

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

September 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



September 1

8:45am Mass – 8C

September 4

No School – Labor Day

September 5

6:30pm – Committee Chair
Meeting – Room 103
7pm – Homeroom Parent
Meeting – Room 103

September 8

8:45am Mass – 8L

September 15

8:45am Mass – 7C
6-8 pm PTO Back-to-School Ice
Cream Social

September 20

**NO SCHOOL – Teacher in
Service Day**

September 22

8:45am Mass – 7L

September 29

8:45am Mass – 6C

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Reagan

Dear SCLS families,

Welcome to our new and returning families to the 2023-2024 school year. I pray you all have had a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. We are so excited to start this new school year. I am happy to say that almost all of our teachers are returning, and we have currently filled all of our vacancies. We have four new teachers/staff members joining us this year in our P.E., Music, Long-term Science teaching positions, and a PreK aid. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing faculty and staff who are very eager to prepare for the return for another school year. The teachers and staff have been working diligently preparing for the return of our students. Along with the work the teachers have been doing, the office has updated the front lobby, maintenance has been working to deep clean the hallways and classrooms, and the Athletic Association has helped to complete the new gym floor.

It was a joy to see so many of our families at our Back to School Night. It was a blessing to see the smiles and excitement on the students' faces as they were moving through the building. It is so uplifting to see students that are eager and excited to start school.

We are looking forward to an amazing start to this new school year and SCLS is thankful to have you with us as we journey through it together. We wish all of our students, families, faculty, and staff, a blessed year. Take care and God bless.

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Peace,
Jodi Reagan

I scream, you scream we all scream....for the PTO Ice Cream Social!!!!



Please join us Friday, September 15th

in the back parking lot

from 6-8pm.

Let's kick off the new school year

with some ice cream and some FUN!



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED TO MAKE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL

SIGN UP AT THE LINK: [Ice Cream Social Volunteers](#)

*****new this year: Dunk your Teacher Dunk Tank!***

Happy Birthday!

August 1

Angelina Spizzierri

August 12

Father James Lease

Andrea Flannery

September 3

Cheryl Bonifacino

September 17

Megan Fackler

Isabella Garcia-Fera

September 21

Carissa Krzak

September 23

Kathy James



A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Leah Adams

Welcome Back SCLS Families! Welcome to New SCLS Families!

I cannot believe that the summer is already over, and the school year is here! We hope that you had an amazing, relaxing, and fun summer with great memories and adventures! The new PTO Board (Leah Adams - President; Megan Fackler - Vice President; Kelly Rogers - Secretary; Janell Maglowski - Treasurer) is excited to have the students, teachers, and staff back for another great school year! If you are new to Saint Catherine Laboure School, we welcome you to our school family and wish your student(s) and family nothing but the best this school year! With the new PTO board being elected back in the Spring, we have taken a lot of time over the summer to develop ideas and events for this upcoming school year! Our first meeting for Committee Chairs and Homeroom Parents will be held on Tuesday, September 5th in Room 103. We will meet with Committee Chairs at 6:30pm. We will then meet with Homeroom Parents at 7pm. We will be going over the schedule for the year, responsibilities, and volunteer opportunities. Thank you to those who volunteered in the spring, over the summer, and at back-to-school night. But no worries, if you are still interested in helping this year, please attend the meeting at 7pm. There is always room for more help and volunteering.

Our first fundraiser is in full swing - Dress Down Passes! You should have received a flyer! They are a 9-pack of passes for \$20/each. The fundraiser will end on Friday, September 22nd. Our September event is the annual Fall Ice Cream Social on Friday, September 15th from 6pm to 8pm. We added a fun activity for the students - Dunk-A-Teacher! We will be selling tickets for students to dunk a teacher or staff member. We hope that you join us! There will be a sign up for parent volunteers, so please keep an eye out for that. Our sub sale fundraiser is going to look a little different this year. We have decided to go with Marianna's Subs and Pizzas this year. More info to come in October!

Let's talk School Spirit! The new PTO board has decided to change the School Spirit Wear store. We have decided to go with a business owned by a parent of the Royals family. You will receive more information on the web store soon, so make sure to check it out and get some new apparel! Also, the PTO board and Mrs. Bader have been working on the School Unity Shirts for this year. They will be ready to order come October. Be on the lookout!

As a reminder to all families, these fundraisers are to help with school-wide projects to benefit the school. The school project we decided on this year is a new intercom system! We look forward to a great year with you! We have big shoes to fill but are grateful and ready to kick this school year off!

Leah Adams

PTO Executive Board

Leah Adams
President

Megan Fackler
Vice President

Janell Maglowski
Treasurer

Kelly Rogers
Secretary

Father James Lease
Pastor

Mrs. Jodi Reagan
Principal



PTO Needs You!!!

