March 12, 2019

PFA Meeting Minutes:

Bridgette Nolan – Student Representative Mrs. Fallon - Teacher Representative:

* On February 19 a cocurricular fair was held , students were able to meet and explore new groups and activities south has to offer and learn more about getting involved outside of the classroom
* Mr. Morley a South English and special education teacher was named assistant wrestling coach of the year for the district.
* After an amazing season the South swim team lost the state final to Colts Neck at Neptune high school
* The girls’ basketball team hosted and won a huge home game for our Lady Eagles.

Mrs. Fallon – Teacher Representative

* Third marking period. Quarterly’s for this period will primarily be projects and not assessments. Marking period ends first week of April. There will be some assessments for AP courses.

Mr. Kirkpatrick - Principal

* Support staff of the year is a secretary in the main office Lisa Orlando. She will be recognized in the April Board Meeting.
* Teacher and education professional of the year will be recognized at the end of March board meeting.
* Vaping presentation was last night at North. This is a hot topic. The presentation will be available on the web. All parents should take the time to review this as it is quite an informative presentation.
* Winter season of sports has wrapped up. Spring season is underway. Looking forward to seeing you at the games.
* Some hot topics lately are senior flex time and advanced placement classes. AP classes have AP tests. In the past it was not required to take these tests. This is changing this year if you want college weight for these classes you will be required to take these tests and pay for them. There will be financial aid for those who are need in order to take these tests. Current junior and sophomores there will be no change. AP teachers will be preparing students to take these tests. Students will have to decide by November 1 whether they will take the test.
* Senior flex program is new next year. State requirement for graduation is 120 credits and district are 140 credits. If students have met their requirements there will be flex schedule, they only need to take English and physical education. Students can get a job, community service project, dual enrollment, etc. Flex applications were due on March 1. If you are part of the flex program this does not guarantee parking.
* New testing this year instead of the PARCC it is now NJS SLA. The test schedule has changed it is no longer three sessions of math and English. It is now two. Everyone will go to testing site and each class during the days will be about 51 minutes. The district has decided not to purchase headphones for testing. Students will be asked to bring in traditional headphones for testing.
* Quarterlies are mainly project based. There is an alternate schedule for the AP classes which is traditional.
* Budget is in preliminary stages. Mr. Kirkpatrick will advocate very strongly for our building and the impact is minimum here. If you would like to attend the board meetings, please do so as they are very important.

National Honors Society - Mr. Masotta

* Please see presentation located online with any questions
* All the paperwork can be found on the google classroom, classroom code: e844nu
* Eligibility letters will be sent on Naviance on April 17.
* Mandatory meeting for applicants on April 18 during block 4.
* Induction Ceremony on May 22.
* All applications must be typed. Community service hours must total **NO** less than 100 hours. School hours must total **NO** less than 30 hours
* Applications are due on May 3. There is **NO** exceptions of late submissions. There should be two copies submitted. One with your name the other without.
* Letters to be picked up on May15.
* Meeting on May 17 after school.

Important Dates to Remember:

* March 26th – MFODL Meeting
* April 11th to 13th – Spring Musical
* April 15th to 18th – NJ SLA (formerly PARCC)
* April 19th to 26th – Spring Break
* April 30th – MFDOL Meeting
* End of May – NJ SLA (juniors)

Congratulations to our door prize winner!!!