

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

September 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



September 4

No School – Labor Day

September 7

No School – Labor Day

September 11

8:45am Mass – 8C
Ice Cream Social
5:30-7:30pm
Back Parking Lot

September 16

No School – Teacher In Service

September 17

6:30pm – Homeroom Parent
Meeting – Room 103

September 18

8:45am Mass – 8L

September 25

8:45am Mass – 7C
5:30-7:30pm PTO Ice Cream
Social

September 30

School Picture Day

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.

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Gausman

Dear SCLS Families,

We are off to a great start at SCLS! It has been wonderful to have our students back in the building and to see everyone settling into the routines of a new school year. Despite a few tears in the first few days, I think we are all adjusting to school and even getting used to the new 8:00 AM start time!

We have a lot to be thankful for this year. We are very happy to welcome Fr. Coyle as our new Pastor, and I look forward to working with him. Our new teachers have settled in so well, and those who have taken on new grade levels, subjects, or responsibilities seem equally at home in their new roles. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Spanish teacher next week. Our preschool has a new look this year with separate PK3 and PK4 classes. It has been fun to watch our youngest students begin to learn their routines, get to know their teachers and classmates, and become more comfortable each day.

As I mentioned at Back-to-School Night, we did a lot of work over the summer to prepare for this year. One of our goals is for SCLS to be known for excellence, not only in academics, but in our faith, in how we treat one another, and in what we expect from our students and ourselves.

That is really at the heart of Catholic education. Of course, we want our students to be well prepared academically, but our responsibility goes beyond that. We want them to become good, kind, responsible young people who know their faith and understand that God has given each of them gifts to share with others.

Thank you for the part you play in that. We appreciate your support of our teachers, your patience as we work through the little adjustments that come with every new school year, and especially the trust you place in us each day.

I said at Back-to-School Night that I hope every child who walks through our doors knows three things: they belong here, they are cared for here, and great things are expected of them here. I can't think of a better goal for the year ahead.

Thank you for choosing SCLS and for being part of our school community. There is so much to look forward to this year, and I am grateful to be sharing it with all of you.

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

Please join us **Friday, September 11th**

in the back parking lot

from 5:30-7:30pm

Let's kick off the new school year
with some ice cream and some FUN!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please sign up [Here!](#)



Happy Birthday!

September 3
Cheryl Bonifacino

September 21
Carissa Krzak

September 23
Kathy James



A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Jessica Marinak

Hi SCLS Families!

Welcome to a brand-new school year! I'm Jessica Marinak, and I'm excited to introduce myself as this year's PTO President. On behalf of the entire PTO, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning families.

I am joined by a wonderful team of dedicated parents:

- Ashley McCahan - Vice President
- Erin Parrish - Secretary
- Carole Hoover - Treasurer

We are all looking forward to a fun, successful year supporting our students, teachers, and school community. We will be sharing updates, events, volunteer opportunities, new fundraisers and ways for you to get involved throughout the year, so please stay tuned.

Please don't hesitate to reach out—we are here to help and always open to your ideas and input.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Jessica Marinak

PTO Executive Board

Jessica Marinak
President

Ashley McCahan
Vice President

Carole Hoover
Treasurer

Erin Parrish
Secretary

Father Coyle
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Gausman
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@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 Labouré 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 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.

PTO Fundraisers for this year...

Welcome back to the 2026-2007 School Year! Please see below to check out what we have planned:

1. Spirit Wear: Our online store is open and will remain open all school year!
2. Power House Subs and Pizza Sale: See below for the order form.
3. Halloween Parade and Parties will be on October 30th. More details to come!
4. Trivia Night is back – Date TBD
5. And more....

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 Spirit Wear and Sub and Pizza sales, so please participate. It is these fundraisers that will fund a lot of activities and items needed 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
\$1,306.00!**

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

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!

[Link!](#)

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





SCLS 2026-2027 Annual Fund

Please donate today to our 2026-2027 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!](#)

YEARBOOK

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*.



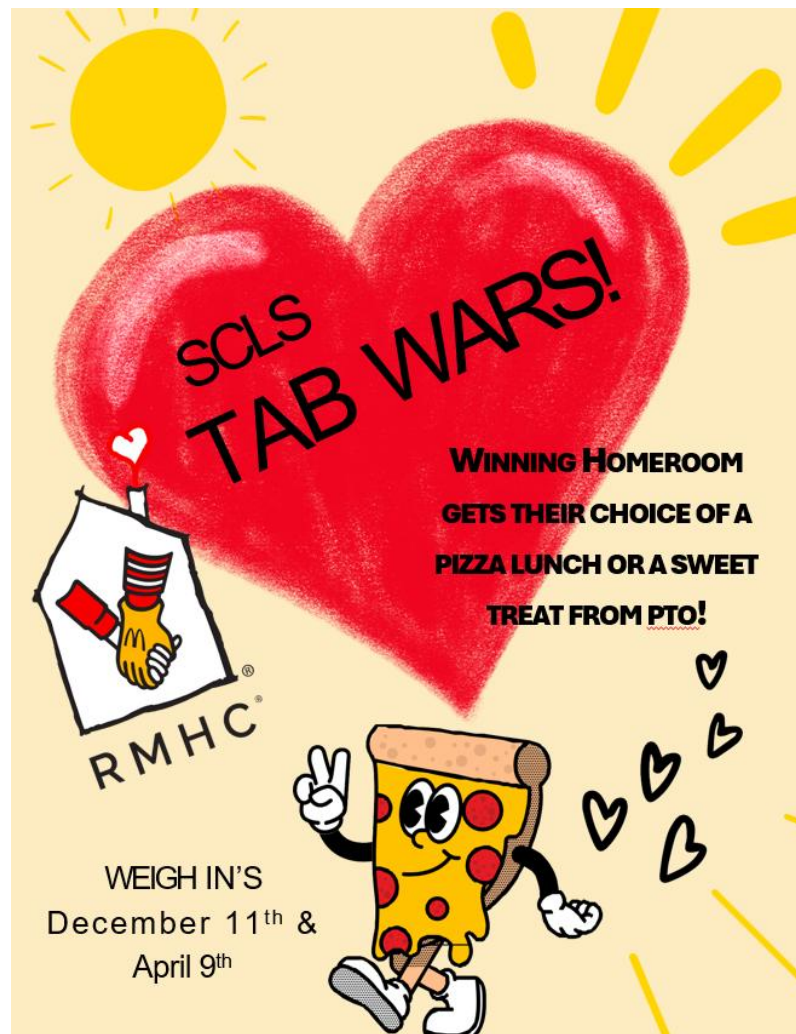
Early Bird Discount for 2026-2027 Yearbook Orders

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 2026-27 SCLS Yearbook.

The SCLS yearbook can be purchased through the [link](#) below.

Josten's is offering a Back-To-School Special, if you order by Sept 12, you can receive a discount on personalization of the cover. Please see the flyer for details.

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



[Sign up to help!!](#)

PTO Sponsored Ice Cream Social

Friday, September 11th

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Back Parking Lot



This is a SCLS only student event!
An adult must be present with each student
NO DROP OFFS!



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



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: \$ _____



PTO

Homeroom Parent and Committee Chair Meeting



Date: September 17

⌚ Time: 6:30 p.m.

📍 Location: Room 103



We're looking for dedicated parents
and guardians to serve as chairs for
various committees!



Committee Chair Opportunities:

- Events & Fundraising
- Volunteer Coordination
- Teacher Support
- Student Enrichment
- Communications
- And More!



Get Involved. Make a Difference.



Join us on September 17 at 6:30 p.m.
to learn more and get involved!

