

2020/2021 PTO Welcome letter

Welcome back St. Margaret Mary families! I hope everyone had a great summer and a wonderful first week of school! It's been a very long time since we were able to come together in our school, and I'm so grateful for such a smooth first week of school!

2020 has been a real challenge of a year so far, and we have 3 more months of it to go! I am so proud of our St. Margaret Mary teachers, administration and staff for their ability to finish last year's schooling remotely and for all their preparation for the students to be back to in-person or virtual learning this school year. The kids seem truly happy to be getting back to school, seeing their teachers and friends, and getting back to a routine that is as close to "normal" as it can be.

The PTO is looking forward to another great year and we are hoping to be able to continue to provide all the activities and events (although some may look slightly different) that we typically do for the students, teachers and parents. You can see an outline of what the PTO does in the Fast Facts flyer that follows this letter.

I'm very excited that this year the PTO will be working with the Parish to organize and hold the First Annual St. Margaret Mary Golf Tournament on November 7th at Manada Golf Course. More details will follow in the coming weeks!

The PTO has a new email this year: stmmspto@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to our email list, or if your email has changed from last year, please send us a quick email and we will add/edit your address. We also have set up a **PayPal** account for PTO fundraising, which we hope will make fundraising easier! You can find our PayPal account using the PTO email address.

Last year the PTO had such tremendous support and we were on our way to one of our best school years ever when the pandemic hit and closed us down. I am so grateful for all of your support last year. The events of this year have made for a very difficult time for our children, educators, parents and everyone. Many families are struggling emotionally, financially and spiritually. Now more than ever our faith and our community must hold us together. St. Margaret Mary is like a family to all of us, and we should rely on each other and look to each other in trying times. I know that if we do that, we will be better and stronger than ever before. I am looking forward to spending this year with all of you and I hope to see you all at the first PTO meeting on September 17th!

Sincerely,
Shannon Sprow, PTO President