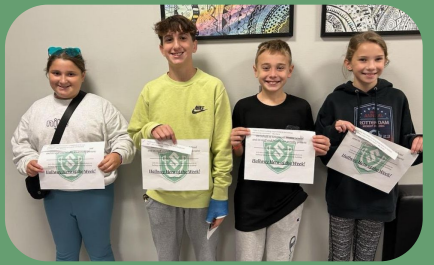


The Value of Engagement in the Success of our School

Schalmont Middle School
2023-2024



HALLWAY HEROES



Athletics

Volunteers

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



Clubs





Career Jam



Activities



Value of Engagement

*“Family and community **engagement greatly increases the likelihood that students will learn and thrive.** Students are more prepared for school, more likely to achieve, and more likely to graduate when they are supported by schools, families, and communities working together in a coordinated manner.”*

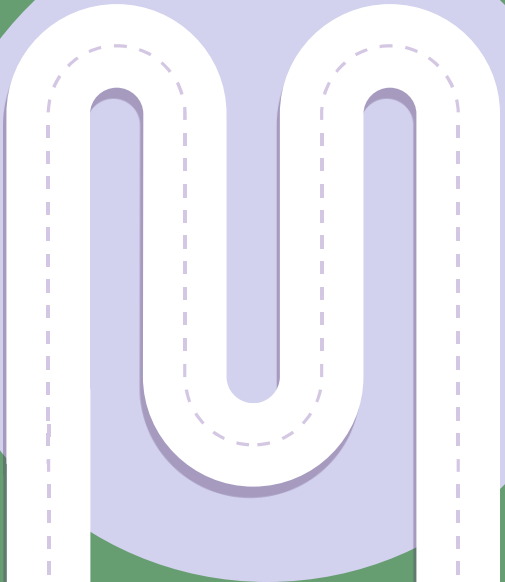
*“All parents have the capacity to support their children's learning. Parents and school staff should be equal partners. The **responsibility for building and sustaining partnerships between school, home, and community rests primarily with school staff, especially school leaders.**”*

Engagement



1. Attendance

"80% of success is showing up!"



Focus Area: *Attendance*

Inform

- Orientations, Open House, Newsletters

Educate

- Letter to Parents/Families
- Parent Messenger Blast
- Importance of Attendance

Involve/Engage

- At the end of 5 weeks personally call each parent who had a student absent



Attendance: *Involve/Engage*

“Robo” calls each day for student absences

Personalized letters to families regarding absences

Personally call home each family with student absence (first five weeks)

What we learned:

- Learned a lot about students/families. Struggles/Experiences
- Parents didn't know who to contact regarding absences
- We as a school need to streamline and focus our procedures
- Needed to be consistent with regards to how we enter absences
- * ***Explore a K-12 methods for parents to easily inform schools of an absence. Streamline for parents and school.***



The Result: Attendance Data

2022-2023	6+Unexcused	5	4	3	2	1
	5	3	5	11	30	85
2023-2024	6+Unexcused	5	4	3	2	1
	1	2	3	12	15	57



2. Home-School Partnerships



Focus Area: *Home/School Partnership*

Inform

- Orientations, Open House, Newsletters

Educate

- Letter to Parents/Families
- Incorporate the message and reminders in all communications

Involve/Engage

- Volunteer Survey
- Open House Feedback Board
- P.I.T. Crew (Partnership, Involvement, Teamwork) Meeting/Activity



Volunteer Survey

Families are willing

- *Need an Invitation*
- *Need to know **how** to help*

Volunteer Survey Results (# of Families)

- *55 Sabre City*
- *43 PIT Crew*
- *7 Picture Day*
- *4 Book Fair*

Volunteers Needed

Dear Families,

Your involvement is invaluable in the success of our programs and opportunities. Through "Partnership, Involvement, and Teamwork" we can make sure our students have a truly exceptional experience at Schalmont Middle School this year! Please complete the form below if you are willing and available to help out at any of the upcoming events. Thank you!

Email *

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Please select the event(s) below in which you would be willing to help out.

