

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!

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