

NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community”

Agenda – January 4, 2016, 5:00 pm to 6pm in Music room 131

NovaPTO Mission - Nova Classical Academy PTO is an organization of volunteers engaging families, teachers, and staff in fostering a school community that actively supports Nova’s mission and enriches the students and the school. Any and all current Nova parents and staff are considered members. There are no dues.

USPA Mission - Interaction between Parents and Administration in an informal setting to discuss particular events and issues, thoughts and perspectives in a positive and proactive manner.

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1. Welcome and Roll Call (Jane)

- USPA Mission - Interaction between Parents and Administration in an informal setting to discuss particular events and issues, thoughts and perspectives in a positive and proactive manner
- Represent not only our family but other families. Provide time for all parents in the group to respond.
- Need someone to take minutes.
- Agenda Additions

2. New Topics

- School of Rhetoric Information Night: 1/11 in Exhibition hall**
Scheduling topics include the
 - School of Rhetoric Course Guide, scheduling process for the 2016-17 school year, which pertains to all current 8th–11th grade students and their parents.
 - graduation requirements
 - course registration/scheduling timeline
 - extracurricular, social and scholastic opportunities,
 - college process
- Major Work Calendar**, No test day is implemented for the following the Concert night. More emphasis on the adherence for teachers..
- SoL/SoR Concert Night**, will be adjusted for future dates. It become a “low homework” night with food options available and study hall supervision of students between 3:50 and 5:40.
- Academic Excellence**
- Updates from the previous meeting**
 - Infinite Campus syllabus information to be added, along with stricter grading timeline.
 - Science department – gr. 5-12 will include more classical, circular teaching plan which will include review of previous years information, and deepen the complexity each year, new textbooks 5, 6, 9, etc.

3. Upcoming events

- EA appreciation week 1/11-1/15
- Black and White Dance, 1/23
- Snow Days week 2/1 - 2/5
- 8th Grade Decade Show Performance, Great Room, 5pm, March 4

4. Past Events -

- Winter Break Treats (request for a day later in the week), Ugly Sweater day,