SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

March 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



March 1 8:30 am – School Mass

March 4

6:00-7:30 pm – Varsity Boys & Girls vs Teachers Basketball Game; Murray Hall

March 6

Ash Wednesday 9:00 am – School Mass

March 7

7:00 pm - First Holy Communion Parent Meeting; Leo Hall

<u>March 10</u> 8:30 am-1:00 pm – PTO Used Uniform Sale; Cafeteria

<u>March 11</u>

PTO Easter Candy Sale order due 7:00 pm – Parish Oral Faith Bee; Murray Hall

> March 15 8:30 am – School Mass

March 18

PTO Dress Down Day-Wear Green for \$1.00 donation 4:00-8:00 pm – PTO Restaurant Night-Chipotle

> March 18-22 Report Cards

March 21 1:15 pm – School Penance Service

March 22 8:30 am – School Mass

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Vail

Dear Parents and Families:

The month of February was a challenge indeed, with few five-day weeks, courtesy of Mother Nature. I have never seen such a variety of bad weather, from bitterly cold and windy to snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain, sometimes all in one day! Let's hope that March will be a different story.

We do have many special days in March, beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. The students will be attending the regularly scheduled 9 AM Mass that day, rather than the 8:30 Mass on Friday. As you all know, Ash Wednesday does begin the liturgical season of Lent. We are asked to do some extra good deeds or make some sacrifice in order to walk the 40-day path to Easter Sunday. Our parish Friday Fish Fry, which will begin on March 8, 2019, will be a good way to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Be sure to take advantage of what will prove to be a wonderful meal!

We will also be continuing our school tradition of having the Children's Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, beginning with Friday, March 15, 2019, at 2:15 PM. You are most welcome to join us for this traditional commemoration of Christ's last steps on earth.

The rest of the month will find our students participating in the parish Faith Bee and the Diocesan Geography Bee. We will also be celebrating the sacrament of Penance with all students in grades 2 - 8. As a school community, we will offer our prayers each morning for our students in Grade 8 who will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on March 25, 2019. This is an important step in their Spiritual Journey, the first that they have taken themselves, as they reaffirm their commitment to our Catholic faith.

We hope to have news soon about a date for our mini-THON event. We are just waiting for the DJ to confirm his availability.

Finally, I want to once again thank the members of the Friends of Saint Catherine Gala Committee for a wonderful evening on February 9, 2019. Even the weather was cooperative!

God's Blessings, Colette Vaíl

Principal



Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Candy Sale is going on right now!

Order forms and money are due to the school office on Monday, March 11, 2019. These orders will be delivered to the school with free shipping! Order pickup date at the school will be April 11th from 3:00-6:00 pm in the Library. Gertrude Hawk will determine the exact delivery date during that week once the order is placed.

Any web orders can be placed until Sunday, April 14, 2019. Your Group Code is 119216. This is a great way for out of town friends and family to support your student! Standard shipping fees apply for the products to be delivered right to their home!

Any questions, please contact Amy Brixius at 717-623-2147 or email at <u>abrix1231@verizon.net</u>.

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<u>March 24</u> 2:00 pm – Confirmation Rehearsal; Church <u>March 25</u> 10:45 am – Confirmation Confessions; Church

7:00 pm – Confirmation; Church

March 25-29 COGAT Testing Grades 3 & 5

March 26

6:15 pm – Meeting to Assist with Scholarship Applications; Technology Lab

> March 29 8:30 am – School Mass

Class Mass Schedule

SCLS students celebrate Mass at 8:30 am

March 1 – 5L

March 6 – Ash Wednesday 7L (9:00 am)

March 15 – 4C

March 22 – 4L

March 29 – 3C

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The schedule is tentative and is subject to change

Happy Birthday!

March 3 – Joseph Barbush

March 7 – Angela Standish

March 18 – Katie Zapcic

March 22 – Emily Sidelinger

March 28 – Jill Demmel



A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Erin Henderson

Hi SCLS Families!

Can you believe we are already in March? The homestretch to the end of the year starts now, and there is a lot going on for the PTO.

Please consider joining us on Monday, March 4 at 6:00PM for the Varsity Boys & Girls vs. Teachers and Coaches basketball game. All money collected at the game will go towards the SCLS mini-THON. Come cheer on your favorite Royals, and at halftime we will have games for any of our students to participate in for a small cost. It is sure to be a fun night of basketball as we help raise money For the Kids!

On March 18th, "Wear Your Green" Dress Down Day will take place! Come dressed down in green with a \$1.00 donation to support the PTO.

