

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

August/September 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



August 27

1st Day of School grades 1-8

August 28

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

August 29

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

August 30

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

August 31

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



September 3

No School – Labor Day

September 4

Kindergarten Full Day Group 1

September 5

Kindergarten Full Day Group 2

September 6

Full Day for All Kindergarteners

Welcome Back

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Vail

Dear Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Catherine Labouré School, and our pastor, Fr. Neil Sullivan, let me say an enthusiastic Welcome Back to you all! I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families. We have 23 new students in grades 1 - 8, representing 22 families, and a host of new Kindergarten and Preschool students as well. Please don't hesitate to call on any of us as you settle in and become comfortable with the SCL community.

This is a particularly exciting and busy time for me as I wait to meet you all for the first time. I have met a few of our families either here or at Dinner on Derry, or at several of the McDevitt functions. I look forward to meeting the rest of you soon, either at the upcoming Back To School Nights, Sept. 10th and 11th, or at our annual Ice Cream Social, Sept. 21st.

Best Wishes,

Colette Vail

Principal

PTO Committees

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

Grades 1 through 4 - Mon, Sept 10, 7:00 pm

Grades 5 through 8 – Tues, Sept 11, 7:00 pm

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 3-5)

Easter Candy Sale

Fall Fundraiser

Field Day

Skating Parties

Giant Bonus Cards

Grandparents Bingo

Ice Cream Social

Kindergarten Program

Spaghetti Dinner

Sub Sale

Used Uniform Sale

PTO Directory

PTO Newsletter

Retail & Restaurant Fundraisers

Middle School Dance

Winter Coat Drive

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

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September 7

8:30 am – Mass for Opening of School All are welcome!

September 10-14

Book Fair

September 10

First Day for 4 year old Preschool
7:00 pm – Back-to-School Night
Grades 1-4 for Parents – Murray Hall

September 11

First Day for 3 year old Preschool
7:00 pm – Back-to-School Night
Grades 5-8 for Parents – Murray Hall

September 12

No School – Teacher In Service
12pm-4pm – PTO Get Air Fundraiser

September 13

PTO Fall Fundraiser Begins

September 21

6pm-8pm – Ice Cream Social

September 25

4pm-8pm – PTO Panera Fundraiser
7pm – School Board Meeting- Room 103

September 27

7pm – Homeroom Parents Meeting – Room 103
7:30pm – PTO Committee Chairs Meeting – Room 103



A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Erin Henderson

Welcome back to another school year at SCLS! The new PTO Board is excited to get the year underway, and to work closely with Mrs. Vail to make this a fantastic year. There are lots of new things to look forward to, like a sub sale in October, a Middle School Halloween dance and a Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick & Holiday Bazaar in November.

We hope to get many families involved this year. We need volunteers to sign-up as homeroom parents, to help with all of our committees, to attend our PTO general meetings and to work the concession stand during Bingo. Whether you are new to SCLS or have a returning student, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, and something fun is happening every month!

We look forward to meeting everyone at our Back to School Night table! Be on the lookout for information about the Fall Fundraiser coming home September 13, and we hope to see everyone at the Ice Cream Social on September 21.

Welcome back, Royal families!
Erin Henderson

PTO Executive Board **Father Neil Sullivan** *Pastor*

Mrs. Colette Vail
Principal

Erin Henderson
President

Katie Sullivan
Vice President

Angela Dawson
Treasurer

Danielle Harper
Secretary

Mandatory Fall Fundraiser

Welcome back to another school year at Saint Catherine Labouré! 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. The main goal of the Fall Fundraiser is to cover the cost of the school nurse (see last page of what the funds all cover). 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 only one type of sale material, as well as the buyout. Materials will be sent home on Thursday, September 13. Money and orders are due by Thursday, October 4.

Option #1: Sell \$200 worth of items, per family.

*Charleston Wrap: The Merry Gift Wrap Guide and Kitchen and Home catalogs (pick-up for these items is Thursday, November 15 from 3:30-7:00 in the gym)

Option #2: Buyout of \$100 per child. Families with two or more children, the cost for the buyout is \$125.

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

Any buyouts not paid by October 15, 2018, will be charged \$25. Buyout amounts will be increased by \$5 on the 1st of every subsequent month that the amount is not paid. 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

August 27 – Sister Kathryn Teresa Clemmer

September 3 – Cheryl Bonifacino

September 10 – Drew Lawler

September 23 – Kathy James



SPIRIT WEAR

STAY TUNED!!!! NEW SPIRIT WEAR IS COMING SOON!

The PTO has a few limited pieces of Spirit Wear left they will be selling. If you would like to purchase any Spirit wear you may contact

Erin Henderson at
erinhenderson1978@comcast.net.

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 SLCS. Please join your SCLS friends and family!



September 12
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm



September 25
4:00 pm -8:00 pm

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

STAY TUNED AS A NEW SCHOOL WIDE SERVICE PROJECT WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

The PTO is collecting pop tabs off 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 continue to send them to 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.



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!



What Does PTO Pay For?

Welcome back to another year at SCLS! Our newly elected PTO Board is very excited for the year ahead and spent time this summer meeting to plan many fun events for our students and families. We are looking forward to some familiar favorites like our Ice Cream Socials and Grandparents Bingo... As well as some new events like a Holiday Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast. We are thrilled to work closely with Mrs. Vail to bring some fresh breath into the PTO this year!

The PTO Board is hoping to have many families join us this year. We are always looking for both "old" and "new" families to sign up to help at our events (there is something every month of the school calendar to help with!) and attend our meetings. One of the best ways you can help the PTO, however, is by supporting our fundraisers.

The Fall Fundraiser, which is the ONLY mandatory fundraiser of the year, is the PTO's most important fundraiser of the year; your participation in this fundraiser is crucial to meet our fundraising goals. Attending our restaurant and retail nights, clipping and sending in Box Tops, ordering from our Sub and Easter Candy sales are also all ways that help the PTO bring in necessary funding.

The PTO pays for many "fun" events, such as the Ice Cream socials which are enjoyed by the families of the entire student body twice a year, the Middle School Dance, the school-wide Halloween and Christmas parties, Cookies & Cocoa, Grandparents Bingo, many events during Catholic Schools Week (including the faculty and student appreciation luncheons) and Kindergarten and 8th grade Graduations. For the last two years we have also funded the Science Explorers indoor field trip, an event which all the kids enjoyed. We also provide yearly teacher "Wish Lists" to help support important projects within all of the classrooms.

What you may not realize is that the PTO also pays the salary for the school nurse. This funding allows a nurse to be at our school five days a week for a full day. There are several diabetic students and students with allergies who rely on a nurse every single day. But the truth is that sicknesses and accidents happen every day, and every single student at SCLS benefits from having a nurse in the building on a daily basis.

The PTO can only work to provide this funding, for both the nurse and for so many events throughout the entire year, if you support our fundraising efforts. Please know that the money we raise goes to so much more than "just" class parties. We look forward to working together to make this a successful year of fundraising and event planning!

Erin Henderson, President
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