Welcome Parents!

We are excited to welcome you to the Arts Academy Parent Advisory Board! The Parent Advisory Board members meet a few times throughout the school year and work in conjunction with the Academy directors and Board of Trustees.

The Parent Advisory Board assists students, advisors, and the Board of the Trustees with:

- **Event Planning**
  - Dinner Theatre/Festival of the Arts/Theme Basket Auction
  - Senior Graduation Ceremony/Scholarships
  - Ideas for and organization of future events and activities

- **Internships**
  - Assist in recruiting new businesses to work with Arts Academy students

- **General Academy Fundraisers**
  - Help develop and implement new fundraisers
  - Assist with current fundraisers
    - Cash for Cans (now until April 29, 2019)
      - Drop off cans at George Urban or Aurora location and state that it’s for the Lancaster Arts Academy. Also, please email or text me with your student’s name and how many bags of cans or bottles you donated (kitchen size garbage bag = 1 bag), you may also drop off bags of cans and bottles at my home
      - Students who participate will be entered into a drawing to win gift cards
    - Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast (Jan. 20, 2019 from 8-10am)
      - Applebee’s: 4967 Transit Rd. Depew
      - If volunteering, please arrive at 7:30am
      - Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door
      - Students who sell tickets will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize
    - Dinner Theatre, Festival of the Arts, and Theme Basket Auction (May 18, 2019)
      - This is our largest fundraiser, we need help from all students and parents to make this event a success! We need help to set up on May 17 and throughout the day on May 18.
      - We ask each family to donate two baskets or gift cards (or one of each) OR secure business donations. Donation letters are available on the website. Many businesses require ample time for donation requests to be filled.
      - We are also looking for larger items for the silent auction and small items that we can use for the Prize Wheel (items with business logos work well for this).
  - What do these fundraisers support?
    - Academy polo shirts and t-shirts for every student
    - Tickets for music and art events
    - Transportation costs to attend music and art events
    - Supplies for music recitals and art exhibits
    - Scholarships for seniors (students will apply in May)
In addition to the General Academy Fundraisers listed above, students have the opportunity to fundraise money for their Individual Student Accounts. While the Academy covers the majority of the cost of field trips to places like Shea’s and the Albright Knox Art Gallery, we typically ask students to pay between $5 and $10 to attend. Students can cover the remaining field trips costs by earning money for their individual student accounts.

- Individual Student Account Fundraisers
  - Current Fundraisers
    - Niagara Chocolates Sale (September)
    - Buffalo’s Best Fundraiser Sale (October)
    - Eco-Scents Candle Sale (November)
    - Delta Sonic Gift Card Sale (April)
    - Dinner Theatre Tickets Sale (students sell tickets prior to the event in May)
  - What do these fundraisers support?
    - Students can choose to use their individual account money to pay for:
      - Field trip costs
      - Additional (optional) Academy apparel
      - Senior Graduation Ceremony tickets for family members (the Academy pays for the students’ meals for this event)
  - How do I know my student’s Individual Account Balance?
    - Email Mr. Hawley (khawley@lancasterschools.org)
    - Email Mrs. Zolnowski (szolnowski@lancasterschools.org)

Parent Advisory Board meetings are held four times per year. This year’s dates include:

- Monday, October 22 at 6:00pm in the LHS Choir Room (#142)
- Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00pm OR 7:30pm (you choose which time works for you) in Room 149 (this is the night of the Sophomore/Junior Recital and Art Show)
- Monday, March 25 at 6:30pm in the LHS Orchestra Room (#143)
- Monday, April 29 at 6:00pm in the LHS Choir Room (#142)

We do send out reminders and updates via email, so please make sure you leave your contact information before you leave this evening. We also have lots of information on the website www.lancasterschools.org/artsacademy and we send reminders through Remind (text @arta to 81010 to sign up). Students also have access to everything we discuss during the student meetings through Google Classroom. Contact me or an advisor with any questions. We look forward to working together this year!

Sincerely,

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