SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

December 2021 / January 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 28-December 4 PTO Color Me Mine Fundraiser

December 1 School Resumes PTO Basic Needs Drive Kicks Off

December 3 8:45am – School Mass; 6C

December 6-7 PTO Christmas Store

December 8 8:45am – School Mass; 5C

December 10-12 PTO Five Below Fundraiser

December 13 Pre-K Christmas Nativity

December 14 Penance Service Grades 3rd-8th

December 16 PTO Cookies and Cocoa Grades 1st -4th

December 17 8:45am – School Mass; Faculty

December 17-19 PTO Five Below Fundraiser

December 22 PTO Spirit Wear Pick Up

December 23 Virtual Day – All Students 11:30 am Dismissal No Preschool, No Aftercare

December 24-January 3 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Reagan

Dear St. Catherine Laboure Families,

The past month of November was filled with many emotions and challenges. While it was saddening to have to revert to virtual learning for a week, it was a necessity to try to maintain a safe and healthy environment. On the positive side, we were able to present our Disciples of the month for courage, our 2nd and 8th grade classes were able to attend their field trips, and we were able to celebrate our Discover Catholic Schools week.

We are now moving into the month of December which we pray will be filled with joy, happiness, and healthiness. This month we are hoping to still conduct our Christmas store for the students, have our cookies and cocoa, class Christmas parties, and present our virtual Christmas program. 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.

"Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other." – Romans 12:10

Peace, Jodí Reagan Principal



Order your yearbook now to enjoy a year full of memories. Please place your online order to ensure your child receives a copy. Only a few extra copies have been ordered and they will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Orders can be placed using the link below.

https://www.balfour.com

Search for St. Catherine Laboure School, Harrisburg, PA in the search box on the Balfour website and click the link to yearbooks. Yearbooks are currently from now until December 31st yearbooks are \$28. Prices increase to \$32 on January 1st.

Please contact Colleen Formica at cformica78@gmail.com with any questions.

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January 4 School Resumes

<u>January 7</u> Confirmation Retreat 8:45am – School Mass; Faculty

<u>January 13</u> 6:30pm – Confirmation Parent Meeting; Murray Hall <u>January 14</u> 8:45am – School Mass; 5L

<u>January 16</u> 8-11:30 am – PTO Pancake Breakfast; Murray Hall

<u>January 17</u> NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 21 8:45am – School Mass Faculty

January 28 8:45am – School Mass; 6L

January 30-February 6 Catholic Schools Week

Happy Birthday!

December 2 Patricia Byrnes Jillian Phelps

December 12 Tracie Beshara

December 14 Amy Ribic

December 19 Maggie Cole



A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Erin Henderson

Happy December, SCLS Families!

While November may have presented some obstacles for our SCLS students, teachers, staff and families, we are hoping that we can close out 2021 and make it as "normal" of a December as possible for our school community. The week-long shutdown has created a little obstacle for the PTO in holding our annual December events, but we are happy to say that while they all may look a little different, we have no plans to cancel anything that is planned.

The Christmas store will be held in-person, with students having the opportunity to shop on December 6 and 7, and Cookies and Cocoa will be held on December 16 for 1st through 4th grades. Volunteers will be limited for both of these events. While we had hoped that would not be the case, we are trying to minimize contact with the students in an effort to keep everyone healthy heading into Christmas break. Class Christmas parties will be a little more low-key this year, with Homeroom parents coordinating snacks for their classes, but unfortunately there will also be no volunteers able to come into the classrooms for these end of year celebrations. We know this is disappointing for anyone who had planned to help, but I want to remind everyone that these events are for the kids, not for us as parents, and the focus must be kept on keeping these events going for all of our students, even if we have to adjust how the events are run.

PTO held its second Spirit Wear fundraiser with pick-up scheduled for the last day of in-person learning.

Looking ahead to January, we are hoping to hold our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 16. Look for more information on this soon. Catholic Schools Week is also planned to begin at the end of January, and the PTO will host Teacher and Student Appreciation luncheons during that week.

Wishing all of our SCLS families a very Merry Christmas and sending best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Erin Kenderson

PTO Executive Board

Erin Henderson President

Colleen Formica Vice President

Janell Maglowski Treasurer

Danielle Harper Secretary

Father James Lease Pastor

Mrs. Jodi Reagan Principal



Happy Birthday!

December 20 Jennifer Wright

December 22 Stephanie Grossnickle

> December 26 Stan Bielawa

December 30 Jamie Bufton



Happy Birthday!

<u>December 31</u> Melissa Connahey

<u>January 8</u> Yvonne Jackson

January 11 Kenny Kresge

<u>January 27</u> Tricia Healey



PTO RESTAURANT AND RETAIL NIGHTS

Please come out and support the PTO for some good food and fun!!! Flyers for both events are located at the end of the newsletter and can be shared with family and friends (watch for social media postings too!)