Are you interested in being a part of the PTO? We need help to make all our fundraisers and activities happen each year. If you are interested and want to learn more, please send an email to pto@scshbg.org and let us know any questions you have.

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

Saint Catherine Labouré Parish is very committed to ensuring that all of our volunteers who provide care, supervision, guidance or control, and have routine interaction with children, receive the proper training and clearances according to Harrisburg Diocesan Policy.

ALL volunteers at St. Catherine Laboure school require clearances, *prior* to any involvement with youth. If you are hoping to volunteer in any way this year, please take the time now to complete the process to obtain a youth protection badge. The PTO will not be able to allow any volunteers (if we reach a point where volunteers are allowed into the school building this year) at school functions if they do not have up to date current clearances. If you are new and need to complete the process or you have had your clearances expire, please visit the website below:
<https://scshbg.org/parish/obtainyouthprotectionbadge/>

Please note that ALL forms must be reviewed and approved by the Harrisburg Diocese prior to an individual being granted a valid youth protection badge.

PTO Fundraisers for this year...

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 School Year! Please see below to check out what we have planned:

1. Dress Down Passes: **Sale is currently live!** Please consider buying a pack for the school year and supporting PTO (flyer at end of newsletter)
2. Spirit Wear: Online store is open and will remain open all school year!
3. School Unity T-shirt Sales: More info to come on SCLS 2023-2024 T-shirts
4. Marianna's Sub and Pizza Sale: Information for fall sale coming soon!
5. Sweet Sale: Currently planning a Krispie Cream fundraiser in the winter fundraiser (because nothing warms the heart like a donut)!
6. Restaurant and Retail Fundraisers: Back again!!!! Keep your eyes open for emails and Facebook announcing fun activities!
7. NEW this year: Country Cupboard dips/mixes and Pulaski Candle fundraisers! Stay tuned!

As you can see the PTO plans to be back at it raising funds to support our great activities. We are hoping you can once again support the fundraisers in a **BIG** way. The first fundraisers of the year are Dress Down Passes, Spirit Wear and Sub Sale (coming in October) so please participate. It is these fundraisers that will fund a lot of activities and needed items for the school. Thank you to everyone who has participated and donated in the past.... We still need you!!

PTO FUNDRAISER and EVENT UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who started the year off great by participating in our first PTO fundraiser, The Summer Used Uniform Sale.

The Used Uniform Sale did amazing and made \$2,078.

Please continue to support the PTO fundraisers if you can so we can continue to purchase items to improve the school for all students!

PTO Dress Down Passes!!!!

The PTO is selling a **9-pack** of Dress Down passes for the year ahead!

- Sale runs until **Friday September 22, 2023**

PLEASE SEE THE FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS!!!! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY!!!!

Ready to show some SCLS spirit?
Start the school year off right with **SCLS Spirit Wear!**

We are excited to announce our Spirit Wear online store is open and will remain open all year!

<https://emeraldwebstore.company.site/products/St-Catherine-Laboure-School-c154977021>

Also, see the order form at the end of the newsletter for the bulk Spirit Wear PTO has available at school.



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 emails and social media postings too!)

Blaze Pizza

September 20 (no school that day)

4-7pm

Must Bring Flyer!

(located at end of newsletter)

IHOP

October 9 (no school that day)

4-8pm

(No flyer yet - stay tuned for further details)



PTO Monthly Teacher Appreciation

The PTO is back at it this year with monthly teacher appreciation treats for our faculty and staff.

In August, for the return to school, we were able to treat them to a sweet cookie treat. And of course some coffee to help get them started in the mornings.

THANK YOU FACULTY AND STAFF AT
SCLS!!!!



SCLS 2023-2024 Annual Fund

Please donate today to our 2023-2024 Annual Fund and help us reach our goal of **\$55,000**. To date we have raised \$284. All proceeds go directly to our school and our students.

Thank you for your generosity!



Link to donate:

[St. Catherine Laboure -
2023-2024 Annual Fund
\(lglforms.com\)](https://lglforms.com)

BACK to SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to **SEE** new friends.
Open my ears to **HEAR** my teacher.
Open my mind to **LEARN** new things.
Let my heart **REMEMBER** YOU
are near when I am afraid.
Help me to **LOVE** others like you do.
I want to **SHINE** your light so bright in my school.
Amen.

St. Catherine Laboure School Athletic Association Update

The SCLS Athletic Association would like to welcome all our students back to school.

For the most up to date information, please join our Facebook page: *SCLS Athletic Association*.



SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Volunteers
needed



THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IS SEARCHING FOR BOARD MEMBERS. THERE ARE SEVERAL POSITIONS OPEN. PLEASE CONTACT KEVIN SIDELLA FOR MORE DETAILS IF YOU HAVE INTEREST IN SERVING.

