

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

February 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



February 6

8:45am School Mass – 7C

February 13

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

February 14

SCLS Gala

February 16

No School
President's Day

February 18

Ash Wednesday – 7L

February 20

8:45 am School Mass

February 21

First Penance/Communion
Retreat 10am to 12pm

February 25

Trimester Ends

February 27

8:45 am School Mass – 6C

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Gausman

Hello, Families,

As we begin the month of February, I'd like to share a brief snapshot of school life since our return from Christmas break and highlight what lies ahead.

Teachers returned on January 5th with a professional development day led by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, focused on classroom behavior management strategies. While we initially thought this training might have been more beneficial prior to the start of the school year, it proved to be very timely. Teachers were able to reflect on the specific needs of their current students and immediately apply the strategies discussed.

We completed winter STAR assessments, and results will be shared with families soon. Thank you to the parents who attended the Open School Board Meeting on January 13th—we appreciate your engagement and partnership. Registration for the 2026–2027 school year has officially begun.

Inclement weather impacted several of our Catholic Schools Week activities. We are working to reschedule the events we missed as our calendar allows. Our Diocesan visit has been rescheduled for February 27th. I'm pleased to share that our Preschool and Kindergarten Open House was held as planned on January 29th.

Congratulations to Lilly David, winner of our annual Spelling Bee. Odin Streckewald earned the runner-up honor. The Attorney General's Office will visit SCLS on Wednesday, February 4th, to present an internet safety assembly, IRL: Being Smart in a Digital World, for students in grades 5–8, reinforcing our shared responsibility to help students navigate the digital world with integrity.

Friday, February 13th, is scheduled as a half-day with asynchronous instruction, and school will be closed on Monday, February 16th, in observance of Presidents' Day. We look forward to our First Penance retreat on February 21st. Please note that the second trimester concludes on February 25th.

Students will attend Mass on Wednesday, February 18th, as we mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

Finally, please help us spread the word about our amazing school. If you know neighbors, friends, or family members who may be interested in learning more about SCLS, we invite them to reach out to Mrs. Bufton, our Enrollment Director. We are always happy to schedule a personal tour.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards, Mrs. Gausman

A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Rebecca Schmitt

Dear SCLS Families,

February is a month that invites us to celebrate love—for God, our families, and our school community.

Although we had to pivot slightly due to the weather, Catholic Schools Week was still a wonderful success. We were grateful to continue celebrating with fun and meaningful activities for both our students and staff.

The PTO was also excited to host a new fundraiser—Adult Trivia Night—on January 10th. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported this event. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, the evening was a tremendous success, raising \$2,500 in just one night. We are truly grateful for the incredible support from our school community.

The Friends of Saint Catherine Labouré Gala is quickly approaching on Saturday, February 14th. Our amazing homeroom parents are putting the finishing touches on the grade-level baskets, and we are truly grateful and blessed for their time, generosity, and continued support.

The PTO is excited to introduce a new fundraiser this month—Bundt cakes! More information will be coming soon.

As always, the PTO sincerely appreciates your ongoing support and looks forward to a great month ahead.

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!

February 17

Kaitlin Baaklini

February 25

Janell Maglowski



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@sclhbq.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 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.



2025-26 Yearbook Orders

Purchase your yearbook now, before time runs out!

We are working on a wonderful keepsake for our
students and staff - the 2025-26 SCLS Yearbook.

SCLS yearbooks must be purchased through this link
[SCLS Yearbook.](#)

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.

Trivia Night
\$2,500.00

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!](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Teacher/Coach vs. Student Basketball Night

Where: Murray Hall

When: March 3, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

More details to come!



School Store

Our school will be participating in the SchoolStore program this year. This online program helps our school earn cash without students selling door-to-door, collecting money or delivering products. Over 300 merchants, including WalMart, BestBuy, Family Bookstore, Kohl's and Old Navy, have joined together to give back up to 50% of all sales to our school just for shopping through SchoolStore.com.

To shop and support our school, simply go to www.schoolstore.com and select our school. Participation is key in helping get the word out about our School Store. Soon your child will come home with a parent letter requesting you to help them send emails to friends and family. When you enter email addresses, you'll receive a prize code your child can return the next day for a prize. Thank you for your families' support of our school!

