

ST. CATHERINE LABOURE SCHOOL NEWS

December 2017

A Message from the Principal, Sister Mary Anne Sweeney

"Let us allow ourselves to be guided by Mary during this season of active waiting and watchfulness."

Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May the grace and peace of this lovely season of Advent be yours to an overflowing measure!

Advent is a sacred season of waiting and longing. It is a time to pray "Come, Lord Jesus" over and over.

We anticipate with joy our celebration of the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. We await with hope the second coming of Jesus in His glory. We seek Jesus in love in the here and now at Mass and in the Sacraments and in the people and events of our everyday lives as well as in the poor and needy.

Thank you in advance for the many ways you witness to "Jesus as the reason for this season" especially through our Parish Giving Tree and our Adopt-a-Family Program.

Father Sullivan and I look forward to our Report Card Conferences with your children along with our beautiful Advent/Christmas programs and liturgies. Count on a special remembrance in all of my Advent prayers. Please pray for me.

In Mary,
Lovingly,

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney, I.H.M.

Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



December 1

9am – Mass 4C

December 2

Bingo Dinner

December 4

Report Cards Grades K, 1

December 5

Report Cards Grades 2, 3
3:00-5:30pm – Musical Auditions
7pm – School Board Meeting

December 6

Report Cards Grades 4, 5
3:00-5:30pm – Musical Auditions
7pm – Vallimar Jansen Concert

December 7

Report Cards Grades 6, 7

December 8

Report Cards Grade 8
9am – Mass 6C
Immaculate Conception
Grade 4 Field Trip to Nutcracker
3:00-5:30pm – Musical Auditions

December 11

3:00-5:30pm – Musical Auditions



Adopt-A-Family

Make Christmas more joyful and bring happiness to someone's life this holiday season by making their wishes come true by joining our 7th annual **Adopt-A-Family Program**. Over the last several years, we have been able to provide a more joyful Christmas to several families within our Community.

Giving to others in time of need is one of the most valuable lessons that we can teach our children. Adopting a family for Christmas is fun, rewarding, and is a wonderful bonding experience for our family and friends.

We are working within our School and Parish to be "Secret Santas" during this Holiday Season. Although there are many families in need outside of our Parish, there are also families within our Parish that could use our help in these difficult times and we want to reach out to them. All families will remain anonymous.

We will provide you with a list of needs for a family, such as Christmas presents or grocery gift cards, and you can provide any or all of the items as you are able to do so. You may want to get together with friends and work on a list as a group.

Anyone interested in participating in our **Adopt-A-Family Program** should (or if you would like more information on this program) contact Sister Elizabeth by email at slriz@schbg.org no later than December 8, 2017.

Give: and it will be given to you... — Luke 6:38

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

A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Jill Bentz

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



December 12

Christmas Store PK3, K, 1, 2, 3
7 & 8 during lunch/recess

December 13

Christmas Store PK4, 4, 5, 6
11am-10pm Chili's PTO Fundraiser

December 15

9am – Mass 3L

December 18

Christmas Program
1pm - SCLS
7pm – Bishop McDevitt

December 19

1:15pm – Advent School
Penance Service

December 20

1:15pm – Cookies & Cocoa for
Grades 4-6

December 22

9am – Mass 3C
11:30am – Early Dismissal

December 23-Jan 2

No School – Christmas Vacation

January 3

School Resumes



Happy Holidays Parents & Guardians!

Thank you to all of the parents and the teachers that attended the PTO general meeting. We would also like to thank the committee chairs who provided updates on their committees.

The Thanksgiving Feast for the first graders was a huge success. Our little Pilgrims and Indians prepared, served, and enjoyed a delicious meal with their families. Thank you to all who volunteered to help and provided baked goods.

Our Adopt-a-Family is in full swing. This program allows SCLS to help families during the Christmas holiday and brings smiles and joy to many families. Please consider helping out with this program.

Please join other SCLS families at our December fundraiser at Chili's for dinner for a quick meal when you are out shopping.

Have a happy and safe Christmas.

