

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

August/September 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



August 26

1st Day of School grades 1-8

August 27

9am-10:30am – Kindergarten Orientation Group 1
1pm-2:30pm – Kindergarten Orientation Group 2

August 28

Kindergarten Group 1 Full Day
Kindergarten Group 2 No School

August 29

Kindergarten Group 2 Full Day
Kindergarten Group 1 No School

August 30

10am-11am – Preschool Orientation
11:30 am – Early Dismissal



September 2

No School – Labor Day

September 3

Preschool (5 day) 1st Day of School

September 4

Preschool (3 day) 1st Day of School

September 6

8:30 am – Mass for Opening of School

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Reagan

Dear St. Catherine Labouré Families,

I am so blessed to be serving as your school principal this coming school year. On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Catherine Labouré School, and our pastor, Fr. James Lease, we would like to send out a warm welcome as we enter into this new school year. Whether you are returning, or you are new to our school family we welcome you and are blessed to have you with us. We are excited for the addition of our new faculty and staff this year. and know they are going to be a great fit into our school community. It was such a pleasure to meet many of you at the meet and greet last week. Your attendance and introductions were so warm and welcoming. For those of you that I have not yet had a chance to meet, I am looking forward to meeting you in the coming weeks during the start of school, at back to school night ,or at any of our many social events throughout the school year. We are looking forward to this new school year and the working in partnership with our parents and school community to promote the overall growth and wellbeing of our students.

Thoughts and Prayers to you all,

Jodi Reagan

Principal

Back to School Nights

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

Grades 1 through 4 - Mon, Sept 9th, 6:00 pm

Grades 5 through 8 – Tues, Sept 10, 6:00 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 board members and see all the great activities we have planned for this school year. Please consider stopping by to learn more about some of our upcoming activities

NEW THIS YEAR!!!!!! PTO Dress Down Passes!!!!

The PTO is selling a 6-pack of Dress Down passes for the year ahead!

- Sale runs from September 3-September 25, 2019
- Cost for one student is \$20 for 6 Dress Down passes. Second child cost is \$15, third child is \$10, fourth child is \$5 and fifth child is free (siblings only!)

PLEASE SEE THE FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS!!!! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY!!!!

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September 9-13

Book Fair

September 9

6:00 pm – Back-to-School Night
Grades 1-4 for Parents – Murray
Hall

September 10

6:00 pm – Back-to-School Night
Grades 5-8 for Parents – Murray
Hall

September 11

PTO Fall Fundraiser Begins

September 13

3:30pm-5:30 pm – Topper Trot 5K
& 1 Mile Fun Run Bag Pick Up;
Room 109

September 14

10am – 5th Annual Topper Trot 5K
& 1 Mile Fun Run; Bishop McDevitt

September 18

No School – Teacher Education
Conference
12pm-4pm PTO Fundraiser-Get Air

September 20

6pm-8pm – Ice Cream Social

September 24

4pm-8pm – PTO Fundraiser-
Chipotle

September 25

Fall Picture Day
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 a new school year to all our Royals families!

We hope that everyone had a relaxing summer! The PTO Board is thrilled to welcome Mrs. Reagan, Father Lease and Father Josh to SCLS, and we are looking forward to working with them to make this a great year.

There are so many things planned for September to kick off this school year. Be sure to stop by the PTO table at the Back to School Nights and consider signing up to be a Homeroom Parent (only parents with all the proper clearances can be considered). We will have Spirit Wear items available for purchase as well. We are working on setting up a sale for apparel items – stay tuned for details in the near future! The Fall Ice Cream Social is set for September 20 from 6:00-8:00 and we hope to see you there. Please remember that this is an event for SCLS families only and we ask that you not drop your student off. Come meet new teachers, spend time with old friends and welcome all new families to our school community!

We are starting the year with several fundraising opportunities, with additional details in this newsletter. Our fundraising is a very important to the school and we can't do it without you!

We have so many exciting things planned for the year ahead and we hope this will be everyone's best year yet!

