

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

October 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
REMINDER: DATES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE



October 8

No School Grades 6-8

All day - Parent/Teacher Virtual
Conferences Grades 6-8
School in Session for Grades K-5

Confirmation Meeting-
Parent/Candidate

October 9

No School Grades K-5

All day - Parent/Teacher Virtual
Conferences Grades K-5
School in Session for Grades 6-8
No Aftercare

October 12

No School – Columbus Day

October 16

1:30pm – Grandparents' Rosary
PTO Sub Sale Due

October 22

First Penance Meeting; Leo Hall

October 24

7pm-9:30pm – Middle School
Dance Grades 6-8; Murray Hall
(Gym)

October 29

3pm-5pm – PTO Sub Sale Pick
Up

October 30

Halloween Parade
Grades Pre-K – 5th

November 1

8 am- 1:30 pm – Used Uniform
Sale (cafeteria)

November 2

Winter Uniforms Begin
PTO Winter Coat Drive Kicks Off

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Reagan

Dear St. Catherine Laboure Families,

I would like to start by saying how blessed SCLS is to have such a wonderful and supportive school community. We are now more than 4 weeks into this new school year, and I believe the school days are operating much better than we could have ever expected considering all of the changes that were implemented in order for us to open in person. I want to stay positive that we will continue doing what is needed in order to maintain operating in person for the rest of this school year. The teachers are doing a remarkable job at learning and implementing instruction to students both in person and online. This is not an easy task, but our dedicated teachers are doing what they need to in order to make teaching and learning successful. Our students are working amazingly well not just in their schoolwork, but also in following along with the policies and expectations that were set in place. Lastly, to our parents, you are also doing an amazing job of staying on top of things such as the morning COVID checks, keeping the lines of communication open, sending your children in prepared for the day, and overall cooperating with what has been asked of you. It is this combination of efforts that is making this school year successful.

We know there are not a lot of events and activities for us to celebrate and acknowledge due to the social distancing requirements, but there are still some great things happening that we want to address. We have been very pleased with our ability to still engage students in our weekly Masses. Even if they are not in person, they are able to view it virtually. The teachers are using our outdoor classroom spaces to give the students fresh air while providing instruction. The school has purchased a variety of seating for classes so that students can help expel energy while they learn (examples include stand up desks, bouncy seats, bike pedal stations at the desks, etc.). There have been stenciled play areas marked outside for students to have designated activity areas while at recess. (examples include 4 square and hopscotch) Lastly, our PTO continues to support the school (purchase of the refillable water fountains) and keep the community engaged through our spirit wear orders, dress down passes, and dinner events (Chipotle night). We pray that at some point during this school year we will be able to have social gatherings, but until then, we will continue to do the best we can at keeping you all engaged in the school community.

Thank you again to all of our families for making this a smooth transition into an unprecedented school year, and for all of your support and cooperation. SCLS is blessed!

"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."-
Thessalonians 5:18

Peace,
Mrs. Jodi Reagan
Principal



SAVE THE DATE!!!

The PTO Gently-Used Uniform Sale will be held Sunday November 1st from 8am-1:30pm in the school cafeteria. Reasonably priced used uniforms will be available for purchase (cash or check only please). Please enter at the metal gym entrance doors via Derry Street. Masks must be worn and we will limit the number of shoppers at a given time. If you would like to donate uniforms, please drop them off at the school office. Please make sure they are clean and in good condition. If you want to receive credits, please be sure to include your name and a summary of the items contained in the bag. Contact Kelly Rogers with any questions about the sale or if you want to volunteer: kr Rogers@sclhbg.org.

Happy Birthday!

October 9 – Ellen McDevitt

October 14 – Monica Edwards

October 21 – Ashley Wrabel

October 26 – Dustin Hutcheson

October 28 – Christina Castellano



SCLS Athletic Association Update

Please follow the Athletic Association Facebook page (found under SCLS Athletic Association) to keep up on all the latest information on SCLS sports.



A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Erin Henderson

Happy Fall, Royals!

We have all made it through the first month of school, and the PTO Board would like to thank Mrs. Reagan and all the teachers and staff for everything they are doing to keep our children safe and in school, while adapting to brand new circumstances. We had a great school kickoff fundraiser in our 2nd annual Dress Down Pass sale, earning just over \$4000, which beat what we made last year! Thank you to everyone who bought a pass and supported the PTO! We would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to be a homeroom parent. While we could not pick everyone who put their name in, we hope there will be volunteer opportunities this year for those who were not selected. Please remember that when volunteers can be utilized that you must have your clearances.

Looking ahead to October, the PTO is excited about a school unity tee-shirt sale - look for the flyer at the end of this newsletter. We want to offer a very special thanks to Mrs. Stephanie Bader for helping us to bring our vision for this shirt to life with her design. We are very excited about this fundraising opportunity and hope there will be certain days in the school year where these shirts can be worn. Don't miss out because this sale will only be open for a limited time! We will also be selling R&K Subs and Pretzel sandwiches at the end of the month, right in time for Trick-or-Treat night. Please consider ordering an easy meal while supporting the PTO!

