

St. Catherine Labouré School news

August/September 2017

Mark Your Calendar



August 28

1st Day of School grades 1-8

August 29

9am-10:30am – Kindergarten
Orientation Group 1

August 30

9am-10:30am – Kindergarten
Orientation Group 2

August 31

8:10am-11am – Kindergarten
Half Day Group 1
7pm – Parent Orientation for
Preschool - Cafeteria



September 1

8:10am-11am – Kindergarten
Half Day Group 2
11:30 am – Early Dismissal

September 4

No School – Labor Day

September 5-11

Book Fair

September 5

Kindergarten Full Day Group 1

September 6

Kindergarten Full Day Group 2
6:45pm – Back-to-School Night
Grades 1-4 for Parents

Welcome Back

A Message from the Principal, Sister Mary Anne Sweeney

“HOPE moves us to trust that the God in whom we believe will always love us and care for us, that He keeps his promises.” Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May we **“rejoice in HOPE”** as we joyfully begin a new school year at Saint Catherine Labouré School!

I trust that everyone enjoyed a fantastic summer. I certainly missed your children and look forward to another phenomenal year with our “Royal disciples.”

A sincere and loving **WELCOME BACK** is extended to each one of you. In addition, we are especially delighted to **WELCOME** our new students and their families along with the new members of our faculty and staff.

This year our School/Parish theme will be **HOPE**, as we celebrate our newly-refurbished Shrine Church as well as the 100th anniversary of the visits of Our Blessed Mother to Fatima in 1917.

The teachers and I look forward to meeting with you at our annual “Back to School Nights” on September 6 and 7. In addition, we also hope to see many of you at our “Welcome Back” Ice Cream Social on September 15.

Count on my daily prayers for you and your family. I am so grateful for all of your encouragement and support and particularly the generosity of our PTO.

God bless you and Happy New Beginning!

In Mary,
Lovingly,

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney, I HM

PTO Committees

Please join us in welcoming in the new school year at Back-to-School Night.

Grades 1 through 4 - Wed, Sept 6, 6:45pm

Grades 5 through 8 – Thur, Sept 7, 6:45pm

Back-to-School Nights provide great information for the start of the new school year, an opportunity to meet your child’s teachers, a chance to meet the PTO members and sign up for PTO committees. Volunteers for the committees are vital to the success of the PTO. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the committees listed and come early to visit tables from the PTO and other organizations.

8th Grade Graduation

Adopt-a-Family

Bingo

Box Tops

Christmas Store

Cookies & Cocoa (Grades 4-6)

Easter Candy Sale

Fall Fundraiser

Field Day

Gift Cards

Giant Bonus Cards

Grandparents Bingo

Ice Cream Social

Kindergarten Program

Spaghetti Dinner

Sub Sale

Used Uniform Sale

PTO Directory

PTO Newsletter

Retail & Restaurant Fundraisers

Skating Parties

Newsletter Submissions: If you would like to submit information for the newsletter, please email information to ajbabish@gmail.com

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September 7

Full Day for All Kindergarteners
1:15pm – Back to School
Confessions
6:45pm – Back-to-School Night
Grades 5-8 for Parents

September 8

9am – Mass for Opening of School
All are welcome!

September 11

First Day for 4 year old Preschool

September 12

First Day for 3 year old Preschool

September 15

6pm-8pm – Ice Cream Social

September 16

Solemn Mass with Bishop Gainer
and Dedication of Miraculous
Medal Shrine at 4:30pm

September 20

No School – Teacher In Service
12pm-5pm – PTO Get Air
Fundraiser

September 21

7pm – Homeroom Parents
Meeting - Cafeteria
7:30pm – PTO Committee Chairs
Meeting - Cafeteria

September 26

7pm – School Board Meeting

September 28

4pm-8pm – PTO Panera
Fundraiser
7pm – Confirmation Parent Meeting
Grades 7 & 8



A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Jill Bentz

Welcome back to a fantastic school year. The PTO has been working throughout the summer to prepare for the upcoming months. We have planned several activities including: Back to School Nights, an Ice Cream Social, and the Book Fair.

We are looking forward to meeting families, parents, and grandparents that would like to get involved with our PTO this school year. We encourage you to not only join our organization, but get involved as well!

