

Saint Brigid Catholic School
Virtual PTO Meeting Agenda
September 11, 2023 6:00 p.m. – Virtual

PTO Mission Statement: “The mission of the Saint Brigid Catholic School Parent and Teacher Organization is to assist in providing moral, spiritual, and financial support that directly benefits the children who attend Saint Brigid Catholic School. In addition, the mission of the PTO is to provide such support to the staff of the school, enabling them to continually provide quality educational experiences for our children.”

1. Opening Prayer 1 minute
2. Introductions 5 minutes
Fr Andy, Laura Wilkowski, Sherri Nemeth, Angelina Mitus, Bob Corbett, Katty Owens, Elizabeth Cayo, Chris Wakeman, Kristen Granzo, Erin Southwell, Amy Dittenber, Beth McLaren, Bridget Merk, Casey Mallek, Geoff Malicoat, Jack Laurin, Jamie Prior, Janae Newland, Jill Thill, Justin Yopp, Katelyn Holmes, Katie Lerner, Kim Bennett, LeAnne Osborn, Lynne Lundburg, Meagan Boeke, Patricia Kennihan, Richard Adam, Sarah Dorow, Jonathan Truitt, Barb Doyle, Kathryn Getzinger, Scott Keyes
3. Reports
 - a. Pastor’s Report 10 minutes
 - Sabbatical was great! Feeling refreshed and ready to continue on.
 - Parish picnic this Sunday, September 17th after 11:30 mass
 - b. Principal’s Report 7 minutes
 - 131 students- down from last year slightly but we had 5 families move.
 - TY to PTO who kicked the year off with a potluck that was quite well attended. The gym had been set up for 150. We were a couple chairs short of a full house.
 - NWEA testing is happening now.
 - COVID update- 8 cases. I will send yellow sheets home to notify but in the case of this weekend, so many came in, I thought an email would be better. We sent home the yellow slips as a follow-up. Test positive? 5 days out, return if symptom free or reduced symptoms and fever free in the case of a lingering cough. Tests are available at the school. We had 87% attendance today. If we get to 75% or if staffing becomes an issue, we may consider closing for a deep clean.
 - MS Spanish is our only class awaiting a teacher and it should be any day now. I have enjoyed filling in until she is able to start.
 - This week we will have two drills- fire and tornado. We will also have spirit day on Thursday. Green and white day for K-5 on Thursday and comfy clothes day for MS. Service project this month will be a free dress day on 9/21/23 for \$1. Proceeds go to Catholic schools in Appalachia as requested by the Piarist Priests who came into church for an appeal.
 - Friday will be our 1st spiritwear Friday. They will take place on the first and third Fridays. Spiritwear includes, tshirts and sweatshirts. We do ask for uniform pants.

- Shorts may be worn until the end of September.
 - September 22nd is Constitution Day. We will celebrate by having student council speeches in the morning and elections in the afternoon. We will do grade appropriate activities to help children to understand this process.
 - Athletics has started and with it, a real need for volunteerism. Volunteers sell tickets, run the shot clock, and sell refreshments. As we didn't have enough volunteers, this has become an assigned duty for parents of players. This is but one area where we need volunteers. Other areas include recess duty, lunch duty, CGS, library, EE, Fish FRY, Parish picnic, tutoring and so much more. Our handbook asks for each family to give at least 5 hours per year. Most private schools require more like 20. We realize that time is not something any of us have an overabundance of but volunteers are needed for the existence of organizations. The library is offering a volunteer or die film to this end on Thursday, 9/14 at 7 pm.
 - Hearing and vision screenings held at school on 9/25 and 9/26.
 - St. Brigid Holiday Craft Show is taking place on November 18th and they would like to know if we would be interested in holding a bake sale again this year and also selling Emerald Evening raffle tickets. She also asked if students would be available to help set up tables after school on November 17th.
- c. Treasurer's Report 10 minutes
- Only activity was the Welcome Back Party, most items were donated, so no major cost to PTO.
 - Contact Richard if you have any needs for funds from PTO for projects or trips.
 - Box Tops are still going! This is a great way to raise funds for our school!
- d. Scrip Coordinator Report 5 minutes
- So helpful for the school and families!
 - Physical cards are only being sold once a month because of a lack of volunteers. If you would like to sell SCRIP, please contact Mandy Duling or Rebecca Pider.
- e. Emerald Evening Report 5 minutes
- Lots of volunteer opportunities! Contact Kristen Granzo or Anne Lange if you are interested in volunteering.
 - Date is February 24, 2024.
 - Look for info about a planning meeting!
- f. President's Report 5 minutes
- Catholic Schools Week: January 29-February 2

Next Meeting October 13th @ 6 p.m.

Questions/Comments:

*Katty Owens

- Interest in a holiday shop where children shop for parents?
- Another logo wear sale is coming up mid-November-beginning of December

