

# Description of PTO Activities & Events



## Events

<b>New Parent Orientation Meeting</b>	August
This is an informational meeting lead by the school principal is for parents with children newly enrolled in St. Margaret Mary School. At this meeting parents are informed of how the school communicates and various other policies and procedures. You will be introduced to various members of the faculty and the PTO Executive Board.	
<b>Kindergarten Ice Cream Social</b>	August
Kindergartners and their parents are invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun. The new students will spend some time in the classroom with their Kindergarten teacher and classmates, followed by ice cream for everyone! This is a great way to meet other families with kindergarten students.	
<b>Back-to-School Pool Party</b>	First Week of School
This fun-filled event is for all students of St. Margaret Mary School and their families. The event is hosted by the PTO and a wonderful opportunity to meet new school families and reconnect with old friends.	
<b>PTO Meetings</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
All teacher and parents are invited to come to the monthly PTO meetings. This is a good time to come and meet other parents and teachers. If you have any concerns regarding the school or the activities in the school, this is a great opportunity to get your questions answered. Sign up to receive PTO Communications through email. The agenda is distributed each month through our ListServ. Please email with any issues you would like to discuss to get it added to the agenda for that night. <a href="mailto:pto@stmmparish.org">pto@stmmparish.org</a>	
<b>Donuts with Dad</b>	October
All students and their dads are invited for doughnuts, coffee, and lively conversation in the morning before school starts. Moms volunteer to set-up, serve and clean-up.	
<b>Thanksgiving Lunch</b>	November
Holiday Lunch for the students coordinated by the PTO. Volunteers help to serve lunch as well as donate deserts.	
<b>Santa Shop</b>	December
Children can experience the joy of giving each year through the Santa Shop. This special gift shop is set-up each year and helpers assist kids as they hunt for treasures for all the special people on their gift list, without having to spend a lot of money. The shop is opened during school hours and parents will be notified of their child's shopping day by the child's teacher.	

<b>Breakfast in Bethlehem</b>	December
A kid-friendly breakfast is provided to all St. Margaret Mary students courtesy of the PTO. This is a student-only event. Christmas carols and a visit from Santa Claus are part of this annual celebration.	
<b>Catholic School Week Activities</b>	January/February
The PTO provides a Student Appreciation Lunch & Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch.	
<b>Muffins with Mom</b>	March
All students and their moms are invited for muffins, coffee, and lively conversation in the morning before school starts. Dads volunteer to set-up, serve and clean-up.	
<b>Grandparents Day Lunch</b>	April
The PTO provides a free lunch to grandparents of our student body each spring. Students will have lunch with their grandparents. Parents will be asked to donate desserts for this special event.	
<b>Spartan Sprint for Education</b>	April
This is the PTO's top fundraiser and is great fun for students, no hassle to parents, and fully benefits our school's educational program! Students run laps and families and friends donate money to the school for the number of laps, or make a flat donation. Look for more information on this event in early spring.	
<b>School Picnic</b>	June
The PTO sponsors an annual end-of-year picnic in Little Valley. The event takes place the last week of school during the school day. Students, teachers, staff, and their families are all invited.	
<b>Roller Skating Parties &amp; other Social Activities</b>	ongoing
Skating Parties are scheduled during evenings periodically throughout the year. All students and family members are invited.	

## **Programs and Services**

<b>Mentor Family-Welcome Program</b>	August/ongoing
Welcomes new St. Margaret Mary School families and helps ease their transition into school activities and programs.	
<b>Home Room Parent</b>	September - June
Home Room Parent(s) work with teachers to coordinate holiday class parties and other activities. Sign up sheets are available at Back to School Nights.	
<b>School Directory</b>	September
The PTO publishes this annual directory which is sold at Back-to-School nights and periodically throughout the year. This helpful directory includes class lists, addresses, phone numbers and emails when available.	

<b>School Lunch Program</b>	September - June
<p>Our school lunch program is a service to STMMS families and is 100% run by volunteers. Parents and grandparents volunteer to cook and serve our hot lunches 2-3 times each week. This is a great way to meet other parents and serve all the students in our school. The Hot Lunch committee handles the ordering of food, collection of payments, scheduling volunteers, etc. They also run the kitchen on one of the most fun days of the year during "Track and Field" day.</p>	
<b>Uniform Exchange</b>	
<p>Free uniforms are available through these exchanges which are scheduled 2-3 times throughout the year. Look for dates on the school calendar and in church bulletins.</p>	

## **Fundraising**

<b>Kids Stuff Books</b>	September
<p>This voluntary fundraiser provides coupons books that can save families save money on clothing, shoes, toys, electronics, sporting goods, activities, food and more. Look for more details each Fall.</p>	
<b>Fall Fundraiser</b>	September-October
<p>This annual fundraiser is also required by school policy and is coordinated by the PTO on behalf of the school. Families can choose to sell \$100 of merchandise or select the \$50 buy-out.</p>	
<b>Scrip</b>	All Year
<p>By participating in the School Scrip program you can help our school raise money and save on your tuition cost while doing your normal shopping. St. Margaret Mary School receives a small percentage of each dollar spent. A variety of gift cards to well-known stores can be purchased through our school and then used like cash at hundreds of national retailers including grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, and many others. The PTO purchases the gift cards at a discount and then sells them to families and friends of St. Margaret Mary School. The profit generated is divided between the family (as a tuition discount) and the school. Participation in this program is required by school policy.</p>	
<b>Wolfgang Candy Sale</b>	March
<p>Another voluntary fundraiser that takes place during Lent---lots of candy options for your Easter baskets.</p>	
<b>Spartan Sprint for Education</b>	April
<p>This is the PTO's top fundraiser and is also listed above as an event because the kids look forward to this annual outing to raise money for their school.</p>	
<b>Donut Day</b>	June
<p>The PTO conducts a Zeppole (Italian Donut) sale on the first Friday in June to acknowledge National Donut Day. PTO members make the donuts fresh on site. All proceeds go towards upgrading the school kitchen.</p>	