

**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.**