# SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

November 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR **REMINDER: DATES ARE SUBJECT** TO CHANGE



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

#### **November 2**

Winter Uniforms Begin PTO Winter Coat Drive Kicks Off

> **November 9** Picture Retake Day

#### November 13

Trimester Ends At Home Virtual Learning Day-All Students

November 15-21 Discover Catholic Schools Week

> **November 17** Online Day of Giving

November 20 **Report Card Distribution** 

November 25 At Home Virtual Learning Day-All Students

November 26-30 **NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving** Break

**November 28** Feast of Saint Catherine Laboure

> December 1 School Resumes

# A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Reagan

Dear St. Catherine Laboure Families.

It is with great pride and joy that I am able to state that we are almost through the first trimester of this school year and have not had to shut down nor have we had any known positive cases of COVID. The students, faculty, and staff have been doing an amazing job at practicing all the policies and procedures that have been put in place to keep everyone safe and the school operating in person. While we are not able to conduct many events, this past month of October, we were able to recognize our Disciples of the month, conduct our parent/teacher conferences, collect money for our monthly Mission collections, provide ice cream treats for the students, and have our classroom Halloween parties. We continue to attend Mass every week with a third of the school attending in person while the remaining students are able to watch virtually.

This next month of November, we will end our daylight savings time while we will begin our winter uniforms. November 13th will not only be the end of our trimester but will also be an online learning day for our students. Our mission collection for this month will be to support those in the Philippines. The virtue that our students are working on during this month of November is Love of God and Neighbor.

We are blessed to have such an involved PTO and parent volunteers. During the month of October, our PTO conducted a couple of successful fundraisers as they had the Chipotle night and the sub sale. They also helped to provide treats for the teachers and the students during Halloween. Our amazing parent volunteers have not only helped during the Halloween parties, but have also given of their time to help provide a break for the teachers during the week.

SCLS teachers, staff, students, and families are doing a wonderful job. We are blessed and thankful for your continued support and understanding. We will keep this strength and effort as we move forward into the coming months. We are full of prayer, patience, and positivity.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3

Peace, Mrs. Jodí Reagan Principal

# USED UNIFORM

#### 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, check and Venmo only). 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: krogers@sclhbg.org.

#### <u>PTO Executive</u> <u>Board</u>

Erin Henderson President

Katie Sullivan Vice President

Janell Maglowski Treasurer

Danielle Harper Secretary

Father James Lease Pastor

Mrs. Jodi Reagan Principal

# Happy Birthday!

November 9 – Nathaniel Miscannon

November 11 – Sue Spoljaric

November 12 – Hannah Bowmaster

November 18 – Denise Perloski

November 19 – Julie Delany

November 20 – Sondra Kenny

November 21 – Eva George

November 22 – Doug Wallace

November 27 – Marya Dempsey



# A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Erin Henderson

Welcome to November, SCLS!

The PTO would like to thank everyone for their flexibility in October. We know that the changes to the annual Halloween activities were a disappointment from what we had planned, but we are grateful for the opportunity to have been able to let the students celebrate together in a new way. With so many changes constantly being thrown at them, our SCLS students continue to make the best of every situation, and you can't ask for more than that!

PTO had 2 big fundraisers in October. First was our school unity t-shirt sale. We are happy to report that 196 shirts were sold. Thank you to everyone who purchased one! These shirts can be worn by students on their gym days in place of their gym uniform shirt, and we hope they will take advantage of that opportunity. Please consider wearing them on your dress down days as well to show your SCLS pride! Our Fall sub sale was a great success as well. PTO has such limited fundraising opportunities this year due to COVID, and your participation in what we can do is welcome and appreciated!

Please note that on November 2 our Winter Coat Drive will begin. If you have any outgrown or un-needed winter coats, hats, gloves, or scarves, please consider donating them. The PTO General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 19 is being canceled. With no big events coming up, and no recaps to give, we do not feel it is necessary to bring a group together at this time. We have also made the decision to postpone our Annual Pancake Breakfast and Craft Bazaar, which was scheduled for Sunday, November 29. With the current state mandates still in place, we do not feel this is the right time to hold this event, as much as we had hoped we could. We have every intention of holding a "Pancake Breakfast Do-Over" sometime in the Spring, so please stay tuned.

Again, we thank all our SCLS families for your understanding - please know we do not come to any of these decisions hastily and make these adjustments to the school calendar with the health and safety of all SCLS families as our first priority.

Enjoy a safe, healthy and family-filled Thanksgiving, Erin Kenderson

### SAVE THE DATE

November 17<sup>th</sup> is <u>SCLS Online Day of Giving</u>! Our goal is \$10,000!!! We know we can do it! Please plan to help us! Thank you!



As we head in the season of thanksgiving and giving, please consider donating your old, clean winter apparel including coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Sweatshirts with hoods (hoodies) are also being accepted.

Once again, St. Catherine Laboure will be partnering with the Catholic Worker House for the Winter Coat Drive. Past donations have been generous and greatly appreciated. The items, in most need, are women's and children's coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. Please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details.

Please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information.

Thank you, Natalie Barbush

#### SCLS Athletic Association Update



Thank you to everyone who came out for our first SCLS Trail Hiking Club hike. We had a beautiful day for our 3.5-mile hike! Pay attention for emails regarding our future hikes.

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



#### PTO FUNDRAISER UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the PTO through participation in all the fundraisers.

The 2020 School T-shirt sale was a success selling 196 shirts. We were able to make over \$1200 on this fundraiser.

The Sub Sale was the BEST year ever. We set a goal of 250 subs and smashed it selling 1529!!! The profits are still being calculated but we should be around \$3500. The classroom with the most sales is 3L with 219 subs sold and they will be getting treat the first week in November.

Keep an eye out for future PTO fundraisers.

# BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE





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!

#### **PTO Monthly Teacher Appreciation**

Since our teachers are doing so much each and every day to keep our students safe while getting their education the PTO decided to do monthly teacher appreciation treats.

In October, we surprised our teachers and staff with pumpkin themed treats (oranges and some sweet candy).

"It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sign of the things that you lack" – Germany Kent

THANK YOU FACULTY AND STAFF AT SCLS!!!!



# GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

NAME: Bob Kennedy

WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH? 7L Homeroom; 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)? I was an army brat. I started at Ft Knox Kentucky, then Charlottesville, VA, then Hampton VA (Newport News), then Crowthorne, England (near London) then Valley Forge Pa, and finally Harrisburg PA

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG? 39 years

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER? Penn State

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? 21 years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE? 19 years

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? Social Studies/Geography

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR? City of God (4 Volume Set), Sean Hannity & Tom Clancy (I have all or most of their books)

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? 2<sup>nd</sup> Transformers, End Game-Avengers, The Hunt for Red October

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Coal cracker wings (Arooga's); Bacon, eggs, toast and coffee (Did I mention Coffee!!!)

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can and Wisdom to know the difference."

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY? I lived in England when I was in Middle School.

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NAME: Sister Kathryn Clemmer

WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH? 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (3C)

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

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG? 2 years

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER? The Catholic University of America

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE? 2 years

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? Reading/Writing

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR? Harry Potter, Chris Van Allsburg

and Kate DiCamillo

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? Princess Bride

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Tacos, Mac N'Cheese

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE? "Be the change you with to see in the world."

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY? | love playing volleyball. | have 8 brothers and sisters.





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NAME: Aimee Surgeoner

WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH? Learning Support

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

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG? 28 years

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER? Archbishop Ryan (High School) + West Chester University (College)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE? 25 years

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? Reading

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR? Elizabeth George

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? Gone with the Wind

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Chocolate

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE? "Small things done with great love will change the world."

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY? I was very shy and quiet in grade school.

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NAME: Stacy Buchmoyer

WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH? Kindergarten (KC)

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

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG? 20 years in Hershey

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER? Crestwood in Mountain Top, PA (High School) +

Bloomsburg University (College)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER? 25 years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL? Language Arts

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR? Elizabeth Berg and Jodi Picoult

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? What About Bob, Toy Story

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Pizza



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE? "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY? My husband and I love geocaching. It is a game where players use GPS receivers to seek out treasures hidden by other players while exploring interesting locations. We are Team Derry and we've found over 1,000 caches in 13 states and 5 countries!





# **NOVEMBER 7, 2020 TO JANUARY 7, 2021**

# WINTER COAT DRIVE

### Spread Love and Warmth this season

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. Hoodies (sweatshirt with hood; oversized, large) are also being accepted and are in high demand as are hats. Have winter apparel you no longer need

Please donate so that others may be warm this season

Coats, Hats, scarves, gloves blankets, sweatshirts with hoods/hoodies

Spreading warmth and God's Love

Contact Natalie Barbush: <u>nbarbush@gmail.com</u> or 717-443-7356

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



#### 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!

