

# SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE SCHOOL NEWS

February 2023

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### January 29-February 4

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

### February 1

Student Appreciation Pizza Lunch

### February 2

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
2:00-5:00pm – PTO Krispy  
Kreme Fundraiser Pick Up  
(see flyer at end of newsletter for  
pick up directions)

### February 3

8:30am – School Mass-Closing of  
Catholic Schools Week – 6C

### February 10

8:45am Mass – 5L

### February 11

10 am First Penance  
Annual Gala

### February 17

**NO SCHOOL-Teacher In  
Service**

### February 20

**NO SCHOOL-President's Day**  
11am-9 pm PTO Fundraiser  
Chuck E. Cheese

### February 22

Ash Wednesday  
8:45am Mass – 5L

### February 24

2:00 pm Stations of the Cross-  
Student Council

## **A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Reagan**

Dear St. Catherine Laboure Families,

We had a wonderful start to the new year as January gave us some exciting activities. We began the month with our School Mass and the recognition of our December Virtues of the month for Generosity. The 4th and 5th graders took a field trip to the Farm Show where they had an enjoyable learning experience and proudly represented SCLS. The SCLS PTO hosted our annual Pancake breakfast which had a wonderful turnout and helped continue supporting their playground project. Our CYO teams continue to thrive in their basketball games. Then lastly, we had the kickoff of our Catholic Schools Week. January went by quickly and we were blessed to have cooperating weather for the month.

This coming month of February, we find ourselves in the middle of Catholic Schools week and the various activities and projects that will continue. We will begin with the closing of Catholic Schools Week Mass along with our Disciple of the Month recognition for January which was Gratitude. On the heels of our Catholic Schools Week we will celebrate the Annual Gala as well as our 2nd graders sacrament of First Penance. February is also an important month as we open our re-registration to our families. We look forward to everything that February brings to our school community and look forward to celebrating with you all.

Thank you as always for your dedication and support to the St. Catherine Laboure School community. Have a blessed month of February.

### **Romans 15:13**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Peace,

*Jodi Reagan*

Principal

## **YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK!**

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. From now until December 31<sup>st</sup> yearbooks are \$28. Prices increase to \$32 on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any interest in taking over the yearbook for the 2023 - 2024 school year, please contact Colleen Formica, [cformica78@gmail.com](mailto:cformica78@gmail.com).

**Newsletter Submissions: If you would like to submit information for the newsletter, please email information to [d\\_mehalick@hotmail.com](mailto:d_mehalick@hotmail.com)**

*Happy Birthday!*

February 2  
Ashley Gipe

February 7  
Aimee Surgeoner

February 19  
Lori Breski

February 25  
Janell Maglowski



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

Welcome to February, SCLS Families!

The PTO Board would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our annual Pancake Breakfast on January 15. From the student servers, the parents who helped set up, the best PTO Dad Kitchen Crew around, to everyone who came and enjoyed breakfast with us, we are so thankful and appreciative of your support. All the profits from the breakfast are going directly into the PTO Playground Project fund.

Our Playground Project is off to a strong start! The entire unit has been ordered - did you know the pictures you keep seeing are the actual playground, and not just an example of what it could look like? - and we are looking for work to begin on the installation in early April. There is still a long way to go with the fundraising part of this project, and we have MANY ways you can help. The always popular R&K subs and pretzel sandwiches will be back later this Spring, along with a Spring Spirit Wear sale, several restaurant and retail opportunities... and a few other things we are working on. All profits from all sales will directly go towards the playground, so please consider participating! Interested in just donating directly? We got you covered there too! You can always send a donation into school (attention: PTO Playground Project) or scan the QR code to make a donation right from your phone or computer. Every little bit helps! Know of a business or individual who might be able to help? Please reach out to any PTO Board member and we would be more than happy to get their contact information from you and reach out to them.

### PTO Executive Board

**Erin Henderson**  
*President*

**Colleen Formica**  
*Vice President*

**Janell Maglowski**  
*Treasurer*

**Danielle Harper**  
*Secretary*

**Father James Lease**  
*Pastor*

**Mrs. Jodi Reagan**  
*Principal*

### SCLS 2022-2023 Annual Fund Update

That brings the Annual Fund to **\$62,000**. Please donate today to our 2022-2023 Annual Fund and help us reach our goal of **\$55,000**. All proceeds go directly to our school and our students.

**Thank you for your support and generosity!**

Link to donate: [St. Catherine Laboure · 2022-2023 Annual Fund \(lgforms.com\)](https://www.lgforms.com)

As Catholic Schools Week kicks off, we will take a mini break from our fundraising to celebrate our fabulous students and teachers. On Wednesday, February 1 we will treat all the students to a free pizza lunch (a BIG thank you to Franco's on Derry Street for these yummy pizzas!), and on Thursday, February 2 we will host a teacher & staff appreciation lunch.

As always, we are so thankful for all our supportive families, and we know we couldn't do any of this without you! Happy Catholic Schools Week and Valentine's Day to all this month!