KEVIN SIDELLA - PRESIDENT
KSIDELLA@THEWSGROUP.COM
717.979.9864

Name: Patricia Byrnes

Grade/Section: 5C

Where are you from? Delaware County, PA

Where did you go to school? Immaculata University; St. Mary's Seminary

Why did you decide to become a teacher? My 1st grade teacher helped me to overcome a struggle and I wanted to be just like her.

How long have you been a teacher? How long at SCLS? 41 years overall, now starting my 6th year at SCLS

What was your first job ever? Babysitting

If you had to eat only one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Breakfast!

Who is your favorite sports team? Eagles

What is your favorite pastime? Reading and sewing

What is your favorite TV show to binge watch? West Wing

Where do you want to go on your ideal vacation? Alaska

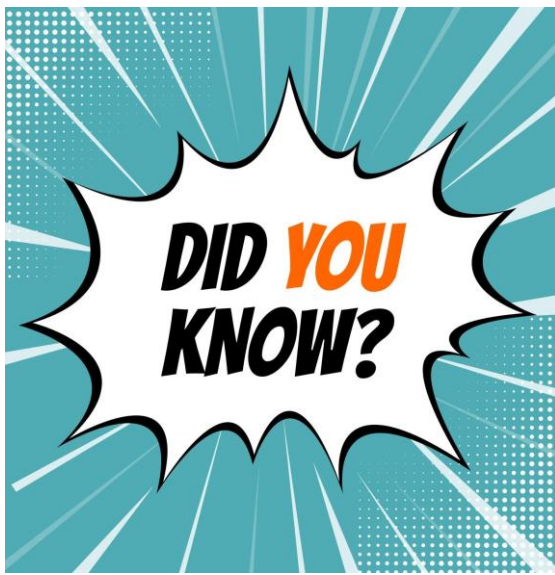
What was the first concert you ever attended? John Denver

What is your favorite Bible verse? Be not afraid.

What is one thing you would tell your 13-year-old self, if you had the chance? Be not afraid: everything is going to work out.

What is a fun fact that few people are aware of? I love ziplining!





Name: Ashley Wrabel

Grade/Section: Pre-K aid

Where are you from? Harrisburg, PA

Where did you go to school? Holy Name, Bishop McDevitt, Penn State

Why did you decide to become a teacher? I enjoy helping students!

How long have you been a teacher? How long at SCLS? 5 years (on and off)

What was your first job ever? Front desk at Spooky Nook Sports

If you had to eat only one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pizza

Who is your favorite sports team? Eagles

What is your favorite pastime? running

What is your favorite TV show to binge watch? Bridgerton

Where do you want to go on your ideal vacation? Australia

What was the first concert you ever attended? Jonas Brothers

What is your favorite Bible verse? Proverbs 8:35 "For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor and grace from the Lord."

What is one thing you would tell your 13-year-old self, if you had the chance? Life is too short, don't be afraid to fail!

What is a fun fact that few people are aware of? I enjoy running marathons/triathlons!





The PTO Ice Cream Social!

*Please join us Friday,
September 15th in the back
parking lot
from 6-8pm.*



****NEW THIS YEAR!!****

Teacher Dunk Tank!

\$2.00 each or \$5.00 for 3 chances try to dunk a
teacher!

The Ice Cream Social is ONLY for current SCLS students
and their families, please!

This is not a drop-off event.



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: St. Catherine laboure School
Date: September 20th, 2023
Time: 5 PM to 8 PM
Location: 4401 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, PA

Blaze Pizza will donate 25% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online: Please write in notes that it's for Fundraiser or let staff member know when you come to pick up.



VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE. For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.



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The PTO is selling a **9-pack** of Dress Down Passes!

\$20 per 9-pack - only one pack per student

- ★ The sale is running from now until **Friday, September 22nd**.
- ★ Dress Down Passes will be sent home the week of September 25th.
- ★ You can start to use your passes on **Monday, October 2nd**.
- ★ Passes CANNOT be used on Mass day, field trip days, or any other day it is being offered as a school fundraiser, such as Mini-Thon and Royal Run.
- ★ The last day to redeem passes for the year is **Friday, May 17th**. If you still have passes left after this time, there are no refunds given for unused passes.
- ★ Please follow the Dress Down guidelines in the Student Handbook.
- ★ Mrs. Reagan reserves the right to announce at the end of a school day that passes cannot be used the following day.
- ★ This is the **ONLY** PTO Dress Down Pass opportunity available for the upcoming school year.
- ★ Teachers will have a list of students in their homeroom who bought the passes and will mark them off until all 9 passes have been used.
- ★ Payment - Cash, Square, Checks Payable to SCLS PTO, or Venmo @SCLS PTO
- ★ Teachers and Staff are welcome to purchase passes as well.

Student Name: _____ Section: _____ \$20 ____

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Amount Total: \$_____



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 - @sclsppto. 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: \$ _____