

NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community” Agenda – September 11 -2018, 4:05 pm to 5pm in Exhibition Hall

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.

X	6th Grade	Michelle	Granberg	
X	6th Grade	Jessie	McClary	
	7th Grade	Beth	Hawley	
	7th Grade	Theresa	Nelson	
X	7th Grade	Liza	Halverson	
	7th Grade	Jeff	Connell	
X	7th Grade	Jailene	Butts	
X	8th Grade	Kimberly	Dumetrica	
	8th Grade	Open		
X	9th Grade	Kimberly	Adelsman	
	9th Grade	Paddy	Griff	
X	10th Grade	Jane	Lagerquist	
X	10th Grade	Katherine	Scheil	
X	11th Grade	Maura	Hackenmueller	
	11th Grade	Kimberly	Adelsman	
	12th Grade	Sara	Waters	
	12th Grade	Open		
X	Dean of Students	Michael	Pelofske	
X	U.S. Principal	Mari	Bergerson	
X	Licensed School Counselor	David	Shuman	

I. Welcome and Roll Call (Jane)

- a. **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
- b. Represent not only our family but other families. Be respectful.
 - a. Provide time for all parents in the group to respond.
 - i. [Jane reminder parent reps that if they have a specific topic with their child to please take that offline](#)

Discussion items

- Upper School Meet the Teacher Night Tuesday, September 18 from 6.30-8 pm
 - [More info to come via Nova notes; intent is to get into classroom and see what the kids will learn](#)
 - [Parents need to bring student’s schedule and you go class to class](#)
 - [Administration does their best to look @ all calendars, but there will always be conflicts](#)
- Homecoming Week, September 24 - September 28
 - [Spirit week has been determined and will be communicated in Nova Notes; spirit week only for 9-12, as it has proven to be too disruptive for 6-8](#)
- Homecoming Parade September 28
 - [Taking place end of day \(3:15ish; all kids\); activities TBD at this point](#)
- Homecoming Dance September 28 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 - [Request was made to change time and day by senate, but it was denied due to calendar already being rolled out. Will take into consideration in future years.](#)
- Financial Aid Parent Education Night - Sept 25

- Have speaker, planning to have in exhibition hall for sound reasons; parents affected were sent an email on Sep 11th
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair October 6
 - Must have coupon in order for Nova to get credited
 - Food purchases are also credited
 - There is a period of time you can order online as well
 - More info to come in Nova Notes
- St. Croix Retreat October 6 @ 9:00 am - 7 @ 2:00 pm
 - 9th graders; Permission slips went out Sep 11
- Masquerade Dance October 12 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
 - Student senate requested to move to Oct 11th; request denied due to school night
 - Dressing up is encouraged, but students are allowed to wear what they want
 - More info to come from student senate in Nova Notes in the next week or so
- Senior Breakfast October 12
 - Continental breakfast to measure caps and gowns; PSO students encouraged to come in but can connect with Ms. Heitzig if need to miss breakfast, but still be measured
 - Graduation will be 6/2 at 1pm this year (instead of 2pm)
- Comedy Sportz???
 - This will be done again this year, date TBD
 - 6-8 see hour long presentation; 6th grade gets extra session on improv to teach flexibility in communication skills
- Nova/Harvest Pack/Sholom Home Service Event, October 14 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 - Details unknown at this time; more to come at future meeting
- Classical Education Conference at Nova, October 18
 - Regional conference that will be held at school; \$50 registration; geared towards practioners, but parents welcome to attend (even if they just attend a session or two)
 - Well known speaker in Classical Education, Matthew Post, will be keynote
- Enrollment Information Night, October 22 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 - Will be discussed at a future meeting

Future Meeting dates – please add to calendars

- ~~Tuesday, Sept 11, 4-5pm Exhibition hall~~
- Tuesday, October 9, 4-5pm Ex.hall
- Tuesday, November 13, 4-5pm RM 131
- Tuesday, December 11, 4-5pm Ex.n hall
- Tuesday, January 8, 4-5pm - At a restaurant tbd
- Tuesday, February 12, 4-5pm Exhibition hall
- Tuesday, March 12, 4-5pm Exhibition hall
- Tuesday, April 9, 4-5pm - At a restaurant tbd
- Tuesday, May 14, 4-5pm Exhibition hall
- Tuesday, June 11, 4-5pm - Likely to be cancelled.

Misc

- Discussed open house night and how it went
 - Committee discussed feedback with edukits and potentially more info for new families or kids new to upper school; overall seemed to go well.
 - Administration agreed to review the lists, and possibly make color consistency with classes. Example, all Latin classes will be yellow, all Science will be green, etc. This would reduce confusion on getting supplies for classes, help minimize wasting of supplies, minimize change year to year. This could be consistent grades 6-12.
 - Administration will add details on where to put the tissues, and other shared supplies.