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## *Board of Directors Update*

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Dear Burlington Catholic School Families,

We held our monthly meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Here is a recap of our meeting:

1. Parent Listening Session
  - No parents signed up for the listening session.
2. Update on School
  - Staff is participating in safety training with Catholic Central. Training is provided by the police and uses materials provided by the "I Love You Guys" foundation.
  - There is a website and app for Speak Up Speak Out. This is a program developed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice as a result of Act 143. More information will come from administration about this but please check out [Home | SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT Wisconsin \(widoj.gov\)](#) for more information.
3. Strategic Plan
  - Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Naber created a spreadsheet with all action items containing timelines. We will be working on assigning tasks and creating committees.
4. Fundraising
  - There are many fundraisers to keep BCS running. We are going to create a master fundraiser calendar to help prevent them from overlapping.
5. Sub-Committees
  - A. Finance
    - We are discussing tuition increases for next year. A spreadsheet was compiled of all private school tuitions in the state of Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Our tuition is low in comparison. The Meitler study also showed that our financial goals are not sustainable with our current tuition rates. Our financial goals include increasing wages for our staff and saving for future emergencies.
  - B. Athletics
    - Plans are underway for basketball season.
    - Please make sure you pay fees at the start of the season.
  - C. Marketing
    - Continuing to create Brand Book
    - Spirit Store will open again this fall
  - D. Buildings and Grounds
  - E. Development/Home & School
    - H&S putting on Trunk or Treat 10/13
    - Blue Jean Ball Committee first meeting is 10/26 at 6pm at The Runaway

We are aware there always seems to be a fundraiser going on at BCS. Private schools are self-funded which means we all must work together to make BCS thrive. We give through time, talent, and treasure. If giving treasure is a challenge for you, we need givers of time and talent too. When we all chip in, great things can happen!

Each fundraiser supports something different so it's important to understand where your money is going:

**Week of Giving** – this is a general fundraiser for BCS. These funds help boost our budget so we can pay for extra resources such as online education subscriptions. Students love the uniform approved hoodies that come as a thank you with Week of Giving donations. These sweatshirts are cozy, unique, and can only be bought through this fundraiser. We know your student will want to wear one once the weather cools so be sure to get your hoodie here:

[Products - Week of Giving - Impact Apparel \(chipply.com\)](http://chipply.com)

**Pie Sale** – this is a Home & School fundraiser. Home & School is a great committee that provides students with fun activities like Trunk or Treat. They also sponsored the awesome Following in the Footsteps of Christ t-shirt your student received a couple of weeks ago. They have their own budget with revenue coming from their own fundraisers.

**Soles for Education** – You'll see information on this soon. Soles is a fundraiser put on by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Proceeds go towards boosting our general budget and the arch matches the funds we raise. It's an easy way to spread your donation by getting those matching funds.

**Graduation Funds** – The 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes run their own smaller fundraisers to help pay for their trip to Washington DC and their special graduation activities. Right now, there is information out regarding a craft fair and Kwik Trip car wash cards.

**Blue Jean Ball** – Our big annual fundraiser. We budget income of \$75,000 from this event. Spread between our students, that income would be replaced by a tuition increase of about \$200 per student. That's on top of the tuition increases we get each year.

We talk about finances all the time. We know parents feel nicked and dined by all the fundraisers. But we also have big goals and a long list of "wants" for BCS. What's the best way to keep tuition affordable while making Burlington Catholic the best school it can be? If you want to be part of this conversation, if you have ideas, please contact us!

Our next meetings are:

November 1<sup>st</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will hold our next Listening Session before our February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thank you for choosing Burlington Catholic School for your children.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors