



What's up?



Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner kicking off with an open house on Sunday January 29th from noon to 1:30. We encourage all families to participate and help where they can. The entire week helps demonstrate the school spirit and values taught in our school.



Road Race Corral & Parking Lot will take place the day of the St. Patrick's Road Race on March 18th, 2017. We will be discussing how we can help make this a success.

Field Day BBQ: The year is half over and it's not too soon to start planning the year end BBQ – at least getting a chairperson in place!



The Toast to the Future Gala preparations are in full swing and we will be getting an update on what's happening and what we can do to contribute.

Spaghetti Supper – Yum...

Thanks to all the families who have supported the monthly dinners thus far whether you worked, eaten or both! The February spaghetti dinner is coming up soon on February 1st. This dinner is scheduled to be adopted by Grade 3 so we are looking for a few extra families from the 3rd grade to supplement the many regular volunteers that come month after month and that are not currently connected with the school. They come for the legacy of supporting the school, for the community of the parish and they all work very hard. A few younger volunteers to help with initial setup from 2:30 – 4 and from 6:30 – 8 are desperately needed every month. Please do your part, this fundraiser supports all activities of the PTO.



PTO Mtg Agenda Wednesday, January 18th

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 January'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
- 6:20 Fr. Albert Comments
- 6:30 Old Business:
Brief review of updated calendar and budget
- 6:40 New Business:
Schedule of Upcoming Events (2-3 min ea)
Catholic Schools Week – help needed?
Road Race Corral & Parking –chair?
Toast to the Future Gala – Nora Moreau
Year End BBQ –chair?
Update 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.

Gingerbread Shoppe



Heartfelt thank yous go out to Bonnie Brainard and her helpers for once again running the annual Gingerbread Shoppe. This is a unique opportunity for our kids to shop by themselves, think about their special people and bring something uniquely theirs to their Christmas giving. This event would not be the same without all the behind the scenes elves that make it happen. We know it takes planning that starts this year for next year and we appreciate all your help!



Mater Dolorosa PTO Calendar of Events 2016 – 2017

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
11/2	November Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 6 th Grade & families)
11/16	November PTO Meeting
11/27/16	School: Barnes & Noble Library Fundraiser
12/7	December Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 5 th Grade & families)
12/12 -12/15	Gingerbread Shoppe (Bonnie Brainard)
December	Teacher Appreciation Christmas Party (in lieu of May luncheon)
January	School: Cash Calendar Fundraiser Winners announced
1/4	January Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by 4 th Grade & families)
1/18	January PTO Meeting
1/29/17 – 2/3/17	Catholic Schools Week, Open House Sunday 1/29 from noon to 1:30 pm
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
3/18	Parish/PTO: Road Race Corral & Parking lot Fundraiser (chairperson needed)
3/25	School: Toast to the Future Gala @ Delany House School Fundraiser
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
5/3	May Spaghetti Supper (Adopted by PreK & K families)
5/17	May PTO Meeting
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.

2016-2017 School Year PTO Budget - Approved 11/16/16	
\$ 6,800	Beginning Balance 8/1/16
Projected Net Income	
\$ 15,000	2016-17 Spaghetti Suppers (10 x \$1500 net)
\$ 21,800	Working Cash Subtotal - beginning cash balance plus projected income
Estimated Expenses for known events	
\$ 3,200	4 Upper Classes \$800/bus (Grades 5, 6, 7, 8)
\$ 3,200	16 Teacher Reimbursement (\$200/class including all specials & p/t)
\$ 2,700	6 Lower Grades \$450/bus (PreK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4)
\$ 1,500	(2) Principal Selected Student Assemblies (2 x \$750)
\$ 1,000	Battle of the Books
\$ 1,000	Field Day Barbecue
\$ 800	Teacher Appreciation (Spring Luncheon or Christmas Party - Admin choice)
\$ 650	Student Planners
\$ 400	Misc. Expenses for mid-year activities
\$ 350	Easter Egg Hunt
\$ 100	Fall Festival Basket donation
\$ 100	Traffic Island Flowers
\$ 75	St. Nick Day Supplies
\$ 15,075	Sub total regular expenses (should stay within annual income generated)
\$ 2,750	Non-recurring big ticket support (new cafeteria freezer)
\$ 3,975	Year end Balance
\$ 3,000	Cash Reserve for 2017-2018 School Year starting balance
\$ 975	Year End Surplus - To be discussed closer to year end. Possibilities include: A.) Donation to MDS Endowment Fund - Offsite Investment Account for Capital expenses, rainy day fund and school financial stability. Not used for regular operating expenses and not incorporated into everyday checking account. The recommendation is that this amount be whatever the year end balance was less the Cash reserve for the upcoming school year; B.) Tie to a scholarship fund; C.) Other

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