

PTO BOARD MEETING: January 11, 2019

Present: Sr. Maria Benedicta, Tami Jurewicz, Tricia Powers, Erin Gould, Beth McIlvenna, Anne Casavant, and Amy Vyverberg

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Sr. Maria Benedicta's Update:

- 9 new students have joined OLMC school this month! Mostly families moving from out of town.
  - Report cards will be sent home this Wednesday.
  - Geography Bee is scheduled for Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Meetings to discuss Catholic Schools Week – focusing on the virtue of gratitude and will have activities for children each day to practice this virtue.
  - Mrs. King will be stepping in to help with Student Council while Mrs. Gardner is on maternity leave.
  - Very sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Barks – she will be greatly missed! Job opening has already been posted.
  - New registration for the 2019-20 school year will be through Powerschool.
  - Looking into options for students during Spanish study hall (Duolingo, worksheets, etc.) in the interim while waiting to hire a Spanish teacher for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Graders going to March For Life in Indianapolis on Jan 22; this will be a first for OLMC students; students will go down on a bus; Bishop Doherty will be present: 12:00 mass at St. John the Evangelist Church
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Treasurer's Update:

- No report at this time: will send out an update when one is available
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President's Update:

- Teachers and Specials Gifts – For next year, PTO will put a limit on how much non-OLMC staff will receive.
- Chick-Fil-A Day – Dec 19<sup>th</sup> was successful.
- CommUNITY Care Day – Amy Supernaw working hard to organize this event. Concerns about not enough time given to students/parents to turn in donation requests.
- Classroom Christmas Parties Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. Overall, parties went well. Still in discussions about food allergies and how to navigate party treats (food), keeping it fun for children but also safe for all the children with allergy concerns. It has been recommended to type up the guidelines regarding food allergies – perhaps organizing a meeting with both sides present to discuss/design these new guidelines, keeping in mind the legal perspective, childrens' safety,

keeping up with OLMC traditions, making it fun, etc. The goal is to have this information organized/the guidelines established and communicated to the parents in May/June, for the upcoming school year (2019-20).

- Gently Used Books, game/toy drive, scheduled for January 21-25, Megan O'Connor organizing. The collection will be in the atrium.
- Catholic Schools Week Jan 28 – Feb 1. Looking into options for indoor ice skating rink versus outdoor, and scheduled for during the week or the weekend before Catholic Schools Week. Haley Church organizing school tours and Amy Supernaw coordinating teacher luncheon for Thursday that week.
- Faith Rally on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>; Tim Fletcher organizing; 8<sup>th</sup> graders have chosen a theme song; students to wear faith rally or spirit wear t-shirts.
- Next Chick-Fil-A Day is Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Valentines Party is Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – recommended to have a non-chocolate treat (something safe for kids with allergies); focus more on activities? crafts?
- Book Fair scheduled for Feb 21 – March 1<sup>st</sup> (Ann Heilman)
- Movie Night scheduled for Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade) (Gould, Albers, Sansone)
- Jr. High Social, March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Mardi Gras March 5<sup>th</sup> – no party; children to wear accessories to school; teachers may organize Mardi Gras activities.
- Gift for Mrs. Barks – 7 years of service; statue? Related to Mother Theresa? (household saint) Tricia looking into gift options.
- School Counselors Week Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – flowers for Mrs. Minch.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019