

Parents Guild Meeting – Thursday, February 3, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Rosanna Young, President

Welcome and Call to Order
Approval for January 2022 Minutes

Jalal Desai, Head of School

State of School Address in March 2022 possibly 2nd Tuesday of March- To be confirmed. Event will address, current state of the school, current enrollments, the direction the school is going and changes being made.

There was a new program rolled out in high school called Test to Stay program. The CDC stated if anyone that is exposed on campus to COVID-19 they can continue to go to school as long as they get tested every day. SRDS modified the program to state any high school student who is unvaccinated and gets exposed on campus they will have to stay home for 2 days and on the 3rd day will return to school but will get tested daily. This program will be extended to the Middle School and then Lower School after. If kids who are vaccinated and boosted that get exposed on campus then can stay in school. Boost eligibility is 5 months after 2nd vaccine dose.

3 shows in Spring:

- Lower School- Lion King (May 6th & 7th)
- Middle School- Beauty and Beast
- Upper School- Legally Blonde (March 5th & 6th)

Spring Break Classes will be offered. Prek-6th and 7-12

Next year's calendar will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Significant change will be March Spring break where 2 weeks will be broken up- 1 week in February & 1 week in April.

Christine Lebovitz, Asst Director of Lower & Middle School

Lower School Project Based Learning (PBL) Fridays: Where each class has chosen a topic and take a deep dive into it. 1st grade (restaurants), 2nd grade (under the sea), 4th grade (animals in the zoo).

Coaching Academy class are in full swing.

Middle School clubs have started which take place during the day

Fluor design/engineer challenge will be coming back February 23 & 24th. Grades 2-5; Grade 6-9. For more questions you can reach out to Ms. Kelly at akelly@saddleriverday.org

Stem Writing Middle School contest coordinated through the Science department.

Tony Maccarella, Head of Upper School

February is advisory cup season. Competition between all 16 high school advisors; Pictionary, Jenga, Taboo and ends in March.

Gateway Night on February 10th at 7:00pm

February 15th is Parent Trivia Night. Parents only

February 17th – Music Department Recital at 7:00pm

February 24th- Rebel Readers Book Club “Between Two Kingdoms”

February 24th- Sophomore 2nd half night. Sophomores will be meeting with Ms. Ferretti on what to expect for Junior year.

Legally Blonde- 37 kids are in production. 4 performances

High School student are participating in NJ State Science day

If you want to stay up to date check out [Upper School Google Calendar](#)

Rebecca Mills, School Counselor

Love & Kindness Week- Each day will be a different theme for all schools.

Monday- Love Day Wear Pink/Red. Cards to classmates

Tuesday- Team Tuesday -SRDS Attire or Sports Attire

Wednesday- Hero Day- Wear your favorite superhero gear

Thursday- Thoughtful Thursday- Wear bright colors and spread kindness

Friday- Dreaming of a Kind World- Wear PJs

Box outside of the commons where student can share when other students have done something nice for someone. It will then be broadcasted to the school

Sonali Kapoor, Parents Guild

When you buy SRDS socks PG will donate a pair to Valley Hospital patients. So far, we have Sold 105 and have 45 left. Asked students to make cards for Valley Hospital patients

Heart Carts: Weekly 50-60 snacks for teachers. [Sign up here](#)

Geoff Bowman, Head of Admissions

Returning family contract will go out next Friday February 8th and deadline is March 11. New enrollment system will be rolled this month. As of today, 383 enrolled students.

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Gala invites have been sent out. New enrolled families and extended family members can attend as well. 50/50 tickets have been sent out. Looking for event sponsors, Ad journal space and auction items still needed.

Volunteers needed. If interested you can reach out to Rosanna at rosanna.young84@gmail.com

Go to event site for more details: [Masquerade Gala 2022](#)

Contest for 50/50 tickets- who ever sells the most tickets will get their ticket for free.

Volunteer of the Month: Anny Mansfield

Meeting Adjourned Approved and Seconded.