

There have been a number of questions that parents have had as their children move from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to their senior year – particularly in regard to fundraising and how their child's participation is tracked.

Students' participation is tracked as they work at or donate to each fund-raising over the course of the years. (Some families prefer to donate food items for dinners rather than work at the dinner.) If they have participated in 100% of the activities, they have all of their senior events paid for; if it's a lower level of participation, then the student needs to pay for some of the items during their senior year.

Some of the recent graduating classes have earned up to \$14,000 to have for activities during their senior year. That amount of money covers a variety of items - caps/gowns, senior trip (which has been an overnight trip with two tour buses - each of which can cost \$1700-\$2500), senior prom (dinner, favors, photographer - one year they had money to have a fireworks display), and a day trip to the Great Escape.

There is a class/club advisor meeting at the end of the year so that all of the advisors can select the dates for their fund-raising activities - each group is allowed 3 on-school activities - generally a dinner, dance and fund-raiser in sales. We try not to have each class's events/sales overlap each other so that families don't get inundated with requests - we include PTSO, Booster Club, Yearbook, and now the DACC in this meeting. There have been instances where classes felt they needed to do additional fund-raising off-school grounds to make up the perceived "deficit" of not making enough in some years - again, we try not to have families become inundated.

The advisors are always open to suggestions - (offering MS Fun Nights rather than MS Dances is an example). Some groups have found that they need to change up the activity just to ensure that students will continue to participate and the event will be a money-making prospect.

If you have any specific questions about your child's grade level and the planned fundraising for 2011-2012, please check the list below for contacts:

Seniors – Class of 2012 – Laura Risley and Kevin DiTondo

Juniors – Class of 2013 – Rebecca Meyer

Sophomores – Class of 2014 – Kathleen Sprenger

Freshman – Class of 2015 – Alicia Kirkpatrick

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Class of 2016 – Marcy McKinley

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Class of 2017 – TBD

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Class of 2018 – TBD