

Saint Mary Catholic School Parent-Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2021, PLC Room #2

Cristina Gill, President, called to order at 8:15am

Opening Prayer

Topics Discussed:

Spaghetti Dinner

- The date of the Spaghetti Dinner is still TBD as local Covid numbers are currently too high to hold this event. Administration will be re-evaluating this soon with the possibility it can be held in October.

Track or Treat

- Track or Treat will be held on October 29th in the afternoon before dismissal.
- Tables for each class were set up around the track like last year and each class table will have a specific theme for decorations. It is up to the class parent volunteer (who will be doing the decorating) if they also want to use a tent since last year it was a very windy day and many of the decorations did not stay on the tents very well.
- Parents in each class will be asked to donate candy again like last year. For easier distribution of candy, the candy that is collected for each class will be given to students in that same class (instead of equally dividing up the candy collected from all classes combined).
- The PTO already has a good supply of leftover decorations and peanut-free candy from last year so parents will not be asked to donate these items.

T-shirt, Hat & Ornament Sales

- A new T-shirt order will go live in the next few days. The link to the Custom Ink order form will be sent out via text message to the school community and appear on the PTO Facebook page.
- The PTO still has a supply of Ornaments, Hats, and Visors from last year. These items will be available for purchase at the Spaghetti Dinner and other upcoming school events.

Art to Remember

- Mrs. Wilbas will begin working with students soon in each class to complete art designs for Art to Remember.
- There will be order forms available as well as a SMCS website link when items are ready to purchase. Parents can choose if they want items shipped directly to the school (for free) or shipped to their home (for a fee). It is hoped that ordered items will be received around Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events

- As of now, the remaining PTO events for the school year are still planning to be held. However, the local Covid situation will continue to be evaluated by Administration as the events get closer.
- Upcoming events over the next several months include the Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 19th and the Santa Breakfast on Sunday, December 5th.

Miscellaneous

- There was a brief discussion about possibly doing something special for teachers during parent/teacher conferences in October. This topic was put on hold for further discussion.
- Several new members had questions regarding the process to obtain proper clearance for volunteering including fingerprinting and Safe Environment Training. It was noted that there have been a few recent changes to the process that was previously followed. It was decided that Anna Demkowicz would be asked to attend an upcoming PTO meeting in order to properly address these questions.

President called meeting to a close at 9:22am.

Minutes by Lori Lomax (Secretary)