

2022-2023 Year in Review

Highlights

- ⇒ August: New family ice cream social
- ⇒ September: Grandparent mass
- ⇒ October: \$2,287 awarded in teacher grants for classrooms in addition to teacher support funds
- ⇒ November: Teacher Turkey Tree
- ⇒ December: Prayer cards & adopt-a-family
- ⇒ January: Catholic Schools Week treats
- ⇒ March: Battle of the Books
- ⇒ April: Author Jonathan Rand visit
- ⇒ May: Family Glow Dance
- ⇒ 8th Grade Graduation
- ⇒ June: 6th & 7th grade picnic



PantherFest

PantherFest was a HUGE success! Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, families, staff and volunteers. A fun and memorable night was had by all. This is Home and School's largest fundraiser. As you will read in this newsletter, Home and School has many activities and events we sponsor from the proceeds of PantherFest. We are so thankful for your generosity and support. We truly could not do it without you!



Health & Wellness Committee

- ◆ Fall Run Club ran for 3 weeks with a total of 493 miles! Students received toe tokens, stickers and t-shirts for the top 5 runners in each class.
- ◆ Try it Tuesday was an overwhelming success! H&W gave students the experience of seeing and trying new and healthy snacks in an encouraging and fun environment. They tried mango, pumpkin seeds, avocado toast, baba ghanouj, chocolate hummus, figs and fig spread, cucumbers & yogurt dip and spinach muffins. Thank you to the moms who helped make and serve these delicious food samples.
- ◆ Spring Run Club hosted a 2 week session (222 students ran 503 miles)! They celebrated with a FIRST EVER 1 Mile Fun Run, welcoming 83 participants!
- ◆ The Field Day H&W station taught students about hydration while they snacked on orange slices, watermelon and fruit infused water. The students preferred citrus water over berry water, but loved them both.

Discovery Day: Around the World

Discovery Day was an incredibly special day! Students loved the food that YOU made for our Continental Market. We had 15 countries represented with 25 food samples and 25+ volunteers to teach the students about each food dish. Upstairs, Ya-Ching Hall presented on Taiwan, Mrs. Gibson traveled to China, Hawaii and Mexico while Sumi Yang explored South Korea. Chippewa Nature Center talked about the Indigenous People of Michigan & Daron Thomas about Israel. Students made Japanese tea lanterns and Aztec suns with Mrs. Carpp, while Jessica Barsenas & family and the High School Multicultural Club hosted Mexico and the Middle East. We saw Poi Dance Art from New Zealand and Greek Dancing from the Porchia family while others learned national anthems on the piano with Mr. Domingo. We ended the day with steel Drums from Trinidad. Students were curious, proud and excited to celebrate the cultures presented at Discovery Day. Thank you to all involved!



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STAFF APPRECIATION

We kicked the first week of school off with a coffee truck for faculty... and didn't stop there! HSA was able to host five staff lunches and several breakfasts throughout the year. Staff members received seasonal gifts and treats, were given Christmas gift cards as well as Birthday surprises! HSA also coordinated monthly snack bars hosted with parent contributions. During Teacher Appreciation week, 13 staff members won beautiful gift baskets, donated by NCC families. We are so thankful to our teachers, staff AND our families!



A special thank you to all of the Room Parents out there! We could ALWAYS count on the 40+ room parents to host holiday parties and coordinate events with the teachers and parents. We are grateful to our incredible families at Nouvel! Thank you!



The Social Committee

The Social Committee hosted a welcome back celebration with snow cones in August, donuts in the parking lot the first week of school, and a 'Thankful for our families' Bingo event in November. Students received a surprise visit from Santa in December and a Cinco De Mayo lunch party in May.

Thank you, Social Committee!