Happy Back to School!

Erin Henderson

PTO Executive Board

Erin Henderson
President

Katie Sullivan
Vice President

Dorian Skrinak
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Danielle Harper
Secretary

Father James Lease
Pastor

Mrs. Jodi Reagan
Principal

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 from the catalogs (Charleston Wrap: *The Merry Gift Wrap Guide and Kitchen and Home*) or by taking the buyout option. Money and orders are due by Wednesday, October 2nd.

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

Pick-up for these items is Thursday, November 14th from 3:30-7:00 in Room 103.

Option #2: Buyout of \$125 per child. Families with two or more children, the cost for the buyout is \$150.

*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 16th, will be charged a \$50 late fee. Fall Fundraiser obligations that continue not to be paid will result in additional consequences (please refer to the letter in the Fall Fundraiser packet for additional information).

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



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 \$1000 last year from collection of box tops.



Register Now! 5th Annual Topper Trot



The 5th Annual Topper Trot 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run will be held Saturday September 14th at Bishop McDevitt High School. The 5k begins at 10am and Fun Run will follow at 11am.

Register by September 4th to guarantee a t-shirt and early bird pricing! For more info and to register visit www.sclhbg.org/school

Thanks so much to all who donated uniforms and helped with the Summer Used Uniform Sale! Stayed tuned for the Fall Used Uniform sale date.

Please note, uniforms may be turned in at any time during the school year for credit. Be sure to include a note in your bag with student name and a description of what items are in the bag and quantity.



For questions or to help with the next sale contact Kelly Rogers: krogers@sclhbg.org.



Save the Date!

PTO Ice Cream Social

Friday September 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the back-parking lot of the school.

Come out to celebrate the start of a great school year with some cool ice cream and dancing with a DJ.

Volunteers will be needed so please consider signing up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544abad22a5fc1-saint>

Spirit Wear will be for sale!



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 18
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Location: Get Air Trampoline Park
3823 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Cost: General Cost of Admission

getairsports.com

Time Saver Tip: Access website, select Harrisburg location and complete on-line waiver prior to arrival.

Come out and enjoy the day off with some friends!

September 24
4:00 pm -8:00 pm

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Saint Catherine Laboure School. Come in to the Chipotle at **3531 Union Deposit Road** in Harrisburg on **Tuesday, September 24th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Saint Catherine Laboure School.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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sign up today
and earn money for our school

ST. CATHERINE LABOURE HARRISBURG ID 21177

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! This year's A+ Program runs from September 6, 2019 through March 14, 2020.

Our school St. Catherine Laboure, **ID#: 21177** has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant!

Former Supporters:

You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:

- Beginning *August 2, 2019*, visit giantfoodstores.com and select "SIGN IN" at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select "MY ACCOUNT", followed by "MANAGE MY ACCOUNT", then "REWARDS & SAVINGS" to select your school.
- If you do not have an online account, visit giantfoodstores.com and click "REGISTER". Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.
- You'll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-888-814-4268 option 1.

To earn points:

- Use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at any Giant, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more cash rewards for our school!

Thank you for supporting our school!

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- You will receive 1 pass for each of the following months - October, November, February, March, April & May. Passes cannot be used on a mass day, on a field trip day or on any day a Dress Down Day is being offered as a school fundraiser (such as for Topper Trot, mini-THON, for the missions, etc.)
 - Please follow the Dress Down guidelines in the Student Handbook
- Mrs. Reagan reserves the right to announce at the end of a school day that passes cannot be used the following day in the event that a guest speaker or visitor might be coming to school and all students would need to be in their uniforms
 - This is the ONLY PTO Dress Down opportunity available for the coming year!
- To redeem your pass each month, please send the pass to school with your student on the day they choose to dress down and give to their homeroom teacher. Homeroom teachers will send all passes to the Office to be marked off of the monthly master list of pass holders
 - Cash or checks made payable to SCLS PTO

Student Name: _____ Section: _____ \$20

Student Name: _____ Section: _____ \$15

Student Name: _____ Section: _____ \$10

Student Name: _____ Section: _____ \$5

Student Name: _____ Section: _____ FREE!

