

2025-09-24 APA Meeting

1. Updates from Principal, Mr. Horne
 - a. Cathy will need to be with her sister
 - b. Rising costs of tuition at St Augustine
 - i. Aware of pressure on families, recently full pay families have made decisions to go to the diocesan schools
 - ii. School is trying to come up solutions
 - iii. Trying to keep increases to 3.5%
 - c. Arts facilities are getting upgrade to increase enrollment capacity
 - d. Mr. Segura departure
 - i. Have not hired a replacement yet, other teachers have picked up the slack
 - ii. Replacements will be hired February, expecting some retirements as well
 - iii. Admissions cycle has not been crushed as a result of the news
 - iv. Internal investigation
 1. No Statute of limitations on Church abuse scandals
 2. Need to ensure that nothing happened at school with Segura
 3. No faculty member has identified any issues with Segura
 4. All communications and documents saved by Segura is being examined
 - a. Looking for creepy invitations to keep company with him
 5. By design students are not part of the internal investigation, that is FBI's job
 6. Ask parents to call Mr. Horne if they have any concerns about the Segura matter.
2. Event recap
 - a. New Parent Party
 - b. Meet the Teacher's night
 - i. Sparkling water may be more popular than still water, 50/50 mix would be good
 - c. Family Mass & BBQ
 - i. 160-180 attendees, lots of late comers
 - ii. Burgers went quick
 1. We had more burgers, but decided not to cook them
 2. Can we have vegetarian options?
 - iii. Dining in the Commons to bring everyone together after the mass in the future?

- iv. People didn't know that they could get closer due to the placement of the pop-up canopies that may have caused some confusion
- v. In the past there were student directing attendees
- vi. Maybe Mass could be at:
 - 1. Vasey Hall patio – more interaction due to smaller space
 - 2. Theater – AC is available
- vii. This event used to be a brunch until Father Max arrived, who does not eat breakfast
 - 1. A 9am to noon event
 - 2. Brunch and Ice Cream?
- viii. Sound was not adequate for the space, attendees could not hear the celebrant.
- ix. Brother Tony will be ordained in a year
- d. Freshman Retreat
 - i. Senior Exit Study – Seniors recall this event as a top 3
 - 1. It's a great experience for the senior big brothers as well
 - ii. Saturday Dinner is an amazing experience for hosts families
 - iii. The Frosh/Senior pictures on Instagram are very special

3. Fall Events

- a. 8th grade visitations – October 15 & 16
 - i. 2 days – we take RSVP
 - ii. Need 10 volunteers, 5 each day to help with snacks, 4 hour commitment
 - iii. If a school does not attend, 8th graders are welcome to attend on their own, call the school admissions office to reserve
- b. Open House – Sunday, Nov 2
 - i. Need 20 parents for food service
 - 1. Burgers and Dogs, Food service
 - ii. 10-12 parents needed as tour guides
 - 1. 10th-12th grade parents are desired since they have experienced a school year
 - 2. Answer questions from parents, what do students do at lunch, sports, social events, etc.
- c. College Topics Nights – Wednesday, October 22, 6:30pm
 - i. General APA meeting
 - 1. A chance to make announcements and recruit
 - a. Admissions officers from USD, SDSU, UCSD
 - b. Answers about FAFSA

4. Class Reps

- a. 12th – Myrna
 - i. Makeup Senior Portraits
 - 1. Families will receive an email direct from photography company to make an appointment
 - 2. Mr. Horne will make an announcement informing parents to keep a lookout from the photographers.
 - ii. College Dates
 - 1. November 1, December 1, Jan 30
 - b. 11th – Sarah
 - i. SAT Day
 - 1. 11th graders will take PSAT
 - a. Top 1% - National Merit School
 - 2. If taking ACT or not needed, does student have to attend? No
 - 3. College Counseling starts late November
 - c. 10th - Alicyn
 - i. Sophomore social canceled
 - 1. Last minute cancelation due to low ticket sales
 - 2. May be too many events?
 - d. 9th
5. St Monica's Prayer Group
- a. Mass every Thursday at 8am
 - i. 30 minutes and Rosary prayer right after
 - ii. Father Kevin
 - b. Chapel under renovation, so meeting in Monastery Courtyard or the Commons
 - i. Asbestos tile was exposed in the floors during a pew refurbishing
 - 1. All benches were complete, need to fix the floors
 - ii. There is an email list where the location is announced
 - iii. The location is also posted on the door of the chapel
 - c. Next potluck is Christmas
 - i. December 11
6. Next meetings and events
- a. 8th grade visitation - October 15 and 16
 - b. College Topics Night - October 22
 - c. Open House - November 2
 - d. APA Board Meeting - November 5
 - e. Prayer Pockets
 - i. Prayer group with older parishioner made these
 - ii. A pocket with a cross to remind you that God is with you.

- f. St Carlo Acutis – Thursday October 2, 9am
 - i. Mr. Hecht has a rich brother in law and connection to the Wahlberg's
 - ii. Mr. Hecht's brother in Law is paying for a screening for a film about St Carlo, a film by Jim Wahlberg
- g. House system/ASB Update
 - i. House system
 - 1. To graduate more leaders
 - 2. ASB will be scrapped
 - 3. Every home room will have 5 leadership positions
 - 4. Service hours will be collected by the Houses
 - 5. New leadership positions will be announced
 - 6. This has been in he works for the past 3 years, teachers trained and observations were performed at schools practicing this system
 - 7. 150 new leadership positions