Look for information to be sent home at the end of March about our next Sub Sale and Spring Spirit Wear sale. We are hoping to get as much – and hopefully more! – participation in both sales. Pick-up will be Thursday, April 18, which is our half day and the start of Easter break. Lots of cars will be in the parking lot that day, so take advantage of student pick-up being a one-stop shop for fundraiser pick-up as well!

The Gertrude Hawk Easter candy sale is also underway. If you need an extra packet, they are available in the office. While this is not a mandatory fundraiser, we get 50% back from all sales. We hope lots of families decide to fill their Eater baskets while supporting SCLS! Packets are due Monday, March 11, and pick-up is Thursday, April 11 from 3:00-6:00PM in the Library.

Finally, take a break from cooking and visit Franco's any day during Lent. If you use the flyer (found on the website under PTO Fundraisers), SCLS will get a percentage back! We also hope to see many of you at Chipotle on Monday, March 18 from 4:00-8:00PM.

Stay warm these last few weeks of winter – spring will be here soon! Erin Henderson PTO president

2019 BOX TOP TEAM CHALLENGE!

Starting in February, we're splitting the school into 3 Box Top Challenge Teams to see which team can collect the MOST Box Tops by May 15th.

Team BLUE (Preschool, Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2) Team WHITE (Grades 3, 4, and 5) Team GOLD (Grades 6, 7, and 8)



The prize for the winning team is an outdoor celebration, with frozen treats for the whole team! More information will be sent home soon, including a Team Challenge collection sheet for the Box Tops. The more Box Tops we collect, the more money we earn for the whole school, so THANK YOU for your contributions! Box Tops can be sent on the sheet or in baggies CLEARLY LABELED with your child's name and grade to be counted towards their Team Total.

Good luck to everyone, and if you have any questions (or want to be involved in the Box Top collection program!) please contact KC Torta, call or text 724.272.7375.

PTO Executive Board

Father Neil Sullivan Pastor

Mrs. Colette Vail Principal

Erin Henderson President

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PTO Varsity Boys/ Girls vs. Faculty/ Coaches Basketball Game!

Come cheer on your favorite Royals - whether it is students or teachers and coaches!



Monday, March 4 starting at 6:00PM in Murray Hall Cost at the door: All money collected will be donated to the SCLS mini-THON! Students age 4 through 8th graders - \$1 High schoolers through Adults - \$2 Kids 3 and under are free



Varsity players and any <u>8th grade Intermediate players</u> should RSVP to Erin Henderson (<u>erinhenderson1978@comcast.net</u>) by Friday, March 1 so we have a count for the student team. Your check-in will be at the door and there is no cost for you.

Concession stand will be open Canning for mini-THON PTO bulk Spirit Wear will be sold At halftime ANY student may pay \$1 to participate in a 3-point contest at one end of the court, or a game of Knock Out at the other end (no need to pre-register - you can sign up at the door for the halftime games). Prizes for the winners!

> Please join us for a fun evening of friendly rivalry basketball and help us raise money For the Kids!

PTO Gently-Used School Uniform Sale

The Spring PTO Used Uniform Sale will be held Sunday March 10th from 8:30am – 1pm in the school cafeteria! Gently-used, reasonably priced uniforms will be available for sale. Please consider turning in any outgrown uniforms before the sale. Uniforms can be dropped at the school office Monday-Friday between 8am and 4pm (on days there is school). Remember to place a summary of all items in the bag, along with your name, so we can issue you a credit to use at the sale. If you can't make it to that sale, your credit can be carried over to the next one. We gladly accept clothing for which a credit is not needed if you'd like to make a donation. We also welcome donations of school shoes, socks, spirit wear, or belts in good condition to place on the 'free table.'

Please contact Angela Dawson adawson128@gmail.com with questions or if you want to be part of the Uniform Sale Committee.

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!



4:00 pm - 8:00



It's back.....Franco's fundraiser for ALL of LENT!!!

<u>Every day</u>, starting Ash Wednesday and ending at Easter, SCLS gets 10% of all sales! Great location...close to school...stop in for lunch or dinner or pick up "to go" for those busy nights or weekends! Share this fundraiser with all your family and friends!!!!!

NOTE: Patrons need to present a flyer at time of order (flyer attached to end of newsletter!



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The last day to submit photos is March 1, 2019



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Attention Saint Catherine Families:

Great opportunity to enjoy some good food and a night away from cooking! Visit FRANCO'S any time over Lent and SCLS will receive 10% of all proceeds!

Runs from Ash Wednesday 3/6/19 to Holy Saturday 4/20/19

Need to provide below ticket at time of sale! Thank you!



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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>

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