*Erin Henderson*



### PTO and Student Council Soda Tab Collection

The PTO is partnering with Student Council again this year for a school-wide service project by collecting soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. All students are asked to collect soda tabs at home and bring them into your homerooms, where they will be collected and weighed by Student Council in 3 rounds.

The next round ends February 3 (notice this is a new date to align with the end of Catholic Schools Week), and the deadline for the final round of the year will be May 2.

The homeroom that collects the most tabs will win a treat from the PTO! Please help Student Council reach their goal of collecting 400 lbs of tabs this school year!



# PTO Fundraisers for this year...

## PTO FUNDRAISER and EVENT UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who continues to participate in our PTO fundraisers!!!! We appreciate the support and look forward to exciting news on what we plan to purchase this year. STAY TUNED!!!!

Box Tops - \$37

PTO Pancake Breakfast - \$1030

Franco's - TBD

5 Below - \$17

## PTO RESTAURANT AND RETAIL NIGHTS

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

### Chuck E. Cheese

Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 9 pm  
Must bring or mention flyer  
(located at end of newsletter)



## COMING SOON-USED UNIFORM SALE

The Spring PTO Gently-Used Uniform Sale will be held **Sunday March 5th from 8am-12pm** in the school cafeteria. Gently-used uniforms for all ages will be available for sale at a reasonable price. Cash, check, or Venmo accepted. Please enter and exit through the metal gym doors on Derry Street. REMINDER: spring uniforms begin Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>, so stock up on those spring uniform items! In addition to buying the items you need, this is also a great fundraiser for the PTO!



If you have uniforms to donate, please drop them off at the school office during regular school hours. They should be clean and in gently-used condition. If you want to receive credits, please include a note in the bag with your name and a list of the items you are donating. Please contact Jamie Bufton at [jbufton@sclhbg.org](mailto:jbufton@sclhbg.org) with any questions.

## SCLS Spirit Wear

Need new Spirit Wear gear for the spring season?

The SCLS Spirit Wear store **reopens on February 12th**. This will be the last sale of the school year, so be sure to place your order before the store closes on February 26th.

Be on the lookout for a message when the store reopens!



## St. Catherine Athletic Association Update

Keep your eyes open for 2023 track and field registrations. Registration will open on February 1<sup>st</sup> and information will be announced via school email and on the Athletic Association Facebook page.

You can follow the St. Catherine's Athletic Association Facebook page (search 'SCLS Athletic Association') for all the latest school sports information including registrations.





## THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE NEEDS OUR SCLS FAMILY!!!!

If you know of any groups or companies who would be willing to donate towards our playground let us know. We have a lot of fundraising left to do to ensure the playground gets completed. If you can help with donations, grants, fundraising please email Danielle Harper @ [d\\_mehalick@hotmail.com](mailto:d_mehalick@hotmail.com). Stay tuned for more details around finances and timeline.

NOTE: Drawings are not finalized and could change slightly.



### SCLS PLAYGROUND UPDATE

- Playground equipment has been ordered
- Fundraising is underway
- Contractors are being scheduled
- Fundraising is underway
- Installation is being scheduled
- Fundraising is underway
- Volunteer schedule is being designed
- Did we mention fundraising?????

### Can't wait to donate?????

Please click [here](#) to help make this playground a dream come true for our students!



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**\$31,000**

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

**NAME:** Ashley Demmel

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** 2C

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

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** Hummelstown-all my life

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** Hershey High School-Shippensburg University

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?** 1<sup>st</sup> year

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?** First year

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

**WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?** Teacher

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** I need to read more,  
would love suggestions.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** Christmas movies!

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** Chocolate, chicken nuggets/fries, ice cream

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "Walk by faith, not by sight."  
and "No rain, no rainbows"

**NAME A PLACE YOU WOULD LOVE TO VISIT?** Hawaii

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY AND WHY?** Christmas: family, birth of Jesus, and giving presents!

**IF YOU COULD BE ANY ANIMAL WHAT WOULD PICK AND WHY?** Dog-get to sleep all day and play and eat of course.

**WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY?** I did gymnastics for 16 years and soccer for 13 years!



What is the  
hardest move  
ever in  
gymnastics?

The Yurchenko Double Pike (vault). The Yurchenko Double Pike has only ever been completed by men. The vault is a high-difficulty skill with only five male gymnasts ever completing it.



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

**NAME:** Darling Bonebelche

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** Music

**WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AT (CITY/STATE)?** Okinawa, Japan

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** One year

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** My conservatory didn't have one.

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

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?** One year

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?** Social Studies

**WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?** I wanted to be a concert

violinist growing up! I have my degree in Violin Performance, but

discovered my love for teaching during college.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** Jane Austen

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** I don't have a favorite movie, but my favorite TV show is White Collar

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** My favorite food is a Filipino dish called "Kare-Kare" which is a stew made with peanut sauce and oxtail.

