



67 DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS! 😊



Fall Festival Update

Mark your calendars and save the date because on **October 22nd & 23rd** the Parish Fall Festival is being held. There is a need for volunteers to help set up the PTO bake sale booth and to work a shift or 2 during the 2 day event. Donated baked goods are needed for Thursday and a volunteer form has been sent home listing options for people to sign up to help.

Spaghetti Supper Update



We are on track to continue to have each grade level (and the student parents) to Adopt a Dinner for each month. The schedule for remaining dinners is detailed on the back of this newsletter. The operating joint chair for this event are Matt McArdle and Lisa Balicki. Thank you both for your continued leadership.



In Other News...

The outline for the annual PTO budget will be reviewed at the upcoming October meeting. Specifically, funding guidelines for field trips, teacher expenses, activities and any surplus will be discussed and voted on. Once this budget passes, any disbursements covered under the budget can be paid without further voting.



Chairpersons Needed! There is a list of tentative events including events held every year and those new each year. A chairperson is needed for each event to help lead the effort and coordinate the volunteers. Most events take only a little time to plan and coordinate. The PTO officers are not capable of planning the overall calendar and chairing all the individual events. Therefore, please consider being a chair or joint chair as if we don't get them, we may need to cancel these long help activities to the detriment of the entire community.

PTO Mtg Agenda Wednesday, Oct. 19th



Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:00–7:00 in the school cafeteria for our PTO meetings. The agenda for October's meeting is below and we strive to start and end on time. We will have babysitters and refreshments.

- 6:00 Call To Order
Opening Prayer
- 6:05 Treasurer & Secretary Reports
- 6:15 Principal's Report/Comments
Fr. Albert Comments
- 6:20 Confirm PTO Liaisons for Parish Council & School Board
- 6:30 Old Business:
- 6:40 New Business:
Schedule of Events (2 min)
Budget Preview and Vote (15 minutes)
On Deck Fundraisers/Activities (3-5 min ea.)
Disbursement Requests & Vote (5 min)
*disbursement requests to be reviewed with Officers and Principal prior to meeting to have a vote at the meeting
Issues List
If meeting runs early, start reviewing issues brought up during meeting. If not, put on next month's agenda.
- 7:00 Closing Prayer, Meeting Adjourned

Please remember to check out the meeting minutes shortly after each meeting to stay current with decisions, event needs or new information. Minutes and other info are available at our website, www.materdolorosaschool.org. You can also email us your ideas at pto@materdolorosaschool.org.

PTO Member Registration - Thank you to the 30 families that have already paid!

The PTO is made up of parents and teachers working together to show support for Mater Dolorosa School, to plan social events, participate in fundraisers and volunteer. Money raised is used for assemblies, field trips, yearend BBQ and other activities throughout the year. We hope that with your support and ideas, we can accomplish even more. We start our new year with a \$10/family dues, which is due by the end of September. Please send it into school in an envelope marked PTO or bring to the October PTO meeting. Only dues paying members are able to vote on decisions made by the PTO. Please use Registration Form attached.



**Mater Dolorosa PTO Registration Form
2016 – 2017**



Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Children _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Fee: \$10.00 per family (Please make checks payable to Mater Dolorosa PTO)

We need your help as we begin planning the calendar for the new school year. Sign up sheets for volunteers for each event are circulated at the PTO meetings and will also be sent home with your child. Please check your child's backpack.

Please return this form to school with your child in an envelope marked "Attention PTO" or bring it with you to the next PTO meeting.

Tentative 2016 – 2017 Event and Meeting Dates w/ chairperson

9/7	September Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 8 th Grade & families)
9/21	September PTO Meeting
10/5	October Spaghetti Dinner (Adopted by 7 th Grade & families)
10/19	October PTO Meeting
10/22 – 10/23	Parish/School: Fall Festival – PTO baked goods & operate Bake Sale Booth (chair?)
11/2	November Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 6 th Grade & families)
11/16	November PTO Meeting
12/7	December Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 5 th Grade & families)
12/10	Cookies with Santa (interest & chair?)
12/12 -12/15	Gingerbread Shoppe (Bonnie Brainard, dates tentative, chair to be confirmed)
1/4	January Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 4 th Grade & families)
1/18	January PTO Meeting
January	School: Cash Calendar Fundraiser
2/1	February Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 3 rd Grade & families)
2/15	February PTO Meeting
2/20 – 2/24	Winter Break
3/8	March Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 2 nd Grade & families) Note date change Ash Wednesday
3/15	March PTO Meeting
March	Parish/PTO: Road Race Corale & Parking lot (chairperson needed)
4/5	April Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 1 st Grade & families)
4/17 – 4/21	Spring Break
4/26	April PTO Meeting, Note date change due to spring vacation
May	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (chairperson needed)
5/3	May PTO Meeting
5/17	May Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by PreK 3 & 4 & families)
June	Field Day & School Barbecue (chairperson needed)

There are various fundraisers throughout the year, some of which are specifically for the PTO treasury and others that are needed directly for the school operating and special needs budget. In the list above, the fundraisers have been identified as either PTO or School to differentiate the two. The spaghetti suppers are the primary PTO fundraiser and is co-chaired by Matt McArdle and Lisa Balicki.