

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
Angela Dawson, Treasurer

Katie Sullivan, Vice President
Danielle Harper, Secretary