

Oct. 14, 2008

PTG Notes

- I. Welcoming
 - Parents/staff introduced who was present
- II. Fundraising
 - a. Butter Braid – Started Oct. 10
 - Orders collected until Oct. 30
 - Money must be collected prior to order form sent in
 - Families need to arrange bread pick up/delivery; if order too large for student
 - Denise Voeltz volunteers to help Heidi with delivery
 - b. Sign Language Class – Bonnie (pastor at GA) contacted to inquire interest in sign classes
 - No word yet
 - c. Soy Candles – Cindy Symes suggested possible candle fundraiser
 - Questioning interest in catalog (PTG agreed to look at catalog)
 - d. Spirit Wear – Nic Zapko suggested possible spirit wear fundraiser
 - Will contact Anthony Ritz concerning details
- III. Transition
 - Chris explained that students have taken the Accuplacer test at St. Paul College.
 - Within transition class students were explained the results of the test and discussed what needs to be worked on prior to finishing high school.
 - a. ACT test – test will take place on Dec. 13th
 - Registration is happening in classes currently
 - Additional materials are required for D/HH students to be sent along with registration forms (IEP pages, audio gram, etc.)
 - Letter will be sent home concerning what is required for ACT testing
 - i. ASVAB test – self assessment test that compares personal interests with possible work opportunities.
 - Test: Jr/Sr at 7:30a Dec. 4
 - Drop off students at MNSA at 7am
 - Leave school at 7:15am drive to St. Paul College at 7:30
- IV. Announcements
 - a. JMC – have parents been using?
 - Parents have been able to access
 - Lacking in teacher updates
 - Limited information shown on JMC online
 - b. Merger – still in progress working with MDE
 - Will sent out notice to host a meeting
 - c. Type III Driver – Teachers driving students in school vans

According to MDE, there are certain requirements which includes passing a hearing test that staff need to pass in order to drive. Therefore, the vans will not be used until this is resolved. North Star is currently working with Mary Hartnett to address this.

Impacts on sports:

- volleyball taken care of
- Basketball; MNSA will hire bus company to transport students to games only. Parents will be responsible transporting students after games.

V. Reminders

- a. Oct. 16/17: no school
- b. Oct. 28: France meeting
 - Meeting allowing families to discuss future trip
 - Academic involvement
 - Tour guide explanation and expectations
 - 5:30 to 7:00 pm
- c. Nov. 6: evening conferences- 4pm to 8pm
- d. Nov. 7: day hours conferences-9am to 2pm
- e. Nov. 11: PTG meeting- 6:30pm to 7:30pm MNSA lounge