

## **EPS PA General Meeting**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### **Katharine Pike – PA President**

Katharine started the meeting by greeting the more than 70 parents in attendance at the virtual meeting. Katharine then updated the parent community about the PA activities that happened this fall. Fall Harvest was very successful with over 250 attendees. Katharine thanked all of the organizers and volunteers for helping out with this event. The Winter Celebration has been moved to March 30<sup>th</sup> with the hope of having better weather in order to hold the event outdoors.

Other successful fall events included the very well attended Homecoming activities, the Middle school play and fall music concerts, the grade level virtual and in-person parent socials/coffees and the Parent Care classes.

Katharine thanked all of the team sports parents this fall. For winter sports, we are still in need of a team parent for the 5/6 girls' gold team. Please contact Jenny Heuberger if interested.

Faculty and staff appreciation activities included a Fall Coffee Cart on a PD Day and the upcoming Holiday event was fully sponsored by the EPS parent community in 3 days – thank you parents for your support! There will be a mid-winter event to help out with if you missed out this time.

There are many parent socials/coffees planned for before the holiday break. Please check your emails from your parent reps for details.

### **Ginger Ellingson – Director of Fine and Performing Arts**

Ginger is really glad to see events at the school are now back in person! The Middle School play – *Revenge of the Space Pandas* – held 3 wonderful mask-free performances. She thanked the EPS COVID Task Force for all of their work in helping to ensure that this was done in a safe way.

Ginger noted that 600 parents participated in 3 events for the fall concerts. Thanks for coming out to watch!

The Upper School play – *She Kills Monsters* – has started rehearsals with performances happening in February.

They hope to be able to put on an art walk in the spring to showcase student art that was created in classrooms this year sometime in the spring.

### **Paul Hagen – Director of Student Well-Being**

EBC Week takes place the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students could register for their top 4 choices. There will be no international travel this year, but there will be local, domestic and domestic air travel trips. Students and parents should find out Monday of next week what trip the students will be

on. Most students are mostly getting one of their top 2 choices, but this is not always the case. A precise cost and more details will come with the emails to parents and when the deposits are due.

Questions – are food restrictions taken into consideration on EBC? Yes, all of these are taken into account.

Are friend groups kept together for trips? This is not a high consideration when forming the groups for the trips as friend groups change and getting to know new kids is part of the experience of EBC Week.

**Dr. Terry Macaluso – Head of School**

The Middle School project is moving along but there are a few supply chain issues so no date set to move in yet. Terry is not too concerned since we have the annex leased until next September.

There was a question as to whether the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> students can come to school after winter break (rather than starting online) since vaccination rates are up with the younger kids. This will depend on case rates and a few other factors. No final decisions have been made.

Next PA General Meeting will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Meeting adjourned 9:33 AM