

PTO BOARD MEETING: December 14, 2018

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

Sr. Maria Benedicta's Update:

- Currently doing MAP testing; Winter scores will be compared to Fall scores.
 - On Our Lady of Guadalupe, children went to mass with Households and then watched the Hispanic Apostolate perform a skit to celebrate the feast day. Children were very well behaved!
 - All of the children attended confessions on Thursday December 13th.
 - Alice Drill will occur next Tuesday December 18th. This will be a "quiet" drill, nothing that might frighten the children.
 - 5th/6th grade musical scheduled for December 20th, and there will be an early dismissal (1:05) on Friday December 21st.
 - All cookies for the Jesus' birthday party were purchased through Meijer (Scrip): KG/1st will have Birthday themed cookies; 2nd/3rd will have Star of Bethlehem cookies; 4th-6th will have Christmas colors cookies.
 - Pizza Party is scheduled for the Junior High students – perhaps the entire school could have a pizza party next year? Papa John's Pizza has \$6 school special pizzas.
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Vice Principal's Update:

- Tim attended a Safety Commission for Hamilton County. Carmel Schools have an anonymous "Stop It" App. This app is twofold: it can be used to report questions/concerns and it can also be used as a "Help Me" app, to call 911 and allow for two way communication. This app also has a second layer in which an outside company is hired to look at all the information that comes in and direct those in need to a particular resource. The cost of the app is \$1 per child; \$500 minimum for the next layer. OLMC just gathering information and considering all options. Currently, OLMC uses a family to family approach. If there are concerns/problems, parents can contact teachers/administration and vice versa.
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Treasurer's Update:

- OLMC received generous checks from all Spirit Days (Freddy's, Chic Fil-A, Kroger)
 - Teacher's WishList - currently \$18,000 in the budget.
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President's Update:

- All went well with St. Nicholas Workshop (Shelly Preston, Maureen DeBone). Perhaps ask for leftover Christmas wrapping paper/bows/gift bags and collect in January?
- St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6th was another fun day for the children (Anne Casavant/Sarah Sansone). Chuck Grimm graciously visited the children K-2nd. Charlene Mattingly did a beautiful job restoring St. Nick's costume!
- Mother's Day of Reflection was Dec 7th – Tricia Powers/Wendy Pottratz; Another very special day for moms and Sr. Sophia was an amazing speaker!
- Staff Christmas Party on December 12th was a great success at Melissa Kolb's home. Everyone enjoyed themselves! Perhaps budget needs to be increased for next year?
- Catholic Schools Week Jan 28 – Feb 1. ?? should social outing be scheduled on the Sunday before, to kick off the week? As opposed to the weekend after, on Superbowl Sunday. ?? Another skating party?? Bowling??
- PTO will be working on Teacher and Specials Christmas Gifts – over \$13,000 was collected!
- Chick Fil-A Day is Dec 19th
- CommUNITY Care Day will be January 12th, Amy Supernaw is busy heading up this big project.
- Classroom Holiday Parties will be on Dec 21st (except PM kindergarten will be on Thursday December 20th). – Need a purchaser to divide up what money is spent per grade so Treasurer can code properly.
- GingerBread Houses being made in lunchroom (on Friday Dec 14th). It was difficult finding icing safe for all of the allergy kids, as well as finding volunteers to bake. ?? If this activity should be scheduled for earlier in December (perhaps there would be more bakers willing to volunteer?) Also, need to emphasize the importance of communications with teachers.

Next Meeting Friday January 11th, 2019