

St. Lawrence Catholic School
PTO Meeting Agenda
September 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

1. Prayer
 - Madi Haisha
2. Introduction of Officers
 - President -Alexis McKenzie
 - Vice President – Madi Haisha
 - Treasurer – Mia Kozak
 - Secretary – Leann Munaco
 - St. Lawrence Administration – Mrs. DiMercurio and Mrs. Tsatsos
 - Teacher Representatives –Julia Rider and Diane Costie
3. Principal's Report
 - 9/20/23 Jodee Blanco presents on bullying.
 - Star Assessments occurred this week.
 - Student of the Month will be chosen by the teacher and is based on virtues of love and kindness. It will be breakfast this year. The first group will be celebrated on 10/5/23.
 - Picture retake day is 10/2/23.
 - 9/18/23 was a PD day for staff. Staff learned about new religion curriculum, theology of the body, adapted by St. John Paul.
4. Committee Chairs and Reports
 - Box Tops – Katherine Lucas – Deferred
 - Christian Services – **Vacant**
 - Christmas Shoppe – Sophia Martinez and Concetta Michael
 - i. Getting items together. Asking for additional funding to update table signs, etc.
 - Field Day/Fun Run –Denise Sicheneder and Laurie Zacharevich
 - i. Fun Run is October 6, 2023.
 - ii. New design on the t-shirts this year, but colors as the same as last year. Money is due on 9/22/23 for T-shirts.
 - iii. Updated course so it is longer. Adding more fun stations too!
 - iv. Sponsors needed!
 - v. Shout outs due by 10/4/23.

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- vi. Donations through 10/6/23. Can be done online as well.
 - Fundraising – Alexis McKenzie
 - i. SCRIP and Kroger.
 - ii. Looking to add a chairperson to co-chair. Inquire if interested.
 - Room Parent – Jill Tocco - Deferred
 - SCRIP – Christa Lass – Deferred
 - Student Enrichment – Madi Haisha and Rina Adam
 - i. SkyDome Planetarium will be on January 8 and 9, 2024. Grades JK – 8th to participate.
 - Teacher Enrichment – Paulette Vultaggio and Shayna Kern
 - i. New chairs were introduced at the meeting.
 - ii. Food to be provided during conferences. Will start coordinating.
 - Parent Enrichment – Alkida Offer
 - i. New chairperson introduced. Looking for a co-chair.
 - 1. Ideas for this year include:
 - a. Father/Son coffee and doughnuts
 - b. International Night
 - c. Book Exchange at PTO meetings
 - d. Movie night as a STL community at a local theater.
 - Trunk or Treat – Alexis McKenzie and Madi Haisha
 - i. Sunday, October 22, 2023. 4 – 6 PM set up, socialize, and eat. 6-8 PM trunk or treat.
 - ii. \$20/vehicle
 - iii. Security will be there. No trailers allowed. MUST participate and hand out candy. An approximate number of kids will be sent out before the event.
5. New Business
- Playground mulch coming. Looking into updating swings for younger grades, etc.
6. Treasurer's Report
- Waiting for numbers to balance and approve budget for this year.
 - FUN RUN is the largest fundraiser for the PTO. Please donate to raise money.

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7. Open Discussion

- Q: Drop off is going well. What time officially do the doors open?
- A: Open at 8:30. Will eventually move time to 8:40.
- Q: What are the gym schedules/plans?
- A: STL has 2 teachers and 1 gym. Split some time into health to accommodate all students. All students will participate in extra gym activities, such as Reindeer Games and Haunted Gym.
- Q: Do all grades have foreign language?
- A: Starting Spanish in 3rd grade this year.
- Q: How many students are at STL?
- A: 1036 students are currently enrolled. Class sizes are capped at 27/class. 120 staff members on campus/day on average.
- Q: Are volunteers allowed at lunch?
- A: Please inquire with Mrs. DiMercurio if you'd like to volunteer in the school. Currently there is no requirement for families to volunteer to attend.
- Q: How will the school be accommodating the incoming 6th grade?
- There is a building meeting scheduled for next week and they will be looking at options for the future.
- Q: Does everyone need to retake Protecting God's Children?
- A: If taken prior to 2020, you must retake the course if you plan to volunteer/chaperon fieldtrips, etc. If taken previously, then it's a 2-hour class. If it has never been taken before, the class is 4 hours. You can log into your account at VIRTUSOnline or call the Archdiocese of Detroit with questions.

8. Adjournment

- Next meeting: 10/18/23 @ 6:00 PM in the cafeteria

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