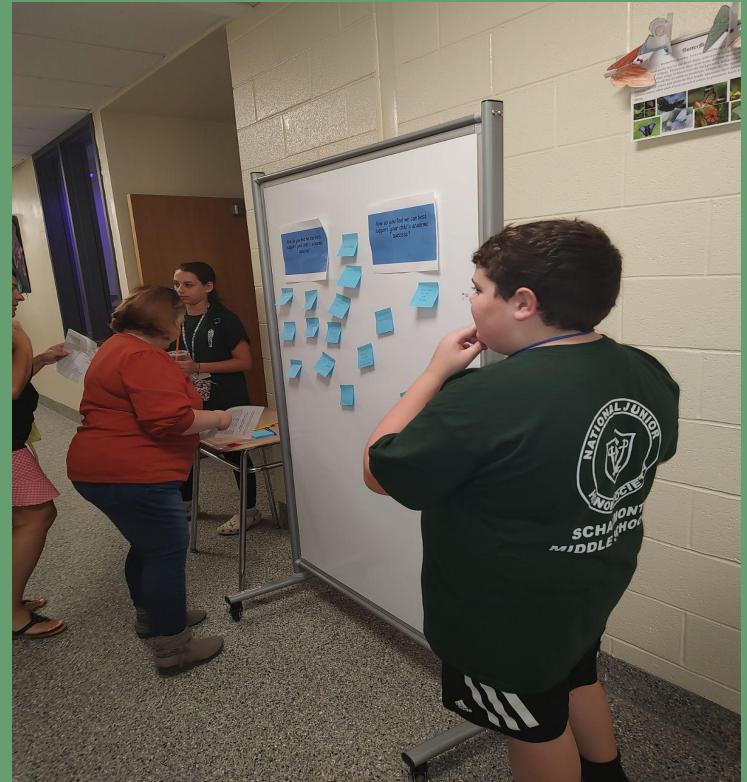
- Picture Day - Thursday, October 5th (7:30 - 2:00 pm)
- Scholastic Book Fair - Monday, October 2nd
- Scholastic Book Fair - Tuesday, October 3rd
- Scholastic Book Fair - Wednesday, October 4th
- Scholastic Book Fair - Thursday, October 5th
- Scholastic Book Fair - Thursday, October 5th (Open House - Evening Hours)
- Scholastic Book Fair - Friday, October 6th

Please select below if you would be willing to help out as a chaperone at Sabre City. Select the dates you would be willing to help with.

- Fall Festival - November 3, 2023 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Winter Wonderland - January 19, 2024 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Spring Fever - March 22, 2024 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Other...



What kind of resources, opportunities, or programs would you like to see offered at SMS?



Home-School Partnerships: Involve/Engage

Volunteer Survey

PIT Crew Meetings

Survey at Back to School Night

What we learned:

- Families *want* to be involved. It is our job to show them *how*
- Perspective of what is *valued* by students and families
- We need to *keep these doors* open and provide opportunities for feedback and use it to inform next steps



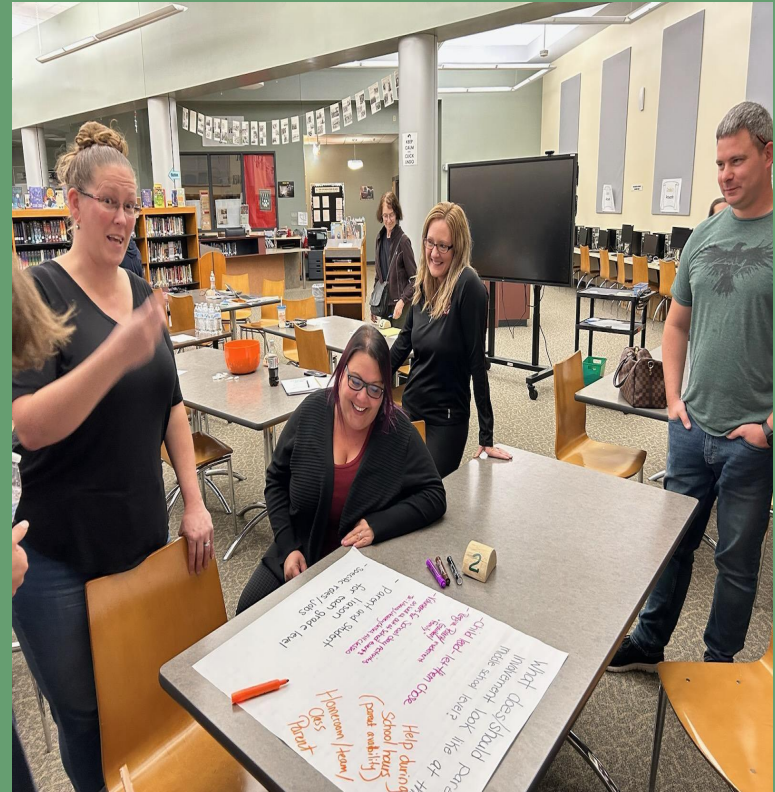
P.I.T. Crew

(Partnership, Involvement, Teamwork)

Parents, Family, and Community Members

Support the Programs and Initiatives at the Middle School

Creative and New ways to promote home/school connections and family engagement at School, and throughout the community.



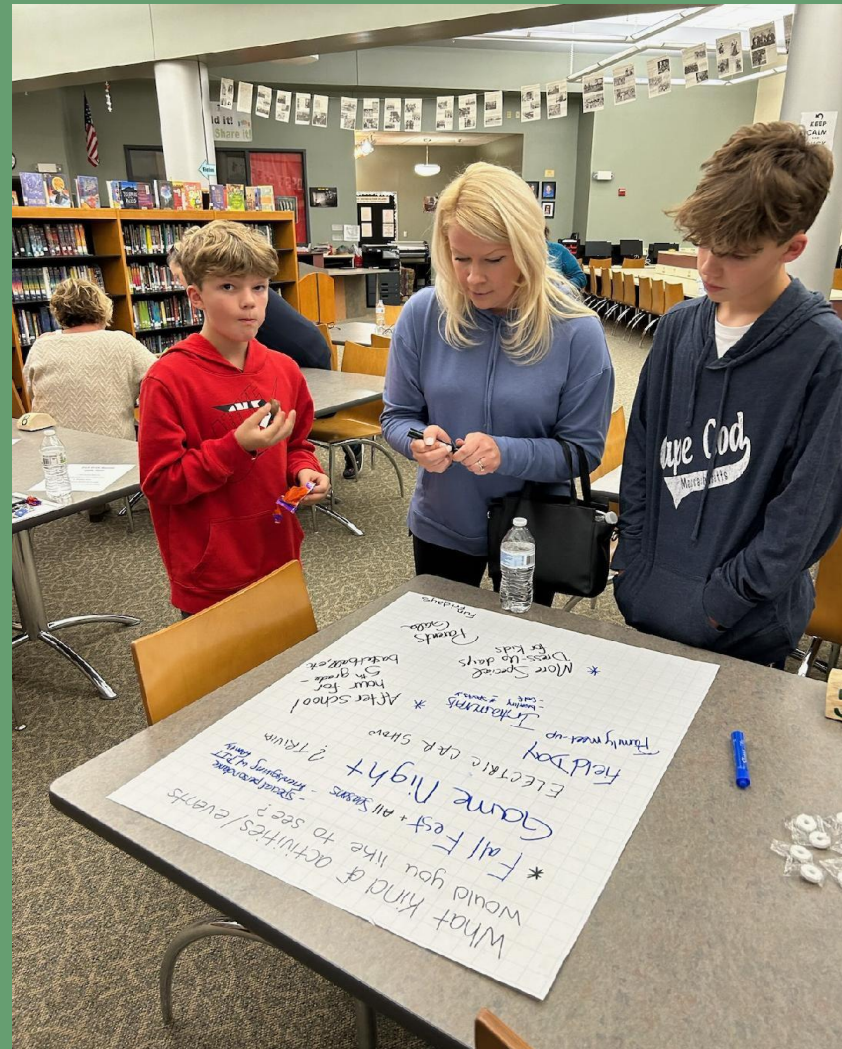
PIT Crew Prompts

What does/should parent involvement look like at SMS?

What kind of activities/events would you like to see?

How do we keep families involved and coming back?

Ready, Set, Get Involved!



Takeaway/Next Steps

There are many common themes with all stakeholders feedback.

It is our job as a school to keep engagement alive. (keep traffic flowing both ways)

Never miss an opportunity for feedback and true community engagement.

