

**Important Dates:**

**Friday October 6th-“Rock the Walk”**

**Wednesday, December 14th-Teacher/Staff/Parish Christmas party**

**Thursday, January 12th-PTO Meeting 8am**

**Week of January 29th-Catholic Schools Week**

**Saturday, March 4th-Father/Daughter Dance**

**Saturday, March 18th-Celtic Celidh**

**Date:** August 24, 2023

**Prayer and Introductions**

**President Report – Jeanine McKenzie**

* Spending report:
	+ Total roughly spent $100,0000
	+ Purchase Highlights-
		- 30 guitars for 5th grade
		- New Math Curriculum supports
		- Bloyd Family donated Gaga Pit
		- Sunshine Committee-Staff birthdays, new committee
* New Policies
	+ Limiting Donor Fatigue by limiting asks
		- No longer asked for gift cards, plates, sign up genius etc. Order through Amazon account, PTO takes care of all ordering of supplies.
		- Limits reimbursements and controls spending.
		- Room Parents will handle parties with all things purchased by PTO
		- One ask-COLOR WALK

**Committee Reports:**

* **Student Engagement Committee**-Tonya Davis/Sara Weiter
	+ Emphasis on getting school families back to church
	+ Encourage a grade to come to mass and follow with event for service and fellowship after mass.
	+ Dates to come
* **Room Parent Reorganization**-Laura Hamburger
	+ Lead room parent for each grade, and then individual room parent.
	+ Better communication coming from the top.
* **Major Fundraiser**-Jamie Gilmore
	+ COLOR WALK-“Rock the Walk”
	+ Fundraising goa**l $80,000**
	+ October 6th
	+ Online Fundraising Platform
		- Order tshirts online -$25
		- Tab for open donations
		- Corporate Donations-huge portion ($32,000 last year)
		- Addition of Large raffle.
			* Carpool raffle
			* 8 or 10 experiences
* **2023-2024 Plans**
	+ Revamping Teacher Lounges
		- Stocked and Inviting (i.e. Keurigs/K-cups)
		- St. Patrick’s Day, Teacher’s Appreciation, Catholic Schools Week
		- Incentivizing teachers who do extracurriculars
		- Bring back more clubs
		- Citizenship Parties

Break out session-what would you do to raise money for the school

**Principal Report – Dr. Sturtzel**

* Heat restrictions apply to school recess in addition to school sports
* 693 students enrolled; 75 preschoolers, 426 JK-5th
* 74 school staff members (Low staff to student ratio is a differentiator for St. Pat)
* Stages of grief: Trauma from the pandemic; Last year was the start of rebound but still growing pains.
* Great retention, only one teacher new to St. Patrick
* Systems have been put in place-set the tone
	+ Dress code/behavior. Continuity across the board
	+ Hall passes, structure control
	+ Reconstruction phase coming back from the grief.
* Security
	+ New secure doors
	+ Wednesday Mass at noon for public, school mass at 8am (parents invited).
	+ Safety committee (administration, parents, law enforcement)
	+ Still considering school resource officer.
* New Additions
	+ Gaga Pit
	+ Bike Rack
	+ Paved Parking lot
	+ New Roof
	+ New Math Curriculum
* Extracurriculars-
	+ 77 kids auditioned for the play
	+ Club communication-starting to launch
	+ Commitment to going to mass
	+ Incorporate stewardship in what we do
	+ Public exhibitions of student learning for each grade
	+ Mock schedule nights and Parents Nights
	+ Staff Appreciation: Average experience is 14 years, advanced degrees
		- Communicate and go straight to the source

NEXT MEETING – November 9th

**Next Meeting scheduled for 8:00am January 12th in Schindler Hall.**