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

Our School Unity T-shirt sale raised over \$1300. Reminder to wear your t-shirts on dress down days and to gym class. We truly are "Blessed to be together as one SCLS!"

Please continue to support the PTO fundraisers if you can so we can purchase new picnic tables and awnings outside the school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SCLS Christmas Store will be open! Monday, December 6 and Tuesday. December 7

At this time, we are working with the school Covid protocols to be able to conduct the Christmas store for our students.

Please look for more details coming soon via email and Facebook.

Thanks! Ricci Jayman (aka Mrs. Claus)



Thanks so much to everyone who donated uniforms and placed orders for the Fall Used Uniform Sale! Since the school had to shut down that weekend due to COVID cases, we pivoted to a fully online sale. Volunteers were able to fill about 60 online orders. Thanks to everyone for your patience and flexibility!

Please SAVE THE DATE for the Spring Sale: Sunday March 6, 2022.

Remember to keep sending in those gently-used uniforms at any time during the school year. For questions contact Kelly Rogers: kzanzinger@hotmail.com.

COMING SOON....

COOKIES & COCOA (GRADES 1-4): PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING DONATIONS OF BAKED GOOD FOR OUR EVENT SET FOR DECEMBER 16TH.



SCLS Online Day of Giving Update



On November 18th <u>SCLS Online Day of Giving</u> took place and we had a goal of \$10,000!!! Because of all your generosity we exceeded our goal and reached \$10,685!!!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED!



Save The Date

10th Annual

St. Catherine Laboure Four Diamonds Mini-THON

FOUR S DIAMONDS

This year's event will be held, in school, on March 15, 2022.

<u>We need volunteers to assist with the planning of the event</u>. If you are interested, please contact Natalie Barbush at *nbarbush@gmail.com* or Laura Backhaus at *lbackhaus@comcast.net*. This will also be Natalie and Laura's last year to assist with the coordination; if there is anyone interested in assisting with the continuation of the Mini-THON, now would be a great time to become involved.

For those of you new to the Mini-THON, they are modeled after the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON). All proceeds from the Mini-THON support the mission of the Four Diamonds to conquer childhood cancer. In addition to funding research, they assist children treated at Penn State Health Children's Hospital and their families through superior care and comprehensive support. 100% of the patient's bills are covered, as well as additional expenses that disrupt the welfare of the child. Several families, from SCLS, have benefited from the services of the Four Diamonds and can attest to the care and support.

SCLS Four Diamonds Mini-THON has evolved over the years. Last year, SCLS raised \$13,727.26 for the Mini-THON!!

FTK (For The Kids),

Natalie and Laura



DECEMBER 1, 2021 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2022

BASIC NEEDS DRIVE

For several years, St. Catherine Laboure has partnered with the St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House for the Coat Drive. The needs of the community have changed and in lieu of the Coat Drive this year, St. Catherine Laboure will again be partnering with Catholic Worker House for a Basic Needs Drive.

For 20 years, the Catholic Worker House has been distributing basic needs to the poor and homeless on Allison Hill in Harrisburg. Your generosity, in the Coat Drives, has been incredible and greatly appreciated by so many. Please consider assisting them in meeting the current needs of the community

Current Needs:

- Men's Boxer or boxer
 Brief Underwear –
 medium, large
- Men's T-shirts large, x-large any color
- Men's deodorant
- Men's socks
- Soap bars
- Bath towels and wash cloths
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Toilet paper
- Knit hats
- Hoodies large, xlarge

IT'S GOOD TO BE BLESSED.

IT'S BETTER TO BE A BLESSING!

Contact Natalie Barbush nbarbush@gmail.com or 717-443-7356

Donations Drop: St. Catherine Laboure School

4020 Derry Street Harrisburg, Pa. 17111 Monday through Friday during

Color Me Mine The Paint-It-Yourself Ceramics Studio

St. Catherine Laboure School

<u>Sun</u> <u>Sun</u> <u>12pm - 5pm</u> <u>Mon - Wed</u> <u>10em - 5pm</u> <u>Thur</u> <u>10em - 8pm</u> <u>Fris Sat</u> <u>12pm - 8pm</u>

Color Me Mine



Join us Sunday November 28th through Saturday December 4th during regular studio hours. Bring this card to Color Me Mine of Harrisburg and 30% of your pottery purchase will benefit St. Catherine Laboure Schooll

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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!

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Cinch Sack - \$10	Magnet - \$	5 Wat	er bottle - \$13		
	- \$15 Baseball hat				
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