At this time, it is still a little uncertain what our SCLS Halloween activities (the parade and parties for PK through 5th, and the Middle School Halloween Dance for 6th through 8th) are going to look like. We ask for your flexibility and understanding as things may change from what is listed in the calendar. As soon as there is an update to share on these activities, it will be passed on for planning purposes. Fingers crossed we can celebrate Halloween as a school community in some way!

Happy Halloween, SCLS!

Erin Henderson

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PTO SUB SALE



Keep Trick-or-Treat night "spooktacularly" simple and leave the cooking up to someone else!

Support the SCLS PTO by ordering delicious R&K Subs or Pretzel sandwiches for the whole family!

Orders due: October 16th (Payment due in the form of one check made out to SCLS PTO with order form or Venmo @sclspato - be sure to include: students name, grade and "sub sale" in the notes).

Order form at end of newsletter.

****Please include a cell phone number on the order form where you can be reached the morning of pick up! ****

Order pick up: October 29th 3:00-5:00 pm (Pick Up Directions to follow)

Our Goal is to sell 250 Subs!

The homeroom that has the most student participation (by percentage) will receive a special Halloween Treat!

PTO FUNDRAISER UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who started the year off great by participating in our first three PTO fundraisers.

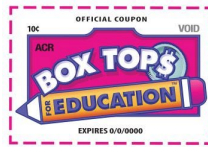
The Spirit Wear Sale did great and final amounts are being calculated.

The Chipotle Night was a HUGE success earning us over \$400 (our best restaurant night ever)!!

The Dress Down Passes hit the \$4000 mark and we couldn't be happier.

Check out below for some great photos of what all this fundraising goes to.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE



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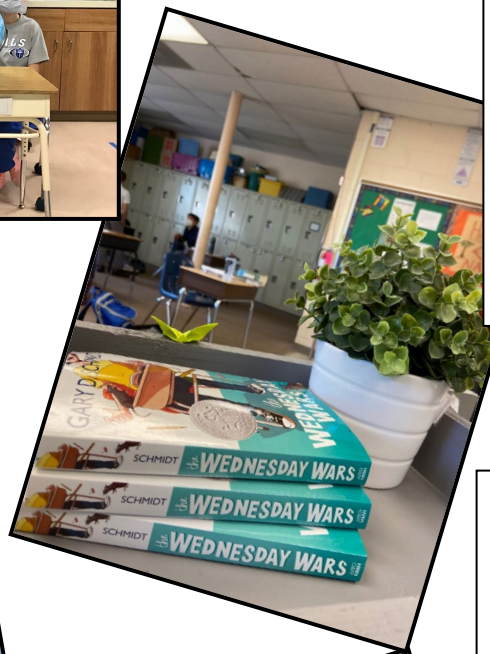
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SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Welcome back to a new year of Box Top collecting! Over the summer, BTFE has announced their move to ELECTRONIC BOX TOP COLLECTIONS. In addition to clipping the familiar pink and yellow Box Tops on product packages, you can download the Box Top app to your mobile device and scan your receipts to get Box Top Credit for SCLS. More information will be sent home soon, but in the meantime, check out the new ways to earn money at BTFE.com. Register to get updates and news that will help us beat our goal of \$1000 in this school year!

Please contact KC Torta @ 724-272-7375 (call or text) if you have any questions!

Teacher Wish Lists

Every teacher got \$100 to order classroom supplies for their rooms.



Please share our sincere thanks to the PTO for these new Science supplies! I was excited when the Amazon boxes appeared outside our classroom door, and the kids were even more excited than me!

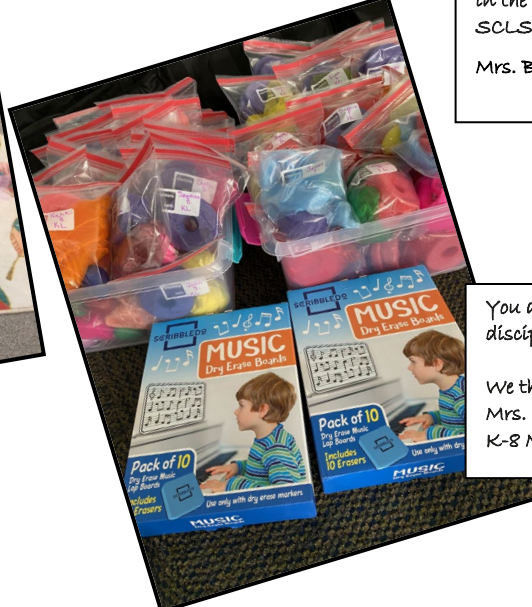
Studying the globe has become a favorite inside Recess choice (wearing gloves and mask!) and it was hard for the kids to accept that I was putting the periodic table and planets AWAY until I teach those units!

Thank you so very much!

