# SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

October 2025

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### October 1

Picture Day (In School Uniform)

### October 3

8:45am Mass - 6C

# October 10

Virtual Half Day Dismissal at 11:30am Teacher In-Service

### October 13

8:45am Mass - 8L

# October 17

Grandparents Rosary - 8C & 8L

### October 23

Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades **NO SCHOOL**Parent Teacher Conference
Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> report to school
Confirmation Retreat

### October 24

8:45am Mass – 6L 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades **NO SCHOOL** Parent Teacher Conference Grade Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade report to school Middle School Halloween Dance 6pm to 8:30pm

### October 30

8:45am Mass - 5C

### October 31

Halloween Parties & Parade

# A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Gausman

Dear SCLS Families,

It is with a heart full of gratitude and joy that I write to you as the Interim Principal of St. Catherine Laboure' School. What a beautiful start we have had to the school year! I have spent the first two weeks visiting every classroom, getting to know the students, and witnessing the incredible dedication of our faculty and staff. The energy, enthusiasm, and faith of our community are truly inspiring.

I have been so impressed by our students' eagerness to learn and their compassionate interactions with one another. I have seen our older students mentoring younger students, and our kindergarteners' smiles as they explore their new classrooms. These moments are a powerful testament to the strong Catholic values that you, as their primary educators, instill in them every day.

During this interim period, my focus will be on providing stability and continuity, ensuring that our school's mission is upheld and that your children receive the exceptional education they deserve. I look forward to working in close partnership with all of you to continue fostering a supportive and collaborative community.

May God bless our families. I am looking forward to a successful and blessed school year together.

In partnership,

Suzanne Gausman

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3: 5-6

Thank you so much for coming out to our first event of the year.

Our Ice Cream Social was a great success!

# Happy Birthday!

October 14
Monica Edwards

October 21
Ashley Wrabel

October 26
Dustin Hutcheson

October 27
Nina Dupes
Angela Henken

October 28
Christina Castellano

October 31
Stephanie Teitelbaum



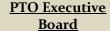
# A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Rebecca Schmitt

**Dear SCLS Families,** 

It's hard to believe we are already beginning our second full month of school! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Ice Cream Social—it was such a fun event for all and a wonderful way to kick off the school year together.

I'm looking forward to all of the exciting fundraisers and events we have planned in the coming months. Thank you for your continued support in making our school community so strong.

Rebecca Schmitt



Rebecca Schmitt
President

Megan Fackler Vice President

Janell Maglowski Treasurer

Jessica Marinak Secretary

Father James Lease Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Gausman Interim 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 <a href="mailto:pto@sclhbg.org">pto@sclhbg.org</a> 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.

<u>ALL</u> 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: <a href="https://sclhbg.org/parish/obtainyouthprotectionbadge/">https://sclhbg.org/parish/obtainyouthprotectionbadge/</a>

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

# PTO SUB/PIZZA SALE

Keep Halloween "spooktacularly" simple and leave the cooking up to someone else! Support the SCLS PTO by ordering delicious Marianna's Subs or Pizzas!

Orders due: October 15<sup>th</sup> (Payment due in the form of one check made out to SCLS PTO with order form or Venmo @sclspto - be sure to include: students name, grade and "sub sale" in the notes). Order forms came home with students.

\*\*Please include a cell phone number on the order form where you can be reached the day of pick up! \*\*Order pick up: October 29<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm (Pick Up Directions to follow)

The PTO is excited to offer a unique opportunity to increase sales for the Marianna Hoagie Sale and the top selling student can now win a prize! We will be accepting orders for hoagies to be donated to those in need right here in our community! We have partnered with the St. Francis Parish Soup Kitchen on Zarker Street in Harrisburg who plan to distribute the donated hoagies to those in need for lunch. The soup kitchen feeds nearly 200 people on a daily basis. If there are enough, they plan to offer our hoagies for lunch one day. This is a great opportunity to support both the school and our community. This is also a way for non-local family and friends (and people who just don't like hoagies) to contribute to SCLS. On your order form simply designate one of the lines as "Donation" and provide the total numbers for each type of hoagie to be donated. Please only sell the hoagies for donation and not the frozen pizzas. PTO volunteers will handle getting the hoagies to the soup kitchen. The student who sells the most hoagies and pizzas overall will win a free Ticket to Urban Air Adventure Park. You can read more about the St. Francis Parish Soup Kitchen on their website: Soup Kitchen — St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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/pro ducts/St-Catherine-Laboure-Schoolc154977021

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



The 2025 Unity Shirt contest was AMAZING!! Thank you to all of our students who participated. SCLS is full of talented students.

Congratulations to
Gianhu Tran & Ms. Christine
Castellano. Their shirt was
voted in as our 2025 Unit
Shirt! Link to come shortly!!



FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY
OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF,
SCHOOL MASSES ARE CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC. PARENTS,
GUARDIANS, AND FAMILY
MEMBERS MAY ONLY ATTEND IF
THEY HAVE RECEIVED A SPECIFIC
INVITATION FROM A TEACHER
DUE TO THEIR STUDENT'S DIRECT
PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU FOR
HELPING US MAINTAIN A SAFE
SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

# PTO FUNDRAISER and EVENT UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who started the year off great by participating in our first PTO fundraiser, Dress Down Passes!

The Dress Down passes did amazing and made \$5,120.00!

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

# SCLS 2026-2026 Annual Fund

Please donate today to our 2025-2026 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 generosity!** 

**Donate here!** 



# 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.



### 2025-26 Yearbook Orders

We know the school year is just underway, but we are looking to the future and working on a wonderful keepsake for our students and staff - the 2025-26 SCLS Yearbook.

The SCLS yearbook can be purchased through the link below.

SCLS yearbooks must be purchased through this link SCLS Yearbook.





# MARIANNA'S SUB & PIZZA SALE!

ORDERS AND MONEY WILL BE DUE BY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

DELIVERY WILL BE OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

SUBS AND PIZZAS- \$10

EACH!

CASH, CHECK OR VENMO
@SCLSPTO

PERFECT FOR TRICK OR TREAT
NIGHT!



# SAVE THE DATE GENTLY USED UNIFORM SALE

The Fall PTO Gently Used Uniform Sale will be held Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Preschool ramp. 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 items you are donating.

Please contact Jamie Bufton (jbufton@sclhbg.org) with any questions or if you are able to help with set up or the sale! Volunteers are always needed, and this is a great opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to earn service hours for confirmation!





# 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



Baseball hat - \$20



Lanyard - \$5

Name:		domeroom:
Contact Phor	ne Number:	
*Please	enter the quantity requested on t	he line*
Baseball Hat:	(\$20 each) Magnets:	(\$5 each)
Cinch Sacks:	(\$10 each) Water Bottles:	(\$13 each)
Lanyard:	(\$5 each) Total: \$	