

Notes from Rauner Parent Group meeting

To all Rauner Parents:

Our meeting on October 2 was terrific. We had a very large attendance, with excellent representation from all three Rauner classes, especially freshmen parents. Here is a synopsis of the meeting.

- The Rauner Parent Group decided to hold meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30. Meetings will be held at the school.
- Our November meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6; hope to see you there.
- We have tremendous interest from parents in our various committees and they are beginning to work on their projects for the year. Our committees are:
 - Fundraising (headed by Maria Vargas and Renee Flores)
 - The fundraising committee is talking about a number of projects including the possibility of helping to fund a trip for the senior class next year.
 - Parent mentoring (Kevin Tindell)
 - The parent mentoring committee will look into the possibility for providing enrichment classes for parents who would like to learn more about what their students are studying.
 - New parent committee (Renee Flores)
 - This committee will have a table set up at report card pick up to provide information for parents and students. Bumper stickers that say I am the proud parent of a Rauner Student will be available.
 - Social committee (Hilda Rodriguez and Becky Lazaro)
 - This committee is planning our annual pot luck dinner.
- If you are interested in working on one of the committees, please contact the heads of the committees through the school.
- We also discussed the possibility of creating a school directory that would be available to Rauner families, who could choose whether to participate. Mr. Thomas is supportive of the idea and at the November meeting we will begin to discuss how to move this forward.
- Other issues that came up were the possibility of having a school newspaper and school yearbook.

Mr. Thomas also gave us an update on Rauner's successes:

- 420 scholars are enrolled at Rauner in grades 9-11. Next year the school will reach capacity at 520 students in all four grades.
- 30 scholars from the class of 2010 received scholarships to attend summer college programs at universities all over the country.
- Ten new staff members were added to the school
- New sports have been added this year, including football and girls' volleyball.

Additionally, we are pleased to report that Noble Street Charter School was the subject of a very favorable report on National Public Radio that aired on Sunday October 5, 2008 in the afternoon, in which Mr. Thomas was interviewed. You can listen to the story by going to www.npr.org. If you search for Noble Street College Prep, a link to the story will come right up.