SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

December 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



December 3 4:00-8:00 Panera Bread PTO Fundraiser

> December 3-7 Report Cards

December 7 8:30am – Mass 3C

December 11-12 PTO Christmas Store, Room 103

> December 14 8:30am – Mass 3L

December 17 1:15pm – Cookies & Cocoa for Grades 3,4 & 5

> December 18 1:15pm – Advent School Penance Service

December 20 Christmas Program K-8 1pm - SCLS 7pm – Bishop McDevitt

December 21 8:30am – Mass 5L 11:30am – Early Dismissal

December 22-Jan 1

No School – Christmas Vacation

> January 2 School Resumes



A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Vail

Dear Parents and Families:

As each new month turns over on the calendar, I marvel at how quickly the school year is going. In the blink of an eye we will be celebrating Christmas and the new year of 2019 will be close behind!

Our parish theme this Advent season is Journey to Bethlehem. A wonderful family tradition is the making of an Advent Wreath, and the saying of the special prayers as you light each of the four candles week by week. One parish posted directions on how to make an Advent wreath on YouTube and the link to that video is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVZf7G-pDJA

The prayers you say as you light each candle can be found here:

https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/prayers/prayer-for-lighting-theadvent-wreath-candles

I would also like to remind you that our re-enrollment process for the school year 2019-2020 has been moved up this year. A School Messenger Alert went out just before Thanksgiving, but I will repeat the same information here for those of you who might have missed it.

This year we are joining the majority of all Catholic schools nation-wide in having our new student registration process, during Catholic Schools Week, the last week of January. Because we always want to make sure that our current families have first choice in reserving a place for the new school year, our re-enrollment process will also move up, taking place at the beginning of the month of January. You will receive a letter of intent during the Christmas holiday that will outline the re-enrollment process. In order to save your spot, we do require that the form be returned, along with the fee. For your convenience, we will be accepting online credit card payments this year.

Re-enrollment school fees for 2019 - 2020

Students in Kindergarten – Grade 8 On or before February 1, 2018 = \$100 After February 1, 2018 - \$150 Students in Pre- K 3 or Pre- K 4 On or before May 1, 2018 = \$100 After May 1, 2018 - \$150

As we walk together on our Advent journey to Bethlehem, may the spirit of hope, faith and belief be ever in our hearts and actions!

God's Blessings,

Colette Vaíl

Principal

FIRST ANNUAL PTO HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WRAP UP:



Thank you to everyone who helped support the PTO Holiday Pancake Breakfast on November 25th." Because of the great attendance, and the help of our countless volunteers who showed up EARLY on their Thanksgiving holiday, we were able to make \$776. More importantly though, this event provided a special (and delicious) kick-off to the Holiday Season for our School and Parish Community. Special thanks to our gift vendors, Santa Claus, and Mrs. Martinelli & her 8th grade volunteers who planned and executed some adorable holiday crafts for the kids. We appreciate you and hope you will continue to support our fundraising efforts.

Class Mass Schedule

December 7 – 3C

December 14 – 3L

December 21 – 5L

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The schedule is tentative and is subject to change



Happy Birthday!

- December 2 Patricia Byrnes
- December 8 Sr. Annelyth Pandi
- December 12 Tracie Beshara
- December 13 Deacon Thomas Fedor
- December 18 Bob Kennedy
- December 22 Stephanie Grossnickle

December 26 – Stan Bielawa





A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Erin Henderson

Welcome to December, SCLS!

The PTO Board would like to start by expressing sincere thanks to all who helped to make our first annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast a <u>huge</u> success! We couldn't have done it without all our volunteers (especially all the Dads who cooked those delicious pancakes!), our vendors, Mrs. Martinelli and Student Council for their craft table, Santa, and all who joined us to enjoy a morning or good food together. We already have lots of ideas for next year!

