



## Parent Association Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2016 6:30 - 7:30 PM in Deacon Hall, Room 4

Opening Prayer 6:30 PM	Led by Frank Arvizzigno
Welcome and Introductions 6:35 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explained the mission of the Parent Association, the role of parents in this group, and all parents are welcome to participate.</li> <li>Introduced the chairs, Jessica Horn and Tracy Krawczyk</li> </ul>
Recap of Fiscal Year (Bruce Watson)  6:40 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bruce Watson went through the budget details</li> <li>For the fiscal year 2015-2016, the income was down from the previous year and short of budget</li> <li>There continues to be the challenge of enrollment, especially with the competition with other Catholic school offering 6th grade</li> <li>Pre-school enrollment has bounced back, possibly due to advertising</li> <li>School enrollment is at 178 students</li> </ul>
Middle States Accreditation (Frank Arvizzigno)  7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diocese is seeking Middle States Accreditation</li> <li>An action plan was created</li> <li>There are three goals of this plan in order to get the accreditation:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve math achievement</li> <li>2. Improve ELA achievement</li> <li>3. Increase enrollment</li> </ol> </li> <li>On November 2<sup>nd</sup> two Middle States Evaluators will come to St. Lawrence to meet with principal, teachers, parents, students, pastor, finance director, and business manager</li> <li>SLS will be notified within a week after the visit to let us know if we received accreditation.</li> </ul>
Technology Updates  7:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to bring technology into the classrooms more and looking at a mobile device that can provide web-based access and access to Microsoft programs</li> <li>There are interested donors that are willing to help out with this project</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iReady program tests students on Math and ELA standards; will be completed by students three times during the year; on average the test takes two periods per subject; the system adapts to the student and how they are answering the questions, it may give students higher or lower level questions if they are answering above or below grade level</li> <li>• iReady is a way to efficiently collect data, analyze it, and be able to properly place students</li> <li>• AIS and tutoring letters have gone out to families</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	<p>Living Rosary (October 14th at 1:15 PM in Church)  Walkathon (October 29th at St. Lawrence)  Halloween Costume Day (October 31st )  All Saints Day Mass (November 1st )  Middle States Visit (November 2nd )  Veterans Concert (November 9th at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Deacon Hall)  First Quarter Ends (November 11th )  Makeup Picture Day (November 16th )  Fifth Grade Parent Meeting (November 16th at 6:30 PM in Deacon Hall, Room 4)  Walkathon Closing Assembly (November 18th at 1:30 PM in Gymnasium)  Report Cards for First Quarter (November 22nd )  Parent Teacher Conferences (December 1st and 2nd )</p>
Closing Prayer	Led by Frank Arvizzigno
Next Meeting is	Thursday, February 9 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Deacon Hall

Minutes Submitted By Jessica Horn, Parent Association Chair