

**Saint Lawrence Catholic School
PTO December Meeting Agenda
December 6, 2022 @ 6:30 PM**

1. Prayer
 - Madi Haisha
2. Introduction of Officers – deferred
 - President -Alexis McKenzie
 - Vice President – Madi Haisha
 - Treasurer – Sarah Grincewicz
 - Secretary – Leann Munaco
 - St. Lawrence Administration – Mrs. DiMercurio and Mr. Barker
 - Teacher Representatives –Julie Tsatsos, Julia Rider, Diane Coste
3. Principal’s Report
 - On 12/6/22, St. Nicholas Day. St. Nick came to visit the kids in the school and placed candy canes in their shoes. He spoke to the kids about love and the Christmas season. Oakland Mall Santa and is also Catholic himself. He wore an authentic St. Nick cloche.
 - Tree trimming in the church is on 12/7/22
 - Whole school mass on 12/8/22 for The Feast of Immaculate Conception
 - The Christmas concert for grade kindergarten through second grade is on 12/15/22.
 - Christmas Break is extended 12/21/22 – 1/4/23. Return to school date is 1/5/23.
4. Committee Chairs and Reports
 - Box Tops – Katherine Lucas – NO REPORT
 - Christian Services – Rachel Zapczynski
 - i. Advent Christian Service project announced, and email was sent out to all parents. Flyer is on STL website. Last day to donate is 12/12/22.
 - Shoppe – Sophia Martinez and Concetta Michael
 - i. On 12/2/22 and it was a hit! All the students had a great time. New chairs did a great job!
 - ii. The goal is for it to be a break-even event for PTO, which it looks like it will be this year. Deposited approximately \$23,000 from the event.

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- Field Day/Fun Run – Mia Kozak and Laurie Zacharevich – NO REPORT
- Fundraising – Alexis McKenzie
 - i. Cards for a Cause closed. Raised approximately \$400 for the school. Looking for a new rep for the company for fundraising
 - ii. Working on a Buffalo Wild Wings and Sorrento’s pizza dates for fundraising in the future.
 - iii. Approximately \$800 was raised from Kroger fundraising as well. Will include information in the News and Notes regarding sign up for families.
- Room Parent – Jill Tocco – NO REPORT
- SCRIP – Christa Lass
 - i. Will provide parents with information on how to sign up via News and Notes
- Student Enrichment – Madi Haisha and Rina Adam
 - i. Magic Carpet Theatre will be doing an interactive play, Parables on 2/13/23 or 2/14/23
- Parent/Teacher Enrichment – Rena Davis
 - i. Parent teacher conferences went well. Food was provided for both days for the teachers.
 - ii. Looking to have a presentation on social media awareness for parents and students again like last year. Will advertise more this year. All parents are welcome, regardless of the child’s age.
- Trunk or Treat – Alexis McKenzie and Madi Haisha
 - i. Another great success! The robot was a hit!
 - ii. Planning to include more food trucks next year.
 - iii. Will be more specific next year regarding instructions to families. It will be required to pass out candy if going to participate, but not required to decorate your car. More information to come next fall.

5. New Business

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- Will be getting stricter on cell phone policy for middle school students per Mrs. DiMercurio. All cell phones need to be off and in backpacks during school hours.
6. Treasurer's Report
- Christmas Shoppe is intended to be a break-even event and it's looking like that will be the case this year. Still working on all the numbers currently.
 - Deposited Gala money from last year. Fun Run was also very successful this year. Hoping to use the excess funds to rehabilitate the playground and replace the basketball nets for the school. More information to come.
7. Open Discussion
- Chastity Parent Meeting grades 5 – 8 will be held on 1/18/23 at 6:30 PM. Will occur first prior to teaching in school
 - Q: Are the students allowed to bring snow pants and boots for recess?
 - A: Yes. That is always an option. Students must be able to put it on and take off. If the students do not bring to school, then at recess, they must stay on the black top only.
 - Q: Is St. Lawrence looking at building a special education program for students?
 - A: STL has two special education teachers on staff. The school is limited on campus regarding room. More space is needed to accommodate a special education program. The school has intervention specialists for reading and paraprofessionals as well. STL has come a long way in regard to special education and Mrs. DiMercurio has been a catalyst leading this endeavor. UCS will test the child if needed and speech/OT services are provided if needed. Services are limited.
8. Adjournment
- Next meeting 1/24/23 at 6:30 PM

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