You can participate and help us make 2017-2018 a great school year. We will need as many volunteers as possible and are flexible enough to work around your schedule. We would also hope to see you at our first PTO General Meeting on November 16 at 7pm. Thank you for all your support.

Jill Bentz

PTO Executive Board
Father Neil Sullivan
Pastor

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney
Principal

Jill Bentz
President

Erin Henderson
Vice President

Jenny Sustak
Treasurer

Alisha Babish
Secretary

Mandatory Fall Fundraiser

Welcome back to another school year at St. Catherine Laboure! The PTO is starting off the year with our annual mandatory Fall Fundraiser, which helps support our school throughout the year and benefits all of our children. Monies raised from this fundraiser pay for our school nurses, supplies for Kindergarten & 8th grade graduations, school-wide events such as Science Explorers, supplies for Halloween & Christmas parties and teacher wish list items, just to name a few. This is the **ONLY** required fundraiser, and it is **MANDATORY** that all families participate, as per the SCLS Handbook. We appreciate the understanding and participation of our entire school family!

It is very important that each family participates either by selling items or by taking the buyout option. This year we are offering two types of sale materials, as well as the buyout. Materials will be sent home on Wednesday, September 13. Money and orders are due by Wednesday, October 4. Any Kid Stuff coupon books not sold **must be returned** by this time as well.

Option #1: Sell \$125 worth of items, per family, across the two fundraiser choices. *Joe Corbi Pizza, Mrs. Fields Cookies/ Desserts & Designer Collection Gifts catalogs (pick-up for these items is Thursday, November 9 from 3:30-6:30 in the gym)

*Kid Stuff coupon books are \$25 per book (any unsold books **must be returned** by the fundraiser deadline)

Option #2: Buyout of \$75 per family. Money and unpurchased Kids Stuff books are due Wednesday, October 4.

Note: You cannot crossover the two options, i.e. sell \$50 worth of items and give \$25 towards the buyout. **You must choose only one option.**

Any buyouts not paid by January 1, 2018, will be charged \$100. Please turn in your orders or buyout by the deadline to avoid this late fee!

For questions regarding the fall fundraiser, please contact either of the co-chairs: Erin Henderson (erinhenderson1978@comcast.net) or Katie Sullivan (katiesullivan79@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday!

August 10 – Kelly Rogers

August 12 – Andrea Flannery

September 3 – Cheryl Bonifacino

September 10 – Drew Lawler

September 23 – Kathy James



Spirit Wear

The PTO is selling SCLS Spirit Wear. If you would like to purchase any Spirit wear you may contact Jill Bentz at jmbntz39@aol.com.

Sweatshirts—\$25

T-shirts—\$10

Cinch Bags—\$5

Car Magnets—\$7

Restaurant & Retail Fundraisers

Family restaurant and retail nights provide an opportunity for you to spend an evening sharing dinner with your family and friends while supporting SCLS PTO. Each establishment will donate a portion of your total bill to SCLS. Please join your SCLS friends and family!



September 20



September 28

Box Tops for Education

Clip the Box Tops from various products and send them into school.

The PTO gets 10 cents for each box top submitted. Watch for contests with prizes throughout the year. The PTO raised almost \$1,300 last year from collection of box tops.



The PTO is no longer collecting Coke Rewards, Moo Caps, Campbell Soup Labels or Ink Cartridges.
Please do NOT send these items into school. Thank you!

Red Robin Royalty Program

Help our school raise money all year long with Burgers for Better Schools™! It's free to join and easy to participate. All you have to do is become a Red Robin Royalty member, select our school, and Red Robin will donate 1% of all purchases you make at participating locations. Learn more at redrobin.com/betterschools.



Community Service Project

The PTO is collecting pop tabs off of soda cans to donate to Ronald McDonald house. They use the monies collected to help the families of sick children being treated at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. You may send them to school or drop them off at any local branch of Members 1st.



United Way

Did you know that your United Way donation can be designated to St. Catherine Laboure School? Please enter the code number 246052 on your United Way campaign form.



DO YOU SHOP ONLINE? Go to – www.goodshop.com. Enter “Saint Catherine Laboure School”; click ‘verify’. Search for the name of the company you want to shop. ‘Click’ on the name of the company and you’ll go to their website. Start shopping! Hundreds of Companies!!! Anywhere from 1% to 37% of your total purchase will be donated to SCLS! IT’S THAT EASY!!! Shop all year and earn money for our school!

