

**2023-2024 St. Margaret Mary School PTO
Meeting Agenda – November 14, 2023
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Principal Update – Mr. Read
 - a. Dress down day – Monday, November 20
 - b. Upcoming dates:
 - Tuesday, November 21. Noon Dismissal. No Central Dauphin transportation.
 - November 22 - 27. Thanksgiving Holiday. No School.
 - December 4 - 8. Santa Shop.
 - Wednesday, December 13. STMMS Christmas Pageant @ Bishop McDevitt.
 - Thursday, December 21. Brunch in Bethlehem.
 - Friday, December 22. Noon Dismissal. No Central Dauphin transportation.
 - December 23 - January 2. Christmas & New Years holiday. No School.
 - c. Thursday is a Dress Down Day for Grief Awareness Day. Students can bring \$1 and wear blue to support.
 - d. Junior Achievement Program - This program provides resources for special lessons regarding business, finances, and other life skills for students starting mid-elementary school level and through 8th grade. We are in contact with them to arrange for these to come to STMMS. The program runs only on volunteers through the school (family members, friends, alumni, etc.). Please let the school office know if you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to teach some of our students.
- III. PTO Committee Reports
 - a. President (Colleen Sanders):
 - Issues from last PTO Meeting
 - Why sweatpants in April and October when temperature is hot? Can there be some exceptions when it's hot like it was the 1st week in October this fall? Mr. Read is open to changing this in the future if there are hot weather issues in the spring/fall.
 - Status of new school website – if not going live soon, can we get the current one updated? Faculty was recently updated. If anyone is interested in helping out with updating the website contact the office.
 - FUNraiser – Final total raised was \$21,399 split between school and PTO; ice cream truck came and pizza parties are occurring for classes that met their goal.
 - Hot lunch – Wednesdays and Fridays
 - Sign up at <http://ezschoolapps.com/>

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- Volunteers are needed to service lunch; shift is 11:00am to 1:30 pm.
Please use this link to sign up to volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-lunch>
- Recess Duty
 - Volunteers are needed to help supervise recess. Please use this link to sign up to volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-45475412-stmm>
 - You must have valid diocesan clearances and sign in at the office before supervising.
- Thanksgiving Lunch – Monday, November 20; no donations needed from parents/kids, completely funded by PTO.
- Brunch in Bethlehem – Thursday, December 21
- Restaurant Night – October Restaurant night at Bellia's \$200 was raised for school; Next night is Tuesday, November 21 at Panera 4 - 8 pm
- b. Vice President (Tina Ring):
 - No update
- c. Treasurer (Emily Nordfors):
 - PTO pays for ice cream truck, iPad, pizza parties, etc. so PTO will end up with ~\$8,600 from FUNraiser.
 - Thanksgiving lunch will be completely funded by PTO.
 - R&K brought in about \$1,000
 - Might look into cash app, Venmo, etc. as another payment option to avoid extra fees.
- 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 above under president's report.
- 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 at <https://forms.gle/rCpaYdg3fUupZVCw9>.
- g. Social (Dana Dwyer):
 - Fall festival - we had a great turnout and kids had a lot fun.
- h. Santa Shop (Heather Rutherford and Grace Corbally):
 - December 4 - 8.

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- Letter coming home with students after Thanksgiving.
 - i. Fundraising (Lycka D'Souza):
 - RTK subs October sale brought in about \$1,000.
 - R&K in December = parents on call say yes. Therefore, R&K will be delivered on December 13 (day of Christmas pageant) and orders would be due the first week of December
 - Checks are preferred over PayPal as there are now fees associated with PayPal
 - j. Outreach (Megan Harvey):
 - Working on updating school outreach flyers
 - Please share any ideas that parents may have on other outreach ideas
 - k. Breakfast with Santa (Kelly Fox, Jen Morris, Nikki Aliceia):
 - December 10, after 9:30 am mass at church pavilion
 - l. SCRIP (Mary Fox, Emily Nordfors, Kristin Moise): information on Scrip can found at <http://stmmparishschool.org/Scrip>; 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; plans are to have a SCRIP flyer available at back to school night
 - RaiseRight days coming with high bonuses on certain e-gift cards
 - SCRIP presentation was provided at all masses during early November to bring program to parishioners' attention
 - Will share on Facebook any upcoming deals
 - m. Golf Tournament (Shannon Sprow):
 - Next year tournament is scheduled for October 25, 2024
 - n. Spring Festival (Erin Morrison):
 - Working on date for spring festival
- IV. Parent Questions and/or Concerns
- a. Church Thanksgiving Volunteers and Food Donations needed November 19: sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A8AB2BABF58-45748453-thanksgiving>
- V. Other PTO Resources:
- a. Volunteer Clearances: Website link for how to getting clearance to volunteer is: <http://www.stmmparishschool.org/e-files>.
 - b. PTO email address is stmmspto@gmail.com
 - c. PTO page of STMMS website is <http://stmmparishschool.org/PTO>
 - d. STMMS PTO has a Facebook page is named: St Margaret Mary School PTO
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VI. Closing Prayer

VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom