

**Important Dates**

**11/25 – 11/29 No school, Thanksgiving break**

**12/6 – Stewardship Friday 3**

**12/19 – Class Christmas Parties**

**12/20 – 1pm dismissal**

**12/23 – 1/3/25 – No school, Christmas break**

**1/20 – No school, MLK Holiday**

**1/24 – Stewardship Friday 4**

**1/27 – 1/31 – Catholic Schools Week**

**2/6 – PTO meeting 6:30 pm**

**Date:** November 7, 2024

**Prayer and Introductions**

**Treasurer’s Report – Lauren Mudd**

Color walk success! Congratulations to all!

**Fundraising Totals:**

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| **COLOR WALK FUNDRAISING TOTAL** | |
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| Shirt Sales | $12,700.00 |
| Corporate Checks | $17,600.00 |
| Corporation Online Donations | $31,000.00 |
| Personal Checks | $1,000.00 |
| Personal Donations | $32,917.00 |
| Fees | $2,342.36 |
| Raffles | $5,000.00 |
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| Gross Total | $102,559.36 |
| Expenses | $8,369.00 |
| First Fruits | $9,419.04 |
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| **NET TOTAL** | **$84,771.32** |

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* Note - First fruits $9,400 - taken off of our NET total
* PTO currently has $196,000 in our account – we hope to use for a long-term capital project

**2024 – 2025 Budget**

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| Fundraising Activities | $11,500.00 |
| Catholic Assessment | $4,800.00 |
| Misc. Expenses | $1,700.00 |
| Teacher/Staff Expenses | $37,920.00 |
| PTO Student Activities | $42,145.00 |
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| **TOTAL** | **$98,065.00** |

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**Major PTO Expense as of 9/30/24**

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| **CURRENT PTO BALANCE (as of 9/30) \*** | **$196,900.00** |
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| 3 Year Music Curriculum | $9,000.00 |
| Back to School Teacher Gift Cards | $5,800.00 |
| Teacher Requests (via new google form) | $1,830.24 |
| Sunshine Committee | $1,444.20 |
| Catholic Assessment | $1,200.00 |
| Staff Lounge Microwaves & Ice Machines | $1,135.01 |
| Emergency Buckets (replenish) | $782.20 |
| Grandparents Day | $530.97 |
| Step & Repeat Photo Stand | $425.00 |
| Party Supplies (plates & napkins for whole year) | $377.13 |
| Back to School Fair | $284.48 |
| Recess Equipment | $205.25 |
| Boo Hoo Breakfast | $179.25 |
| Stewardship | $136.15 |
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| \*PRE FIRST FRUITS DEDUCTION |  |

**Communications – Lauren Alderman**

**PTO Pays It Forward**  
The PTO is committed to keeping our community informed! We regularly share updates about how we are using PTO funds through *The Pony* and our social media channels.

**QR Codes**  
We’ve shared QR codes for the following:

* **Teacher's Favorite Things**
* **Google Calendar** (please remember to subscribe after downloading)
* **iCalendar**  
  You can also find the link to Teachers’ Favorite Things in *The Pony*.

**Teacher Request Forms**  
Teachers and grade-level parents can submit specific requests for classroom needs through our Google form titled "Faculty Request for PTO Funds." These requests can range from recess equipment to supplies for events like the Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast.

**PTO Support**  
The PTO has already fulfilled nearly 29 requests!  
Some examples include:

* Donuts for Grandparents' Day
* Curriculum supplements and learning aids
* Office supplies

**Stewardship Update**

* Thank you to Kelsey Schuhmann and Heather Lange for the successful launch of the Step-by-Step Stewardship program
* Nothing new to report

**Spirit Wear Update – Katie Sullivan**

* New Spirit Wear designs on the website – CelticSpiritWear.com
* Order by December 1, 2024, to ensure delivery by Christmas break

**Volunteer Updates – Amanda Gray**

* This year, we’ve had more opportunities for parents to be involved at school than in the past three years combined. So far, 245 parents have participated in the first four events.
* Due to process changes on the Parish side, there are now strict requirements for volunteers to be SET (Save Environment Training) certified and background checked to be in the school or at any event with students. Some volunteers still need to meet these requirements.
* To help alleviate the burden on the front office, the PTO is now checking in volunteers.
* We ask that all volunteer opportunities be shared with the everyone and that volunteers are selected fairly.
* A list of volunteers for each event must be shared with the front office.
* Volunteers are asked to arrive no more than 15 minutes before the event begins.
* The dismissal process after the first party was a bit hectic. To ensure student safety, school administration must visually confirm each student before they can leave the building. PTO and school admin are working on a more streamlined process. For future events, volunteers who wish to sign their students out immediately afterward must update their child’s PikMyKid pick up method before the event. After the event, volunteers and students will meet in the church lobby, where administration will sign out each student using the PikMyKid system.

**Principals Report – Dr. Sturtzel**

**School Updates**

* **8th Grade Confirmation**: Congratulations to the 70 8th graders who were just confirmed!
* **Admission Information**:
  + The application period is open, with a deadline of January 15, 2025.
  + The 2025-26 reenrollment period is about to begin. Reenrollment for current K-7 students is automatic.
  + 35 families attended the Prospective Family Night tour.
* **First Trimester**: The first trimester ends on November 8, 2024.
* **Flex Periods**: Every grade now has flex periods this year.
* **Blended Classes**: Grades 4-8 are having blended classes, and there has been positive feedback from both students and teachers.
* **Additional Recess**: Grades K-3 have added a second recess to their day.

**CSA Campaign**

* The CSA campaign has started! St. Patrick introduced a student participation contest two years ago, and the Archdiocese loved it so much that they’ve adopted our format and implemented it citywide.
* There are two divisions for the contest: JK-4 and 5-8, with a pizza party as the prize.
* St. Patrick has seen the highest participation ever!

**Screenagers**

* *Screenagers* is a film about children and their screen addiction.
  + Parents who attended one of the two screenings earned their student a free dress day.
  + A sequel focusing on anxiety will be shown in the spring.
  + Screen addiction is one of the top 2-3 issues of our generation.

**Math Night Review**

* A letter from the presenter, summarizing key points from Math Night, will be linked in *The Pony*.

**Clubs**

* Clubs are returning, with some clubs to be announced on November 8, 2024.

**Father-Daughter Dance**

* The Father-Daughter Dance is scheduled for March 8, 2025.

**Report Cards**

* Report cards will be sent on November 18, 2024.
  + JK-3 will receive paper reports.
  + Grades 4-8 will access their report cards via PowerSchool.

**School Break**

* There will be no school the week of Thanksgiving, from November 25-29, 2024.

**Seventh Grade Energy Bus Skit**

* Seventh grade will perform an *Energy Bus* skit for grades K-4 in Schindler Hall.

**Elf! Jr. Play**

* The *Elf! Jr.* play will be performed from November 15-17, 2024.

**Campus Visitors**

* St. Patrick uses between 2,000-2,500 visitor stickers every six weeks. We have had over 15,000 visitors this year.