

2023-2024 St. Margaret Mary School PTO
Meeting Agenda – February 13, 2024
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Principal Update – Mr. Read
 - a. Dress down day – Thursday, February 15
 - b. Thank you to PTO for the blessings throughout Catholic Schools Week this year, especially the delicious lunches!
 - c. Tomorrow, February 14, between 6-7 pm, Divine Mercy room at the Church, we will have an open-door meeting for anyone who would like to stop in to ask questions for clarification about the EITC program and tuition assistance.
 - d. Our social media promotional campaign has begun. There will be videos each Tuesday and Thursday on Facebook. We are requesting all in our community to share as much as possible. If we reach our goal of 300 shares by tomorrow, there will be no homework for the entire school!
 - e. For our FID today to count, students must have their assignments completed and turned in within 48 hours of the school closure, which is Thursday, February 15.
 - f. Presidents Day weekend-NO SCHOOL this Friday February 16 and Monday, February 19.
 - g. Parents with students in grades K-4, please see your email for a possible reschedule for the classrooms' Valentines Day parties this week.
- III. PTO Committee Reports
 - a. President (Colleen Sanders):
 - Colleen is stepping down as President after this year, so looking for a volunteer for President for next school year.
 - Restaurant Night – 3rd Tuesday of the Month
 - January 16, Mama's pizza \$100 raised
 - February, none
 - March 19, PJ Whelihan's
 - Catholic Schools Week –
 - Gave teachers \$50 Target gift cards
 - Provided mac-n-cheese lunch for students and teachers on Thursday
 - Provide pizza and salad lunch for teachers on Friday
 - PTO received thank-you from some of the classes and a few teachers
 - Upcoming Events –
 - Dudes and Daughters Dance – Friday, March 8; Dana Dwyer and Megan Harvey coordinating

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- Hot lunch – still need volunteers to help out; Please use this link to sign up to volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-lunch>
- Field trips – upcoming; PTO is able to subsidize most if not all of the trips, depends on price of admission for the various trips
- Grandparents' day - April 19; looking for volunteers to plan it – Caroline Krall, Ashley Calvi, Amy McMullen, Tina Ring, and Carly Simpson all volunteered
- PTO bought Mrs. Peluso some request items for her classroom and will be paying for Mr. Belonus's hotel room for the NHD conference so he doesn't have to travel back and forth both days of the conference.
- b. Vice President (Tina Ring):
 - No updates.
- c. Treasurer (Emily Nordfors):
 - In the process of paying for gift cards and lunches provided during Catholic Schools week
- d. Secretary (Tracey Mumma):
 - Please make sure your name is showing up in the participants list on zoom – either your first and last or your kid(s) so we can make sure your family is on the list for the dress down day
 - Meeting minutes will be posted on the PTO page of the STMMS website and will include any relevant links (PTO page on STMMS webpage, volunteer clearance information, etc.)
- e. Hot Lunch (committee chair open): see President's update above
- f. Uniform Exchange (Caroline Krall and Amanda Barnes): drop off any unneeded uniforms at school. If you have any uniform needs, please fill out the request form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lqiAERi8N2UJ_DANyhp80UGy0w88hT7xOK2daYV_Gn4/edit
- g. Social (Dana Dwyer):
 - Dana is stepping down after this school year so looking for a volunteer to fill this committee chair position. Major events are the fall festival and spring egg hunt.
- h. Fundraising (Lycka D'Souza):
 - Checks are preferred over PayPal as there are now fees associated with PayPal.
 - Next fundraiser - donate new or gently used shoes and they will be repurposed to other parts of the world. No money to donate, just donate

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shoes which combining service to the community as well as will raise money for the school. Additional information to come.

- Butter braids fundraiser in the spring – delivery right before Easter. More information to come.

i. Outreach (Megan Harvey):

- No updates.

j. SCRIP (Mary Fox, Emily Nordfors, Kristin Moise):

- Information on Scrip can be found at <http://stmmparishschool.org/Scrip>;
- You buy gift cards at face value and a percent of each gift card bought goes half to the school and half towards your kid's tuition; you buying gift cards at face value
- SCRIP is not being used as much as it could be by families. Looking for ideas on how to increase participation.
 - Possibly promote more around holidays.
 - Push use of the app
 - Make sure people know that SCRIP and RaiseRight are the same thing so there is no terminology confusion.

k. Spring Festival (Erin Morrison):

- Sunday, April 28, 12:30 – 3:30 pm
- Food Trucks: Potato Coop and Kristie's whistle Stop ice cream
- Activities – Critter Connection
- Games – sand art table and face painting, bingo, 50/50 and basket raffles

IV. Parent Questions and/or Concerns

- a. Athletic Association: Track registration is open now. Registration due March 8th and practice starts March 18th. Open to grades 3-8 and practice is Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00 -7:30 pm at Susquehanna High School.

V. Other PTO Resources:

- a. Volunteer Clearances: website link for how to getting clearance to volunteer is: <http://www.stmmparishschool.org/e-files>.
- b. Hot lunch – Wednesdays and Fridays
- Pay for lunches at <http://ezschoolapps.com/>
 - Volunteers are needed to service lunch; shift is 11:00am to 1:30 pm. You must have valid diocesan clearances and sign in at the office before supervising. Please use this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-lunch>
- c. Uniform Exchange Form: <https://forms.gle/rCpaYdg3fUupZVCw9>
- d. Scrip Information: <http://stmmparishschool.org/Scrip>

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- e. PTO email address is stmmspto@gmail.com
 - f. PTO page of STMMS website is <http://stmmparishschool.org/PTO>
 - g. STMMS PTO has a Facebook page is named: St Margaret Mary School PTO
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- VI. Closing Prayer
- VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom