

# SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

December 2020

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



## December 1

School Resumes

## December 11

Virtual Learning Day

## December 15

School Penance Service

## December 16

Preschool Nativity

## December 22

Virtual Learning Day

## December 23-January 1

**NO SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS VACATION**

## January 4-January 11

School Resumes  
Virtual Learning Week

## A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Reagan

Dear St. Catherine Laboure Families,

I want to begin with commending our families and our community for their dedication and support to the school during such a difficult time. Your cooperation with policies and procedures and proactive actions regarding the health and safety of your children as well as those within the school building have helped to make our first trimester of this school year a safe and healthy one. We pray to continue the course into this next trimester of the school year.

We pray everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday this year. As we begin the month of December, we are celebrating the virtue of Prayer. This is also the month that we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. We look to keep that joyous spirit within us all this month as we continue providing a safe and positive learning environment for the students. There are a few activities planned for this month. One is to create a virtual Christmas program as well as band performance. Another is that our Pre-K and 5th grade classes are planning to conduct a nativity skit that will either be live streamed or recorded to share with families. Lastly, our PTO is working to provide a Christmas treat for the students that will mimic the idea of the cookies and cocoa that had been done in the past.

Along with the continuation of our weekly Masses, the 3rd-8th grade students will take part in a school penance service. December is a short month, but we will continue through it with our prayer, patience, and positivity. Let us all be thankful for the many blessings that have been placed upon us this year. We wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Peace,  
Mrs. Jodi Reagan  
Principal

## SCLS Online Day of Giving Update

**AMAZING!!!!**

On November 17<sup>th</sup> SCLS Online Day of Giving took place and we had a goal of \$10,000. Because of all your generosity we exceed the goal and reached \$11,885!!!

**THANK YOU!!!!**



The response to the Coat Drive has been phenomenal. Once again, we were blessed with a very generous donation from the Knights of Columbus. The Coat Drive has been extended until 1/21/21. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Thank you,  
Natalie Barbush

## A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Erin Henderson

### PTO Executive Board

**Erin Henderson**  
*President*

**Katie Sullivan**  
*Vice President*

**Janell Maglowski**  
*Treasurer*

**Danielle Harper**  
*Secretary*

**Father James Lease**  
*Pastor*

**Mrs. Jodi Reagan**  
*Principal*

Welcome to December, SCLS Families!

Can you believe we are already in December, and that 2020 is coming to a close? The school year is flying by, and the PTO Board is so thankful to Mrs. Reagan, Father Lease, Father Josh and all our teachers and staff for everything they are doing to keep our students in school and engaged, despite all the ways they have had to adapt to ever-changing circumstances. Nothing about this year would be possible without their hard work and commitment to our kids. In this season of thankfulness and gratitude, the PTO Board extends ours to them all.

Much like how the rest of this school year has gone, COVID-19 has altered the PTO December planning. We were very disappointed not to hold the 3rd annual PTO Pancake Breakfast with Santa to kick off the holiday season, and are hoping to be able to do a Spring Pancake Breakfast "Do-Over" to make up for it. We are also not able to hold traditional December events such as the PTO Christmas Store and Cookies and Cocoa like we had hoped to do, but due to the circumstances, we understand why these events would not be able to be held in a safe way. We have some ideas to celebrate the holidays as a school community that we are hoping to be able to see through as a way to give the students something special before their well-deserved Christmas break.

We thank you all for your understanding. Please know that if there was a way to bring these events to the student body that we would be doing so. The entire Board is hoping for a VERY busy Spring when we can make up for all the things we have had to put on hold.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and all the best for a Happy, HEALTHY and safe 2021!

*Erin Henderson*

## Happy Birthday!

December 2 – Patricia Byrnes

December 12 – Tracie Beshara

December 18 – Bob Kennedy

December 19 – Maggie Cole

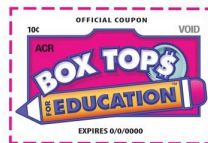
December 22 – Stephanie Grossnickle

December 26 – Stan Bielawa

December 31 – Melissa Connahey



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

Thanks so much to everyone participating in BoxTops For Education! As we transition to the new receipt-scanning app, it's even easier to get friends and family to help. There are more opportunities for scanning and saving as we go into the holiday season, so keep scanning! Please visit [boxtops4education.com](https://boxtops4education.com) for a link to the app plus more information about special bonuses and prizes!

Any questions or problems? Contact KC Torta @ 724.272.7375 for help.

ProTip: We're still accepting physical Box Top clips - turn them in to the office or collection bin. If you have Box Tops and can't get them to the school, please reach out to KC Torta.

## 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 November, we surprised our teachers and staff with a large assortment of chips and salty snacks.

*"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country" – C.S. Lewis*

THANK YOU FACULTY AND STAFF  
AT SCLS!!!!





## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

**NAME:** Doug Wallace

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (8L)

**WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)?** Haddon Twp., NJ

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** Never-moved to Manheim, PA in 2010

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** Gettysburg College

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?** This is my 26<sup>th</sup> year

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?** This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?** English

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** Shakespeare

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** Hard to say

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** Pizza

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "The price of success is hard work."

**WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY?** I am a professional actor, writer and director.



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

**NAME:** Eva George

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** K-8 Music

**WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)?** Unadilla, NY

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** We live in State College

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** Bringhamton University (Music) and Penn State's Certification (Music Ed)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?**

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?** Starting my 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?** Music and English

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** The Water is Wide – Pat Conroy and Dorothea Benton Frank

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** Steele Magnolias and The Family Stone

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** Mom's pierogi or gououpki

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "Rule number 1. Never (quit) give up. Rule number 2. Never forget rule #1!" – Duke Ellington

**WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY?** I love to play games! Especially Monopoly. We play to bargain and win in our house!



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

**NAME:** JoAnn Cantos

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** 2nd Grade (2L)

**WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)?** Raised in Korea and moved to Atlanta, GA

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** Currently lives in York

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** Gwynedd Mercy University (B.S. in Criminal Justice and Masters in Education)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?** 2 years

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

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?** Literature

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** Matilda by Roald Dahl

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** We are the Titans

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** Anything Korean

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "Life's a dance, you learn as you go. Sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow. Don't worry about what you don't know. Life's a dance you learn as you go."



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

**NAME:** Hannah Bowmaster

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (4L)

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

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** My whole life

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** St. Margaret Mary (Grade school), Bishop McDevitt (High School), Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA (college)

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?** Starting my 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?** Starting my 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?** Math

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** Matilda by Roald Dahl

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** Too many to choose just one!

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** Anything pasta

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "Though she be but little she is fierce." – William Shakespeare

**WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY?** When I was growing up, I took gymnastic classes for 5 years and competed recreationally for 7 years all with Harrisburg Gymnastics School on Derry St.







# **NOVEMBER 7, 2020 TO JANUARY 21, 2021 WINTER COAT DRIVE**

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## **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**

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**Please donate so  
that others may  
be warm this  
season**

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

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**Spreading warmth  
and God's Love**

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**Contact Natalie  
Barbush:  
[nbarbush@gmail.com](mailto:nbarbush@gmail.com) 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 - @sclsppt. 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_