

**John Carroll Catholic High School**  
**PTO Board Meeting**  
**October 18, 2017 – 6:15 PM**  
**John Carroll Library**

John Carroll Catholic High School is a Catholic school that calls its students, faculty, and parents into active partnership for learning. We value the development of the whole person through spiritual growth, academics, the arts, athletics, and discipline in the context of a Christ-centered environment. Together, we strive to deepen our sense of conviction that our faith in God can bring about a just world. *Pro Deo et Patria*

**\*Welcome & Opening Prayer** (Dr. Joe O'Toole)

**\*Approval of Past Minutes** (Natasha Brooks)

- Minutes approved

**\*Principal's Report** (Dr. Joe O'Toole)

- Launching preview days on Nov. 14. These will replace the traditional open house. There will be 30 spots for each preview day. Prospective parents and students or even current parents can reserve their spot. In small groups, they will tour the campus, visit classrooms while class is in session, and meet teachers and administration. They will also learn about the enrollment process and the financial aid options. These days will be promoted on social media and the website. We plan to have a preview day about every 4-6 weeks.
- Launching middle school teacher observation day on Nov. 13. Middle school teachers are invited to collaborate with JCCHS math teachers, so that the schools can align curriculums.
- Speaker series. We will be scheduling these in advance, so look for postings on Facebook and email notifications. Some will just be for the students, but others will have a time for parents to attend. Katie Koestner is speaking on Nov. 2 about good choices and life in the digital age sharing her experiences. Next will be District Attorney Pamela L. Casey. She will do a parent presentation on Nov. 28 at 6pm about "Parenting in the Digital Age."
- These topics are very important because of incidences of sexting in the school. Please talk to your children. In Alabama, they can be prosecuted for production of porn at any age. Plus colleges check your student's digital footprint as part of the admission process. The school policy is clearly stated in the handbook.
- Our goal is to set students up for successful college applications and academic life.
- We are at the midpoint of 5-year accreditation process, so the accreditation team will be visiting on Dec. 6.
- Will continue to reach out to feeder schools. Received a call from St. Peter's even though they do not have a feeder school, so we visited them last week. They heard through word of mouth about the "road shows" and asked us to speak.

**\*President's Report** (Bob & Trish Hinshaw)

- Introductions of all the present board members.

**\*Finance Report** (Wendy Green)

- PTO account currently has a balance of \$29,585.18 as of 9/29/17

- The only expense was a merchant service fee of \$75.

### \*Committee Reports

- Spiritual Life (Erin Vincinanzo)
  - \*Look for an email each month about upcoming activities in our diocese.
  - \*Please contact Erin at [erinvicinanzo@yahoo.com](mailto:erinvicinanzo@yahoo.com) if you have not been receiving the email.
- Carrollights
  - \*This is PTO's main fundraiser.
  - \*The first meeting is Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Hall's House at 1000 Oakhall Drive, Vestavia.
  - \*If you have any questions, please email Michelle Scholtz [michelle@eaglecleaningservice.com](mailto:michelle@eaglecleaningservice.com) or Mary Hall for directions [mjackahall@gmail.com](mailto:mjackahall@gmail.com).
- Hospitality (Valencia Hall/Stephanie Mara)
  - \*Provided snacks at last Speaker Series event.
  - \*Next event is Teachers' Thanksgiving.
- Band Boosters (Cyndi Martinez)
  - \*Recent competition with superior ratings.
  - \*Please contact Mr. McMillian or any band member to purchase fruit.
  - \*Poinsettias will be on sale soon.
- Athletic Boosters (Emery Harris)
  - \*See last page for full report.
  - \*Students presented to Athletic Booster club about purchasing flags that can be used at sporting events, March for Life, and any other school related event. Athletic Boosters agreed to pay \$250, but requested that PTO fund the remaining \$250. A motion was made and the expense was approved.
- Teacher's Report (Ms. Ballard)
  - \*Mississippi State Choir visited and they were incredible.
  - \*Students attended speaker assembly with Dr. Taylor about drug addiction.
  - \*College Night had a large turnout.
  - \*Cavalier Day with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders was a great day. Had a new school attend, Highlands School.
  - \*PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 11.
  - \*Homecoming week is Disney themed with dress up days and decorations. Friday is Green and White Day with Homecoming Court presentation.

### New Business

- Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov.15 at 6:15 p.m. in the school library.

## JC School Board Meeting

## **Athletic Booster Update**

### **October 18, 2017**

- **Encore Update** – currently open to student athletes 2 days a week (Mondays and Wednesdays) from 1-5pm. Parents are encouraged to use clinic on Oxmoor and not the school.
- **Score Table/Roster Board** – Score table has been ordered and should arrive within the next 10 days. We will be selling advertisements. Roster board has been ordered as well...thank you Wendy West for researching and working with vendors.
- **Padding/Gym Banners** – Wendy West is also working with vendors on pricing and making sure it meets JC's new branding requirements. Hope to order by end of this week.
- **BSN update** – we have had a good number of complaints regarding BSN since August. Coach Steele met with Rep and the Rep has committed to being on campus each Wed. from 9:30-11:30am until issues are resolved. Talked to Rep today and BSN is working to implement an online store.
- **Volleyball** – undefeated area season. Area Championship will be hosted at JC on Oct. 23.
- **Basketball** – Official practice started this week. JC Men's has been invited to Media Day Nov. 1. Coach Steele and 2 players will attend.
- **Football** – 3-4 on season. Homecoming this week. Alumni tent will be set up. Game against state champs: Ramsey. We must beat Ramsey and Shades Valley to make it to playoffs.
- **Cross Country** – Sectionals will be Nov. 2 at Spain Park.
- **Budgeting/Financials** – Boosters club is on target with both revenue and expense budgets. Working closely with Coach Steele to develop budget templates by sport and on a consolidated basis. Between these budgets and the booster club budget, he will have the tools needed to manage the athletic department from a financial standpoint.