

## PTO Minutes from 11-7-23.

- Opening Prayer led by PTO President, Nicole Samson, at 8:03 a.m.
  
- Development Updates (Rachel):
  - Pepperoni Sale- completed
  - Walk-a-Thon Scheduled for April 20, 2024
  - Parent/Community Party- previously held every year. Now will be held every five years. Will be a Gala for parents, alumni, partners and affiliates of the school
    - Lauren Ritchie will Chair the event
    - Will be held in October 2025
    - Currently looking at venues
    - Information to volunteer for this committee will be sent out in near future
  
- Uniform Closet:
  - Was set up in multi purpose room; wrapped up last week
  - Available to parents at all times in the cafeteria
  
- Decorating the School for Christmas- December 4, 2023
  - Volunteers needed; will begin after drop-off
  - Stay for as long or as little as your schedule allows
  - Sign up genius will circulate soon for volunteers
  
- All Saints Day Classroom Party Feedback:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders- went to Mountainlair and had options to play pool, bowl, arcade games. Was closed off to those not affiliated with SF
  - 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade-Due to the All Saints Day Parade, had to quickly set up in the gym; kids were divided into groups ahead of time for stations, which was a time saver
  - Keep in mind that most parties will be held in the classrooms; HR parents should plan accordingly
  
- Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Classroom Party- December 8, 2023
  - Will begin at 1:10 p.m.
  - HR parents should be sure to communicate party plans with teachers beforehand

- Snack will likely be sugar cookies from Apple Annie's
- Classroom Party Binder:
  - A binder will be created with classroom party ideas that have been used in the past so HR parents have a starting point when planning parties if they wish to consult it;
  - Email Joelle Cameron ([Joelle@Cameron.email](mailto:Joelle@Cameron.email)) if you were a former HR parent and have party ideas to include in the binder; current HR parents can contribute ideas to Joelle as well for the binder
- Mother/Son Funtacular- December 2, 2023
  - This event will be held in the school gym
  - A Christmas movie will be shown
  - Hot chocolate, popcorn, candy
  - Ugly sweater and/or wear matching shirts
- Trunk or Treat Feedback
  - Darkness still seems to be a concern for some
  - May push up start time to have more daylight hours
  - Consensus was pizza was an improvement over s'mores
- Cookie Exchange for Teachers- December 15, 2023
  - Melissa Castranova to Chair
  - Homemade cookies are preferred by teachers and staff; Apple Annie's also requested
  - Sign-Up Genius will go out indicating exactly what types of cookies are needed approximately December 1, 2023; will be less waste if provide what is requested by teachers/staff
  - When delivering cookies to the school, would be helpful if cookies are already plated on trays, cost friendly trays can be purchased at dollar store
  - Committee will set up and tear down event; Melissa will reach out to those on the Teacher Appreciation committee in near future for assistance with this as it is also an appreciation event
- Middle School Update:
  - Bonfire- successful event
  - Fright Farm- successful event

- November 12, 2023- Levels Arcade Event from 11am-1pm; unlimited games; pizza and soda also provided
  - December 15, 2023- Edge youth group will host parish dinner at St. Francis de Sales
  - No December activities for Middle School
  - January- there will be an activity that coincides around Catholic Schools Week
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- End 9:06 a.m.