

SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ SCHOOL NEWS

October 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



October 2

8:45am Mass- 7L
Stuffed Animal Blessing

October 9

Half Day-Dismissal at 11:30am

October 12

No school-Columbus Day

October 16

8:45am Mass- 6C

October 23

8:45am Mass- 8th grade
Grandparents Rosary-9am

October 26-27

6th-8th Parent Teacher
Conferences

October 30

8:45am Mass- 6L
Halloween parties and parade
Middle school Halloween dance
6p-8:30p

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,

September flew by quickly, and we are already heading into a busy October. We completed our fall STAR benchmark testing, and our teachers will use those results to help guide instruction and track student progress throughout the year. We also continued practicing our safety procedures with fire drills. One occurred while some students were on the playground, giving students a chance to practice what to do when everyone was not inside the building. We will hold an intruder drill later in October and will notify parents ahead of time.

Our new teachers and students have settled in well, and the Royal News Network (RNN) is back. Our eighth graders start our mornings by leading the school in prayer, sharing the Saint of the Day, recognizing birthdays, and giving us the day's announcements. They've done a great job taking on that responsibility.

The Ice Cream Social was another September highlight, and we were grateful that the weather cooperated. It was so good to see so many of our families spending time together and enjoying the evening.

Our teachers attended the Diocesan Education Conference on September 16. It was a day filled with professional learning, new ideas, and opportunities to connect with fellow Catholic educators. Thank you to the PTO for providing a raffle basket for the conference!

A few things to keep in mind as we head into October:

Friday, October 9, is a half-day, with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Our teachers will have staff development that afternoon. Most of our students' home districts do **not** provide busing on early dismissal days, so dismissal will look a little different that day. Please watch your email for specific instructions. School will be closed on Monday, October 12.

We're looking forward to our Grandparents Rosary on Friday, October 23. Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades 6 - 8 will be held on October 26 and 27. (PK - 5 conferences will be held in November.) We'll finish the month with our Halloween celebrations on Friday, October 30.

Finally, we could really use some additional help in the cafeteria. If you have your volunteer clearances (or a willingness to obtain them) and are available to help from 10:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., please let the office know. You don't have to commit to every week. Any help, even once in a while, would be appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school community. We are looking forward to a wonderful October!

Warmly,
Suzanne

A Note from the SCLS PTO President, Jessica Marinak

Hi SCLS Families!



October 1
Father Raja

October 2
Dianaliz Pagan-Medina

October 14
Monica Edwards

October 21
Ashley Wrabel

October 26
Dustin Hutcheson

October 28
Christina Castellano

October 31
Stephanie Teitelbaum

September flew by so fast. Thank you to everyone who came out to our Ice Cream Social. As always, it was great to see so many familiar faces and welcome lots of new ones.

As we look ahead, we are incredibly excited about the upcoming PTO events and school fundraisers scheduled for this year. These events provide wonderful opportunities to bring our community together, celebrate our students, and raise the essential funds needed to enhance our school programs.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Whether you volunteer your time, donate resources, or attend our events, your involvement makes a massive difference in the success of our school. We truly could not do this without you.

We are all looking forward to the Halloween parade, parties and the Middle School Dance. Please be on the look for more details coming from your teachers and homeroom parents.

Jessica Marinak

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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!
 - *Keep an eye out from homeroom teachers with information for the parties!
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!!

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.

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ANNUAL FUND

2026–2027

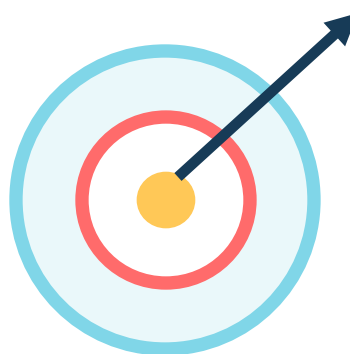
HELP OUR STUDENTS SHINE!

Please donate today and help us reach our goal!

OUR GOAL

\$100,000

Every gift moves us closer!



YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES AN IMPACT



SUPPORTS
Our school



INSPIRES
Our students



STRENGTHENS
Our community

All proceeds go directly to our school and our students.

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St. Catherine Laboure School Athletic Association Update

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

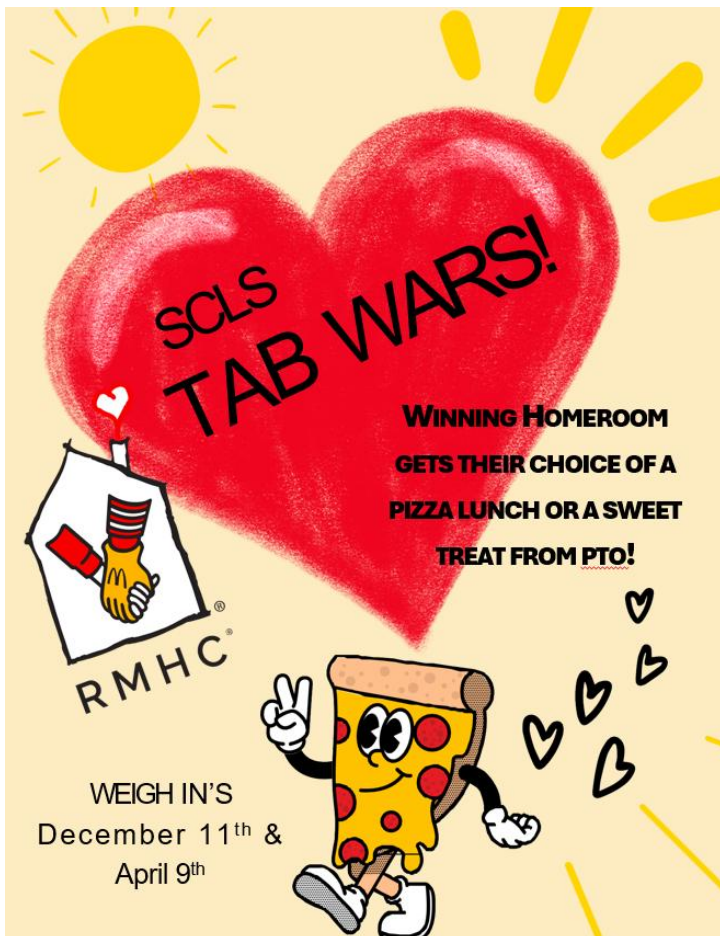


Early Bird Discount for 2026-2027 Yearbook Orders

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.





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: \$ _____