

St. Andrew's Country Day School
HSA- Meeting **NOTES**
Sept 24, 2020

Welcome and Intros

What is HSA?

- *Parents working in conjunction with and support of our school and teachers*
- *Communicators - helping to keep other parents in the loop*

What is HSA NOT?

- We are not a School Board or "Board of Governors"
- We are not "the boss of" the Principal or Teachers

What is a homeroom parent?

- Support communication in your child's classroom
- Raise funds for teacher gifts throughout the year for the following: teacher birthdays, teacher appreciation and end of the year gift. – letter to parents- sample- we will send around you can use as a template. This year we would recommend collecting \$ via paypal or venmo if possible.
- communication tool with parents- via text, email, classtag
- Intro letters out to parents in the classroom- google doc-this year send to teacher to send out to parents **EMILY WILL SHARE SAMPLES**
- Helping to gather volunteers for school wide events or classroom events.
- After an HSA meeting- once minutes are sent out via email- relay information to classroom parents.
- **LIZ VETRANO ASKS HOW SHE KNOWS IF SHE HAS A PARTNER HR PARENT: Emily will send out the list**

What's going on this year?

- Fundraising ... WHO CAN HELP? What ideas do we have?
 - **Liz Vetrano recommends "One New York Cares" which is a virtual run that anyone can participate in and earn \$\$ for the charity of their choice. It can even be part of Gym class**
 - **Heather is happy to look into a wreath sale (we used Mickman Brothers in the past)**

- Cutest pet contest with pictures of faculty pets that kids “vote” on with quarters
- Liz knows of a contact who does customized string bracelets on Etsy and gives 10% to the organization
- Lauren reminds us that there is a meat raffle in November and if all grades take one piece we can make it hugely successful
- After the meeting Amy DeSantis recommended that we ask craft studio, Board and Brush if they have any fundraising opportunities
- **Events and activities....virtual events? Social Distancing Halloween event?**
 - Virtual Yoga (can request a donation if we want it to be a fundraiser)
 - Trunk or treat – we can ask Mrs. G/Father Matt
 - Danielle S. is looking into online trivia nights
- **Instead of Bakers this year- homeroom parents gathering donations to provide the teachers with snacks/coffee and goodies for the teacher lounge 1x a month. Each grade- sign up for a month. After the meeting, there was a suggestion that we do a “coffee cart” 1x/month for teachers. We will ask Mrs. G if she prefers “stocking the pantry” or coffee cart.**