rings -Jostens is coming back to take ring order and payment Nov. 29th
- c. Class 280 Announcements will be on the list serve
- d. MS Harrington's announcements:
 - i. January 14- Jan 17th-Midterms
 - ii. January 23 semester grades close
- e. Next Home and School Meeting– 12/12/18 at 6:30pm-Holiday potluck
 - i. bring dish to share
 - ii. Avi Snyder will talk about the International Baccalaureate program
 - iii. 281 class representative biographies will be available. The 281-class representative election will take place.
- f. Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm