

## Home and School Meeting Minutes

Mar 9, 2026

In Person Attendees: Adria Hall, Angela Herrera, Erin Feilen, Angie Eisenacher, Teri Mangano, Laura Curatti, Laura Kogan, Mary Beatty, Annie Courtemanche, Spenser O'Connor.

Online: Kayla Cospoti, Alissa Stechschulte, Beatriz Velazquez, Gabriel Viot, Himani Kimar Miret Gebremariam Weldemichael, Sarah Nelson, Yi Yang.

### **Make sure you are entering your Service Hours into FACTS!**

Prayer: Our Father

#### **Principal Update:**

- Tuition and financial aid seminar went very well.
- Seth Burkholder (assistant superintendent for finance and data for the office of Catholic Schools) went over how the tuition process is set.
  - Cost to educate
    - 2020-2021: \$7,500
    - 2023-2024: \$9,000
    - 2026-2027: 10,500 (projected cost)
  - Tuition during these years was:
    - 2020-21: \$5,000
    - 2023-24: \$7000
    - 2026-24: (TBD but will increase)
  - Reasons for increase in cost to educate are:
    - Teachers contract negotiations: They have had a 12% increase in wages over the past 2 years to try to get them on par with their public school counterparts.
    - Rising insurance costs
    - Maintenance required for an aging building i.e roof repairs.
  - Facts Grant and Aid
    - This is aid that is given separately from Ed Choice and helps cover what Ed Choice does not.
  - Emmaus Road Scholarship fund
    - Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000 for the scholarship fund. Most schools raise about \$100,000.
    - In the past we raised:
      - \$0 year 1
      - \$7,000 year 2
      - \$14,000 year 3
      - \$20,000 last year
    - Here is a ten minute video on how the tax credit works and a link to FAQs
      - <https://emmausroadscholarship.org/tax-credit-basics>
      - <https://emmausroadscholarship.org/faqs>

- Money needs to be designated to St Christopher to be directed to our school.

- **There will be School on Thursday April 7 (Holy Thursday) now due to going over our calamity hours.**
- Stations of the cross on Friday at 1:30pm all are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday March 25th: mass for feast of the Assumption- Father Andrew will be baptizing some of our students. All are welcome to attend.
- State testing and Catholic diocese testing is coming up. Please have your child attend and do not schedule appointments during the school day during the testing period. Details are in the principal note from 3/6 and will be in the note for 3/13.
- Electives will be offered every trimester instead of flex (study hall) for the middle schoolers.

### **Spring Flower Sale:**

- March 25-April 8th
- New Items Available! New sales platform has added a roster upload so we will see if we can get all families auto-registered by Sowzer. Keep a look out for emails regarding this sale. The flowers are beautiful and easy to maintain.
- Flower pick up is May 6th right before Mother's Day!
- Profit from items sold by 8th graders is applied towards their DC trip. Ask Mr Wilson if you have questions about how that money is used. Note\* there was an error in what percentage of profit is made from the flower sale. 7%-11% was stated but it is closer to 30%-50% profit margin (apologies for the error.)

### **Uniform**

- Ties will be required for middle school boys on mass days next year (bought through educational apparel)
- We are also transitioning to only St Christopher logo clothes next year. No Trinity logo apparel next year i.e gym clothes, sweatshirts, pullovers, etc.
- Educational Apparel runs a tiered sale starting in May-July. This is the time to buy to get the best deals on uniforms!

### **Legacy:**

- Raised \$31,198 just beating last year's total. The costs to hold the event were just over \$10,000 so our net profit was about \$21,000.
- Strengths were Silent auction, sponsorship and wheel.
- Weaknesses: Ticket sales: this year \$4,200 previous year: \$7,000.
- How do we increase attendance for the future? Less and less parents are attending.

### **Teacher appreciation Week May 4th-8th**

- We need parent volunteers to plan and execute events for teacher appreciation week. If you would like to contribute email Home and School or Laura Kogan.

- In past years we have done breakfasts, travel cups, chair massages and/or lunches.
- Ideas for this year: Catered lunch on Monday 5/4 (city barbecue?) teacher gift cards, chair massages...
- **Class liaisons : remind your class parents about teacher appreciation week and send teacher favorites to your parents in case they would like to treat their teachers during teacher appreciation week.**
- **Help teachers that week by volunteering for Lunch and Recess Duty!!!**
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAAAA28ABFFC16-45393583-lunch>

#### **Silent Disco:**

- Free school wide dance at the Armory for St Christopher kids and families (tentative date is May 16th: unconfirmed as yet).
- Cost to have the event \$1,200-\$1,300 to be paid by Home and School.

#### **Apex is launching a local summer camp at St Christopher this Summer!**

- 50% of the proceeds go to St Christopher.
- Dates: June 15th-June 26th. 9am-3pm
- Cost: \$300/ week Discounts available for signing up early and for signing up siblings. Payment plans are available!
- <https://apexkidscamp.com/locations/columbus-oh/>
- St. Christopher families have priority access to sign up currently. Sign up now before Apex opens it up to other schools!

#### **8th Fundraising:**

- April 11: Middle School Dance.
- Little Caesars pizza fundraiser. Details to follow.

#### **8th Grade Graduation Dinner**

- \$500 to be covered by Home and School.
- Planned by the 7th Grade parents.

#### **Zoo and end of the year field trips**

- This year K-3 will go to the Zoo and 4-8 will go to COSI. (qualified parent volunteers will be needed.)

#### **Next Meeting Topics:**

- Next meeting is **Apr 13, 2026**
- 2026-27 Home and School Board Structure.
- End of the Year volunteer needs- **there will be a lot of volunteer needs!!!**

#### **Closing/questions:**

Father daughter dance for next year?