Jill Bentz

PTO Executive Board

Father Neil Sullivan
Pastor

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney
Principal

Jill Bentz
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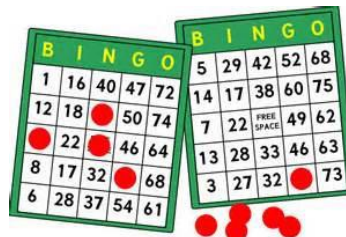
Alisha Babish
Secretary

BINGO

BINGO has been an integral part of SCLS for many years. All proceeds from BINGO, over \$30,000 per year, are applied directly to the school budget. These proceeds assist in keeping tuition costs down for all students at SCLS. The PTO is responsible for assisting in the kitchen two and sometimes three times per month. Volunteers are asked to assist bingo workers with the setup/cleanup of the kitchen as well as the sale of food and beverages. Please consider volunteering by signing up at the link below.

We are in need of extra volunteers to serve at our special monthly "delicious dinners" at Bingo. October and November were a great success. Let's make December 16 even better.

<https://www.timetosignup.com/sclsvolunteers/sheet/29036>



8th Grade Yearbook Pictures

The last year at SCLS is an exciting time for your children and I would like to capture the memories they have shared over the last several years in the school yearbook. Our yearbook has a special section dedicated to the 8th graders that includes baby photos and memories throughout the years at SCLS.

Please submit your child's baby picture via email to cformica1@comcast.net. The photo file should be saved with your child's name. Baby pictures can be a scanned copy of a photo or a digital image. Baby photos need to be submitted no later than December 15th to be included in the 2018 yearbook.

I will also need pictures that you have taken over the years. Field trips, class parties, First Holy Communion and sports photos are just some examples that I like to include in the memories section of the yearbook. These pictures can also be emailed to cformica1@comcast.net.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.



YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK!
Get your yearbooks here!
www.balfour.com

Search for St. Catherine Laboure School, Harrisburg, PA in the search box on the Balfour website. Yearbooks will be \$28, online orders only. Prices increase to \$32 January 1 st .
The online store will close April 1 st.



Please contact Colleen Formica at
cformica1@comcast.net with any questions.

Happy Birthday!

December 8 – Sr. Annelyth Pandi
Deacon Kenneth Roth
December 12 – Tracie Beshara
December 13 – Deacon Thomas Fedor
December 14 – Amy Ribic
Elaine Scholz
December 18 – Bob Kennedy
December 22 – Stephanie Grossnickle
December 26 – Deacon Flannery



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
Cinch Bags—\$5

T-shirts—\$10
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!

Class Mass Schedule

SCLS students celebrate Mass at 9am

Dec 1 – 4C
Dec 8 – 6C Immaculate Conception
Dec 15 – 3L
Dec 22 – 3C
Jan 5 – 8C
Jan 12 – 8L
Jan 19 – 7C
Jan 26 – 7L
Feb 2 – Closing Catholic Schools Week
Feb 9 – 6C
Feb 14 – 6L Ash Wednesday
Feb 16 – No Mass
Feb 23 – 5C
Mar 2 – 5L Dio of Hbg 100th Anniversary
on Weekend of March 2-4
Mar 9 – 4C
Mar 16 – 4L
Mar 23 – 3C
Apr 6 – 3L
Apr 13 – 2C
Apr 20 – 2L
Apr 27 – 1C
May 4 – 1L
May 10 – Teachers – Ascension Thurs
May 11 – No Mass
May 18 – No Mass
May 25 – May Crowning
June 1 – 8th Grade Graduation
June 7 – 7th Grade Closing School Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The schedule is tentative and is subject to change



Dec 14

FRIENDS OF ST. CATHERINE'S
PRESENTS
Fire and Ice
Gala 2018

FEBRUARY 10, 2018 AT 5:30 PM
HILTON HARRISBURG
1 N 2ND STREET, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

COCKTAIL RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION
DINNER & LIVE AUCTION
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY
PHILADELPHIA'S BIG HOUSE BAND

GALA TICKET INFORMATION AND SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES ARE LOCATED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.
SCLHBG.ORG/SCHOOL/ST-CATHERINE-LABOURE-GALA/

GALA CHAIRS: COLLEEN FORMICA AND JENN McNAUGHTON
DECORATING CHAIRS: ERICA LEWIS AND ALCYN MITCHELL

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT COLLEEN FORMICA
CFORMICA1@COMCAST.NET OR JENN McNAUGHTON
JENNIFERMCAUGHTON1@VERIZON.NET

**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!**

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.



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!



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.



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.



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.