December is poised to be a very busy month in these weeks leading up to Christmas. Keep sending in those soda tabs – we will have a weigh-in at the end of the month, and the class that collects the most tabs by weight will earn a pizza party in January. Don't forget about our Spirit Wear sale. Delivery for all apparel ordered will arrive to school for distribution before Christmas, and we will have details about bulk items we are ordering (magnets, hats, water bottles and cinch sacks) in January. All orders for Spirit Wear must be placed by Wednesday, December 5. You can find the link on the school website under the PTO tab.

We are excited to open our Christmas Store to students on December 11 & 12, and Cookies and Cocoa for grades 3, 4 & 5 will take place on December 17 (we have a VERY special reader lined up for this event!). Finally, we will close out the week before Christmas with class parties.

The PTO Board has so much planned for the months ahead, so be on the lookout for ways you can help, especially during Catholic Schools Week.

We wish all SCLS families a very Merry Christmas! Erin Kenderson

BINGO

Would you like to be entered into a raffle for a FREE registration fee for next school year?

Then please sign up to help in the BINGO kitchen!

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. Volunteers are asked to set up the kitchen, sell food and beverages, and clean up. There are instructions and checklists to assist you! Please contact Kelly Rogers at <u>kzanzinger@hotmail.com</u> or Colleen Kovalchik

at <u>jckhbg05@comcast.net</u> if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you and God bless you.

*New this year: each time you volunteer to work in the Bingo kitchen, your name will be entered in a raffle for a free 2019-2020 registration fee!

Sign-up here: <u>https://www.timetosignup.com/sclsvolunteers/sheet/29036</u>



DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!!!!

PTO Executive Board

Father Neil Sullivan Pastor

Mrs. Colette Vail Principal

Erin Henderson President

Katie Sullivan Vice President

Angela Dawson Treasurer

Danielle Harper Secretary

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!



HELP SUPPORT

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE

WHERE 4263 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 WHEN Mon, Dec 3rd FROM 4:00pm-8:00pm

Bring this fiver or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?* Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.



Christmas, my child, is low in action Every came we love, every came we give. Dale Evans Rogers Harry Haland

NOVEMBER 7, 2018 TO **JANUARY 7, 2019**

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Christmas Spirit is a Spirit of Giving

Clean coats, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets, in good condition, will be collected and provided to The Catholic Worker House to be distributed to Allison Hill Ministries for those in need in the area.

Have winter apparel you no longer need

Please donate so that others may be warm this season

Coats, Hats, scarves, gloves blankets

Spreading warmth and God's Love

Contact Natalie Barbush 717-443-7356

Donations Drop: St. Catherine Laboure School 4020 Derry Street Harrisburg, Pa. 17111 Monday through Friday during school hours

St. Catherine's Laburne School PTO Online Store 2018

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

- an the OR code or go online to https://stcatherinespto.itemorder.com pose your items and add them to your cart surely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Wednesday December 5th, 2018 (11:59pm EST)





Get your yearbooks here!

https://www.balfour.com/pennsylvania/harrisburg/st-catherinelaboure-school

Yearbooks are \$28, online orders only. Prices increase to \$32 on January 1st .

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

send us your best SNAPSHOTS for the YEARBOOK

Yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so if you've got great photos of school events, or of you and your friends just having fun, please share thern with us.

The more photos you share, the better our yearbook will be for everyone! It's easy; submit your photos today!

The last day to submit photos is March 1, 2019



TO UPLOAD PHOTOS FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:

- Search for Balfour Image Share in your app marketplace
- · Download the app and create your account:
 - 1. Enter your name, email and our project number 917814
- Check your email for a confirmation code. Enter it, select a username & password to complete your registration.
- Our upload code is Royals

(OPTION: Point your web browser to images.balfour.com to upload photos from your computer)

* The yearbook staff will review all photos & determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Image Reminders: - Images should be in JPEG or PNG format, HGB - Maximum file size is 20MB per image



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.

Community Service Project

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.



EARN CASH

FOR DUR SCHOOL

The classroom who collects the most tabs will win a prize!!!

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.



<u>Red Robin</u> <u>Royalty Program</u>

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.



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!

