

St. Matthew's Elementary School - Parish Education Committee – January 2024

Report: Events & Fundraising (Lisa Smith)

Hot Lunch

- Currently working through Term 2 with Boston Pizza and everything is going smoothly.
- Piloting an online form for an extra hot lunch day during Term 2. Form was run by Mary Anne and our auditor, and it was agreed that it would be fine for authorizing the debiting of accounts.
- We are also piloting a new hot lunch provider, Canella Catering, for a single service on February 1 (so this is how we are trying out the online form).
- If all goes well with Canella and the feedback is good (we will seek feedback following the service), we will use them for Term 3. If not, we will go back to a vendor we have used in the past.
- Similarly, if all goes well with the online form, we will use it for food orders for Term 3.

Pancake Breakfast & Shrove Tuesday

- The next breakfast is fast approaching, on Sunday, February 11. The committee has been reengaged and we will be selling tickets after the February 4 10:30 am mass. Once more, we will do 10:30 am only.
- School form to go out in the next week or so, as well as announcements.
- Parents on the committee now have a good candace for support and we will be spreading the duties in preparation for the 11th.
- The same committee is also providing pancakes to the students on Tuesday, February 13 for Shrove Tuesday.

Walkathon

- Initial meeting happening this Friday, January 26.
- Committee: Lisa, Randy Hipolito, Nahla, with Ms. Welsh's support.
- Randy already sorting out park rental and insurance. Nahla revisiting online form for use again this year.
- Would love to have an accountant or another financially stringent person join us next year when Nahla's son has graduated. Open to suggestions!
- Walkathon will take place on Friday, May 10 (I will unfortunately be out of town at the time but have found a parent to take my place at the park). Looking forward to getting this planned and ready to have another successful year!

Carnival

- Planning is getting underway for the Carnival now too! Our first meeting is after the AGM on February 8.
- The Carnival is on Saturday, June 8!
- Lyndsay Salizar looking into a cotton candy machine that we can purchase for the school as discussed with the PEC in November.