Mrs. Byrnes 5C

Thank you to the PTO for providing 14 brand new beautiful copies of The Wednesday Wars to complete Mrs. Bader's classroom set. Each 8th grade student now has his or her own copy to use during this novel study unit instead of having to share, ensuring safe practices with the use of school materials. We are eager to complete this unit that we did not get to finish in the spring while we were learning from home. Thank you, SCLS PTO, for your kindness and generosity!

Mrs. Bader 8th Grade



You are helping make us smarter and focused through the discipline of music!

We thank you!
Mrs. George
K-8 Music and Choirs



New Water Fountains

All of the water fountains were replaced to bottle fillable versions.

From this...

...to this!!!!

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all the other virtues.”
– Cicero

A **HUGE** thank you to **Joe Formica** and **Mark Brixius** for MANY, MANY, MANY countless hours spent installing the new fountains! The entire SCLS family thanks you.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

NAME: Drew Lawler

WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH? Physical Education/Health

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)? Bala Cynwyd, PA

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG? 22 years

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER? East Stroudsburg University

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? 13 years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE? 11 years

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? Physical Education

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR? Jimmy Buffet

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Steak Sandwich and fries

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE? “Success without honor is an unseasoned dish, it will satisfy your hunger, but it won’t taste good.”

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY? I went to the Eagles Super Bowl Parade with Riley and Haley (daughters).



GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

NAME: Samantha Slonac

WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH? 1L

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)? Mechanicsburg, PA

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG? 5 years

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER? High School-Trinity, College-Pitt, Grad School-Wilkes

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? 7 years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE? 5 years

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? Reading

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR? Thelma the Unicorn, Strega Nona and other Tomie de Paolo books

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? Elf

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Anything sweet

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE? "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philippians 4:6

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY? I have two younger brothers who are much, much taller than I am.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

NAME: Stan Bielawa

WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH? 5L

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? Many years! A blessing to teach.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE? 6 years

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? Social Studies

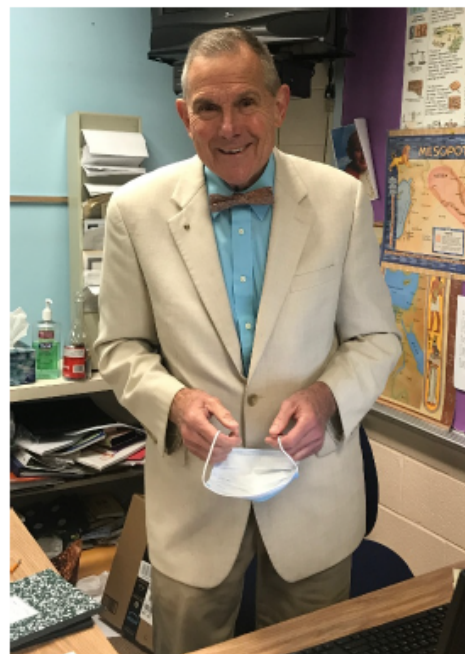
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR? Bible

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? Back to the Future

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Homemade Lasagna

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE? "But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." - Isaiah 40:31

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY? I split my pants dancing at an 8th grade school dance.



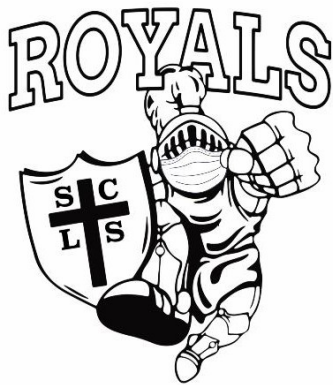
**Show Your School Pride with a PTO Special Edition
2020-21 School Year T-Shirt!**

All orders and payment will be handled online.

Store is open from Monday, October 5th through Monday, October 19th

Shirts will be sent home with students when they arrive (no pick up).

The Royal in a mask logo will be on the front of the shirt, with the "Royals Strong" graphic on the back (see designs below). All shirts will be neon "safety green" with royal blue lettering. Shirts are \$15.



<http://www.sclhbg.store/>

The PTO would like to offer a very special **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Bader for designing this shirt!

This is the **ONLY** time this sale will be open this year, so don't miss out! Mrs. Reagan has given permission that these shirts can be worn on gym days, as well as when you use your dress down passes. Shirts are not just for SCLS students - the whole family can purchase!

Please direct any questions to the PTO Board at pto@sclhbg.org



Full service fundraising offering Italian subs and sandwiches since 2005

Classic 1-Page Order Form

Ingredients:

- All subs prepared with individual packs of Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions (optional), and include a condiment packet.
- Italian Sub and Italian Pretzel Sandwich are prepared with Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, and Provolone Cheese.
- All other Subs and Pretzel Sandwiches are prepared with White American Cheese, except the Ham & Swiss Pretzel Sandwich which is prepared with Swiss Cheese.



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). You can also pay via Venmo - @sclspto. Quantities are limited - first come, first served!



Cinch Sack - \$10



Magnet - \$5



Water bottle - \$13



Beanie hat - \$15



Baseball hat - \$20



Lanyard - \$5

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) Lanyard: _____ (\$5 each)

Total: \$ _____