

Thursday December 1, 2022
SRDS Parents Guild Meeting

The December Parents Guild meeting commenced with a welcome to all parents / guardians and the approval of the past meeting's minutes by Ms. Rosanna Young and Ms. Nassdja Anthony.

Mr. Desai welcome the parents and discuss the following points:

- Support our winter concerts! Let's pack the events to support our children and the school
- Enjoy the holiday break with friends and family
- Donate to your favorite charities for the less fortunate
- The faculty will celebrate the holiday season at Mr. Desai's on 12/1

Mini-courses are in progress this week. We heard from four students on the Salsa and Making Mustard courses who are working hard and enjoying the courses. Grades 5, 6 and 7 have their own selection of courses, while grades 8 – 12 are engaged in their selection tying together math, chemistry, physical activity and team building throughout the week.

Surveys

- Surveys will be sent out regarding the Coaching Academy, Music Institute and Mini-courses – please take time to participate and let us know your opinions.

SRDS news to know

- Mr. Storckman and Ms. Shaff provided an update on the many upcoming musical events:
 - Sunday, 12/4 the 3rd and 4th grades will sing at Saddle River Boro Hall at 5pm
 - Wednesday, 12/7 Lower School concert at 6:30pm. Lower school students in chorus are learning to sing as a group and it's going well!
 - Thursday, 12/8 Upper school concert
 - Tuesday, 12/8 Middle School concert
 - Lower School will perform the Wizard of Oz in June and auditions will take place in April
 - Middle School will perform Newsies in the Spring and auditions will take place in March
 - Upper School will perform the Adams Family
 - Calling all soloists for a music recital on February 2.
- Ski Trip registration will begin for grades 8-12 and will take place in Vermont.
- Upper, middle and lower schools will participate in their formal this year
- Lower School – Snowflake Ball planned for Winter – speak to Allison Sugar for details
- Middle School- Dance planned for January
- Reminder to check the **M/S Happenings Newsletter**- is the place to check for events & latest MS news

Mr. Storckman let us know at the end of this academic year he will retire from SRDS. He has dedicated 31 years to teaching and 10 years at SRDS. He is planning to spend time with his family. Congratulations to Mr. Storckman!

Ladies' Night Out Update (LNO)

Ms. Sarah Felitti-Powell, Event Chairperson provided an update on the successful November 9th Ladies Night Out (LNO) event at Seasons in Washington Township, NJ. The event had record attendance and participation for a net revenue of \$33K. The proceeds fund school events such as February's Love & Kindness, May's staff faculty lunch and our end of year BBQ. Sarah thanked everyone for the dedication and hard work which truly was awesome! Stay tuned for the 2023 LNO which will be held at the Tides in North Haledon.

SRDS Fall Day of Giving

Ms. Lynn McCormack, Director of Development, provided an update on the Fund Campaign - One Team, One Goal which will run through June 30, 2023 and started on November 29th. The primary goals of the fund raising:

- Continue to attract faculty, support research & development across innovative idea generation
- Help to prepare SRDS for unexpected issues
- Allow SRDS to strive for exceptionalism

As a reminder, stock gifts are permissible and may have tax benefits. In addition, many companies offer matching gifts. For further information, please contact Ms. McCormack.

Pants for Prom – Ms. Chrissie Signore

To offset the price of tickets, Ms. Signore presented "Pants for Prom" fundraiser which will close on 12/6.

Blankets are still available - a limited supply are still on hand for those who want to keep warm with our SRDS spirit.

New SRDS PG Board positions – Ms. Rosanna Young

In January new board positions will be available, such as the Co-President of the Parents Guild. It's a wonderful way to be a part of the SRDS community and make a difference. Interested parents/guardians please contact Ms. Young and Ms. Anthony,

The meeting closed with the motion to adjourn. Please mark your calendar for the next meeting on January 5, 2023 at 8:30am, Alford Hall – Performing Arts Center