

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

December 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



December 5

8:45am Mass – 3C

December 5

Parents Night Out
6pm to 9am

December 8

School Mass
8:45am Mass – 3L

December 9 & 10

PTO Christmas Store

December 16

School Penance

December 17

Christmas Concert at
Bishop McDevitt

December 18

Cookies & Cocoa
Grades 1st to 3rd
Christmas Parties
Grades 4th to 8th

December 19

8:45am Mass – 2C

December 23

1:45pm Mass – 5C & 5L

December 24 to January 4, 2026

No School

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year

January 6, 2026

School Resumes

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Gausman

Hello, Families,

Advent is such a special time for our school because it gives students and staff a chance to slow down and notice how God is at work in their everyday lives. In the classroom, Advent isn't just a countdown to Christmas—it's a season of hope. Whether we're lighting the wreath, practicing small acts of kindness, or getting ready for Christmas events, students begin to see that preparing our hearts for Jesus is just as important as the celebrations themselves.

At home, Advent can be a simple way for families to reconnect. A short prayer before dinner, a small act of kindness each week, or a quick conversation about where you saw God that day helps children see faith as something we live, not just something we talk about. It doesn't have to be complicated—those little everyday moments often make the biggest difference. As we move through Advent together, I hope we all experience a bit more peace, hope, and joy as we get ready for Christ's coming.

With Gratitude and Joy,

Mrs. Gausman

A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Rebecca Schmitt

Dear SCLS Families,

December has arrived, and with it comes one of the most joyful and meaningful seasons of the year! As we prepare our hearts for Christmas and celebrate the birth of Christ, our school is buzzing with excitement, community spirit, and festive fun.

We're kicking off the month with Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 5th! It's a wonderful chance to enjoy an evening out while the kids have a great time at school. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time—don't miss out!

Next up, the beloved Santa Store returns on December 9th & 10th. This is always such a heartwarming event, and we're grateful for the amazing team of parents who help bring it to life. The children absolutely love the chance to shop for their families, and it's one of the sweetest traditions of the season.

We'll also be celebrating with Cookies & Cocoa bringing everyone together for a cozy treat, as well as festive classroom Christmas parties filled with joy, crafts, and holiday cheer.

It's truly a magical month at SCLS, and we're so thankful for our wonderful families and volunteers who make these events possible. Wishing everyone a blessed Advent and a December filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of community.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the PTO is excited to host Adult Trivia Night in the new year on January 10, 2026. It will be a fun night for SCLS parents to get out, relax, and enjoy some friendly competition. Please see the flyer for more details and be sure to reserve your table!

Rebecca Schmitt

PTO Executive Board

Rebecca Schmitt
President

Megan Fackler
Vice President

Janell Maglowski
Treasurer

Jessica Marinak
Secretary

Father James Lease
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Gausman
Interim Principal

Happy Birthday!

December 11
Kristin Fiore

December 18
Noelle Sungenis

December 19
Maggie Cole

November 20
Jennifer Wright

December 22
Stephanie Grossnickle

December 26
Stan Bielawa

December 30
Jamie Bufton



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@sclhbg.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://sclhbg.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.

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.



Our December TREAT for our teachers and staff was pretty sweet!

We soap you have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!



**St. Catherine Laboure School Athletic Association
Update**

The SCLS Athletic Association would like to welcome all our students to games this basketball season.

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



**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 PTO fundraisers.

More to come soon!

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!](#)




Family Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Help us to live in that love together as a family this Advent.

Prepare our hearts for Christmas. Bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



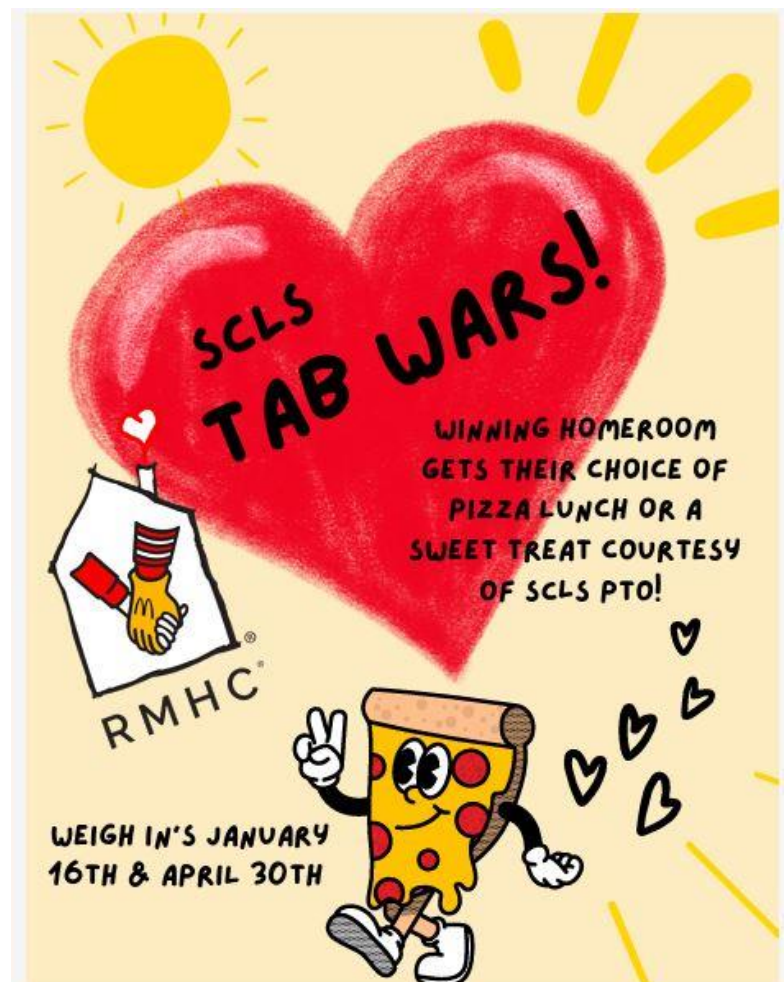
All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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Our PTO Santa Shop will be on December 9th and 10th. If you have your clearances and are available to help set up or work at the store, please consider signing up for a time slot!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DACAD29A3F58-59809095-christmas#/>



SCLS 1ST ANNUAL PTO



TRIVIA NIGHT



2000s



January 10th at 6:30PM	LEO HALL BELOW PARISH OFFICE
	\$25 per person OR \$200 per table of 8 Price includes 2 drink tickets & refreshments

CALL 717-564-1760 FOR RESERVATIONS

Ages 21+ | Guests Welcome

Limited Seating | Venmo required with reservation

Sign up with the link below!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3w0Wy0IUW74I3c0QX98JjediznDyv4bhl3blfQuZ6kSmKGg/viewform?usp=header>



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: _____ Homeroom: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please enter the quantity requested on the line

Baseball Hat: _____ (\$20 each) Magnets: _____ (\$5 each)

Cinch Sacks: _____ (\$10 each) Water Bottles: _____ (\$13 each)

Lanyard: _____ (\$5 each) Total: \$ _____