

September KCSFO Update

New Year – New School

It is hard to believe the 2017-2018 school year is underway, but the Kingston Catholic School Family Organization has been working hard all summer to ensure your students have a wonderful year! KCSFO would like to welcome all new and returning families to the KCS Family!

Our first ever “Getting to Know You – Ice Cream Social” held July 6th at Forsythe Park, was a huge hit with students and parents alike. Over 90 students joined us to meet new families and enjoy a fun summer evening at the park. During July and August, the KCSFO hosted weekly “Clean-Up Sessions” to prepare the schools for classes in the fall. Many thanks to all of our parents, students, faculty, and friends who braved the heat and pitched in to help. The KCSFO annual “Back to School Picnic” was held August 22nd at Robert Post Park. Many families came together to catch –up with old friends and meet new families. Thankfully the weather held out and students were able to enjoy playing until dusk. Our final back to school event, our second annual “Boo-Hoo/Yahoo” Breakfast, was held September 8th. Parents were treated to a tasty breakfast spread after dropping off students for the first “First Friday” of the school year. Many new faces were spotted in the crowd and it was a great opportunity to catch up with everyone after a busy summer.

2017-2018 is going to be a special year for ALL of our students. The KCSFO is aware that many of our students and families are adapting to change and transitions. With this in mind, our committees have been working diligently to ensure a fun-filled year focusing on family fun and making this a memorable year for families new and old. There are many fun activities planned for this year - a great way for all of our families to get to know one another better and engage in the school community!

In addition to organizing events that are fun and bringing our community together, the KCSFO is also a fundraising committee. To supplement tuition, and to prevent large increases in tuition rates, the KCSFO is given a yearly fundraising goal allotted by the Archdiocese of NY. With the help of our parents, students, faculty, and friends, we are proud to say we have been able to meet these goals over the last 4 years. Last year, we were able to exceed our goal and the additional funds raised were used to purchase a brand new PreK Creative Curriculum with Professional Development as well as Zearn Workbooks for grades 1-5 to be used in the classroom in conjunction with the Zearn Computer program. We also have money earmarked for updating our playgrounds, picnic tables, and outdoor play places.

A list of upcoming events will be posted. Mark your calendars and keep an eye on the weekly family envelope and website postings for information about these and other family friendly events! In the spirit of change, we will be bringing back open KCSFO meetings quarterly, while updating families on the plans made at our monthly KCSFO Board meetings through the online weekly envelope. We will be forming committees to discuss different events and topics, and we encourage you to pick an area of interest or an event at which you would enjoy volunteering, and get involved. Keep close watch for updates on the website and join us as we look forward to a wonderful year!

KCSFO Board Positions 2017-2018

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Pancake Breakfast Chairs – Paula Perpetua/Ali Derrenbacher

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