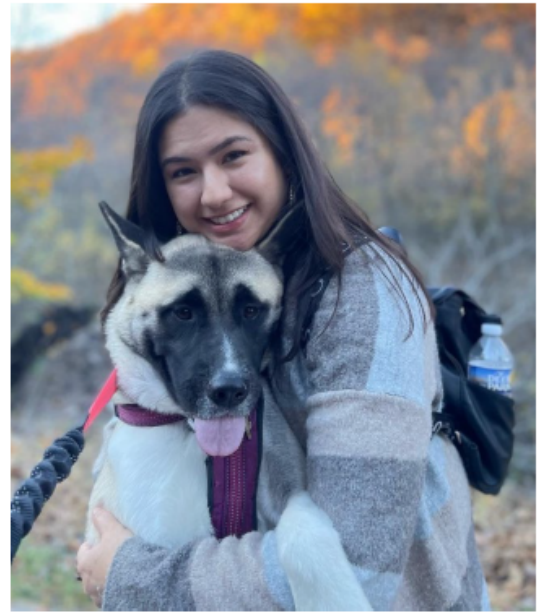
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us." – Wilma Rudolph

**NAME A PLACE YOU WOULD LOVE TO VISIT?** I would love to visit Colorado

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY AND WHY?** Christmas is my favorite holiday. I love spending time with my family, enjoying the cold weather, wearing cozy sweaters and eating good food!

**IF YOU COULD BE ANY ANIMAL WHAT WOULD PICK AND WHY?** I would be a sloth, because I like lounging around and eating snacks.

**WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY?** I lived in Paris for eight years before I moved to Pennsylvania and both of my dogs speak French!



Is Paris the largest  
French speaking  
city in the world?

Paris is NOT the largest French-speaking city in the world! That title belongs to Kinshasa, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Waouh c'est super!!! (Wow that's amazing)





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**NAME:** Ashley Gipe

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** Learning Support

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

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** Hershey, PA – 30+ years

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** Penn State Harrisburg

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?** 10 years

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?** 3 years

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?** English, Math, History,  
Spanish

**WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?** Psychiatrist/  
Psychologist/Researcher

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** C. S. Lewis; Chronicles of Narnia

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** Anything Minions

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** Steak fajitas

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** “Keep an open mind.”

**NAME A PLACE YOU WOULD LOVE TO VISIT?** Israel-Pilgrimage Tour!

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY AND WHY?** Easter-Christ’s restoration and healing

**IF YOU COULD BE ANY ANIMAL WHAT WOULD PICK AND WHY?** Sloth-Slow, but strong swimmer. I love aquatic therapy!

**WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY?** I don’t eat sugar.



How fast does  
a sloth swim vs.  
walk on land?

Sloths are ridiculously good swimmers. Sloths can swim three times faster than they can walk on land. And because of their ability to slow their heart rates to 1/3 its normal rate, they can hold their breath for a whopping 40 minutes under water.



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR ST CATHERINE FAMILY

**NAME:** Stephanie Grossnickle

**WHAT SECTION DO YOU TEACH?** 6-7-8 Learning Support

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

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN HARRISBURG?** About 50 years

**WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?** St. Joan of Arc, Lebanon Catholic High School,  
Elizabethtown College

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?** 35 years

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT AT ST CATHERINE LABOURE?** 35 years

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

**WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?** A nurse

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OR AUTHOR?** Where the Red Fern Grows

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?** Gone with the Wind

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?** Pasta, subs

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE?** "Do small things with great love." – Mother Teresa

**NAME A PLACE YOU WOULD LOVE TO VISIT?** National Parks in the West

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY AND WHY?** Thanksgiving – a nice family time.

**IF YOU COULD BE ANY ANIMAL WHAT WOULD PICK AND WHY?** A dog because I love and have fostered them since 2004.

**WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT THE STUDENTS AT ST CATHERINE WOULD ENJOY?** I fostered a pregnant dog who gave birth to 16 puppies.



What is the world record for most puppies born in one litter?

The largest litter of puppies ever born is currently recorded at 24. In 2009, a Neapolitan Mastiff name Tia broke the Guinness world record by giving birth to 15 male puppies and 9 female puppies.





**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the  
**Krispy Kreme** Fundraiser!

*What a SWEET way to end Catholic School Week!*



## **PICK UP INFORMATION**

**Date:** Thursday, February 2, 2023

**Time:** 2-5 p.m.

**Where:** Leo Hall (located under the Parish Office-see map below!)

**Please READ the following instructions!!**

- Park in the parking lot next to the Parish Office marked in **RED** on the map when you get your doughnuts.
- If you are also picking up a student(s), you will need to exit to Francis Caden Pkwy and reenter the lot following the **green line**.
- Do not get in the pickup line and leave your car unattended to come get your items in Leo Hall.
- **REMEMBER--** Buses are using the entrance to the parking lot marked in **blue**. You cannot interfere with their ability to enter or exit during pick up.
- Questions during pick-up hours (2-5 p.m.)? Call Danielle Harper at 717-421-3329.



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LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE.**

TIME: **11:00 am TO 9:00 PM**

SCHOOL: **ST CATHERINE LABOURE  
SCHOOL**

EVENT DATE: **FEBRUARY 20TH, 2023**

EVENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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"School or Organization Fundraiser" to your cart before check-out and order from the location noted at right.

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# SPIRIT WEAR

## 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_