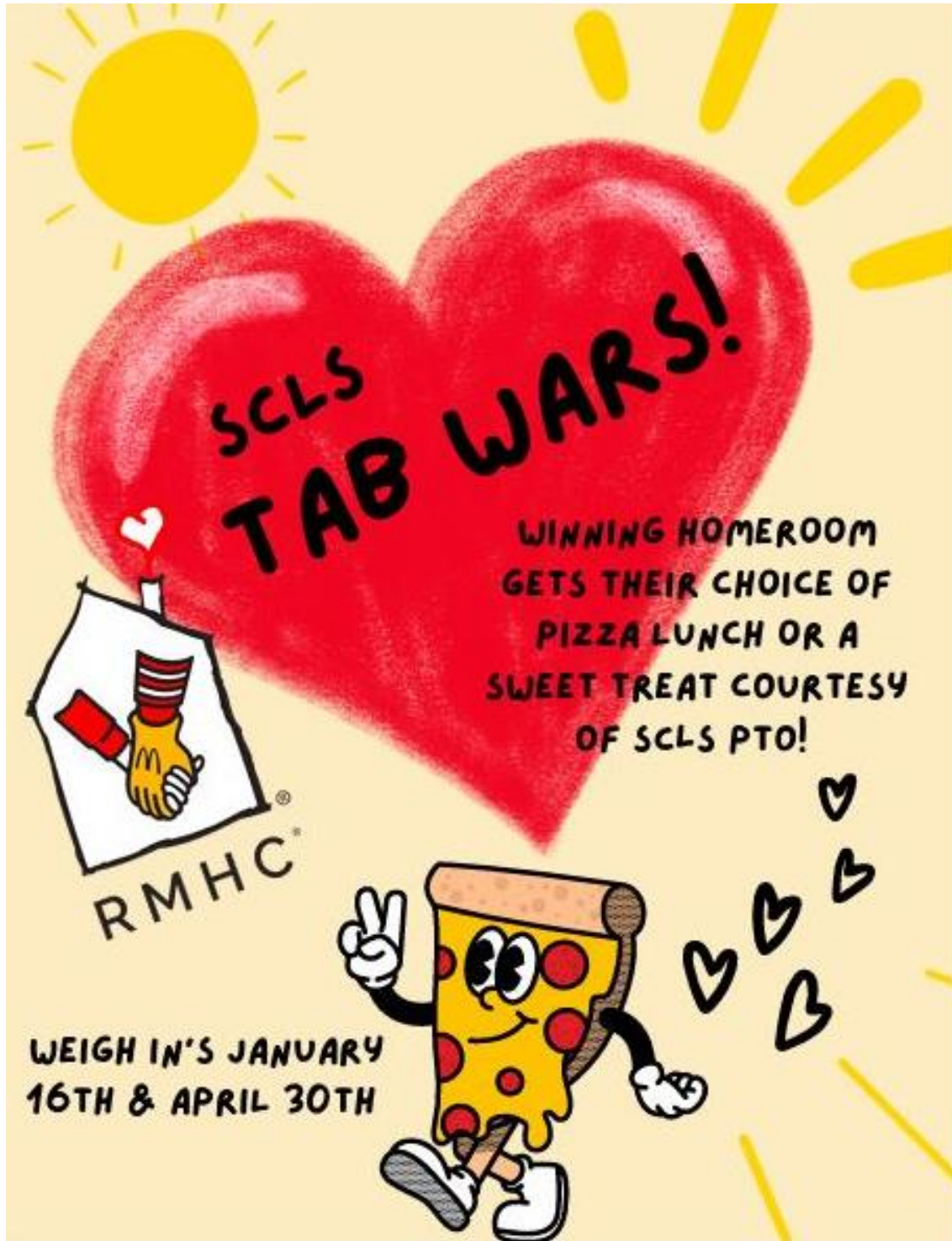
Thank you to everyone who donated soda tabs!!

We received a grand total of 183.9 lbs of soda tabs!

3rd place – 8L with 14.3 pounds

2nd place – 1L with 27.7 pounds

1st place 6L with 72.7 pounds



These will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Keep saving those tabs for the Spring weigh-in.



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: \$ _____