Amount Enclosed: _\$ _____

****Deadline to order is September 25, 2019!****

*****Passes will be sent home with the youngest student*****



SPIRIT WEAR

PTO is selling Spirit Wear items!

To order, please fill out and clip the bottom of this flyer and send it into the school office with cash or check (made out to SCLS PTO). Quantities are limited - first come, first served.



Cinch Sack - \$10



Magnet - \$5



Water bottle - \$13



Beanie hat - \$15



Baseball hat - \$20

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please enter the quantity requested on the line

Baseball Hat: _____ (\$20 each) Beanie Hat: _____ (\$15 each)

Magnets: _____ (\$5 each) Cinch Sacks: _____ (\$10 each)

Water Bottles: _____ (\$13 each)

Total: \$ _____

Welcome back to another year at SCLS! Our PTO Board is very excited for the year ahead. We have many special events planned, and we are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Reagan to SCLS and are looking forward to incorporating her ideas into the year ahead.

Did you know that the PTO pays for:

- **The Salary of the School Nurses** - 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 on a daily basis. But the truth is that sicknesses and accidents happen each day, and every single student at SCLS benefits from having a nurse in the building when students are at school.
- **The School Messenger System** - Used every single day, this is how email communications are sent to all SCLS families to convey information, whether it be an emergency announcement or reminders.
- **MMS** - PTO has paid for half of the cost of the MMS system, which is utilized by both school families and staff to keep track of grades and teacher communications.
- **Science Explorers Indoor Field Trip** - For the last two years, PTO has sponsored this activity for students in 1st through 5th grades at no cost to the parents for students to participate.
- **Teacher "Wish Lists"** - The PTO gives ALL teachers - including learning support and specials - money to spend for items or projects within their classrooms that they would otherwise pay for out of pocket.
- **Ice Cream Socials** - The Fall and Spring socials are paid for entirely by the PTO at no cost to students and their families to attend.
 - **Catholic Schools Week Teacher & Student Appreciation Luncheons**
 - **Kindergarten & 8th Grade Graduation Receptions**
- **Halloween & Christmas Parties, Middle School Halloween Dance and Cookies & Cocoa** - While families are asked to help contribute snacks for these events, the PTO covers the bulk of the cost for all these special events.

So how do we raise the funding needed to pay for it all?

- **The Fall Fundraiser** - This 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!
- **Restaurant and Retail Fundraiser Nights** - Take the night off from cooking! One or two will be planned each month!
 - **Spirit Wear** - Show your school spirit with our Royals gear while also supporting the PTO!
 - **Holiday Pancake Breakfast & Craft Bazaar** - On Sunday, December 1st, 2019, join us for a delicious breakfast, visit with Santa, and shop with our talented vendors who are all members of our school community.
- **Varsity Boys & Girls vs. Teachers & Coaches Basketball Fundraiser Game** - Cheer on your favorite Royals, whether it's the student players or the teachers & coaches, while raising money for the PTO. Halftime games will be available for all student spectators. Save the date for Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020!
- **Giant A+ Rewards Program** - It doesn't cost a thing to participate! Each time you shop at Giant and use your bonus card, SCLS will receive a portion of your bill.
- **Sub Sales** - Twice a year take advantage of the PTO sub sale. They are planned for pick-up on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 (the night before Trick-or-Treat Night - an easy meal to save for a busy night!) & Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 (the half day start of Easter vacation)!
- **Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale** - While this is a voluntary fundraiser, the PTO will earn 50% back of all sales as you fill your Easter baskets.

The PTO can only work to provide this funding, for both the nurse and for so many fun 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" parties, and we cannot do it without your help. We look forward to working together to make this a successful year of fundraising and event planning, and most importantly, making this a great year for all the students at SCLS!

**Erin Henderson, President, Katie Sullivan, Vice-President
Danielle Harper, Secretary, Dorian Skrinak, Treasurer**