



As we adjust to the new routines that September often brings, we would like to take a moment to welcome everyone back to this terrific school family. We are so blessed to have such committed faculty and staff as well as a parish to support us. We are grateful that so many families choose Mater Dolorosa School to guide and educate their children and we look forward to working with all families to support the administration and bring new and exciting opportunities to our children.



PTO Mtg Agenda

Wednesday, Sept 21st

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 September’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
- Induction of New Officers
- Bylaws
- Issues List
- 6:10 Treasurer & Secretary Reports
- 6:15 Principal’s Report/Comments
- Fr. Albert Welcome
- 6:25 Confirm PTO Liaisons for Parish Council & School Board
- 6:30 Old Business:
- 6:40 New Business:
- Schedule of Events (2 min)
- On Deck Fundraisers/Activities (3-5 min ea.)
- Disbursement Requests & Vote (5 min)
- 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

The PTO is made up of parents and teachers working together to support the school. We raise money through fundraising so that our children can have assemblies, field trips, and other fun 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. These funds help to seed our initial events as the current year fundraising gains momentum. As a reminder, we need a quorum of 15 paid members to vote on expenditures and make group decisions. Please send it into school in an envelope marked PTO or bring to the September PTO meeting.

Leadership Thanks



As this year’s PTO officers embark on the journey to guide and coordinate our parent teacher community, we want to extend our thanks for all the cooperation and contributions of the entire community because without all of you, much of what we do would not happen. In particular, we would like to acknowledge outgoing PTO president, Lisa Balicki, for her 3 years of service in this role. She brought new ideas, exposure and excitement to the group and we hope she stays involved with the community.

Adopt a Dinner

As many of you may know, the monthly spaghetti suppers, led by our own Matt McArdle, are not only a great meal in a fun environment, they are also the primary fundraiser for all PTO expenditures. There is continued support of the program with both volunteers and eaters from the parish as well as the school community. We have many regulars who help shop, prep, cook, serve and clean month after month. With just a little extra coordinated help from the school families, we can ease the burden on these regulars.

“On Top of Spaghetti...”



To that end, this year we are introducing the “Adopt-a-Dinner” program. Each month we ask one grade level to supplement the ongoing volunteers with a few extra helpers from 2:30–4:00pm for prep and from 6:00-8:00pm for cleanup. It’s okay if you can’t stay for the entire time, every little bit with help. For September, we asked the 8th graders to step in and they were great. For October, we’re looking for the 7th graders and their families to give us a hand. There’s a pattern here – we’re moving down by grade level every month! We thank you all for your help in this effort!

