

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

Report: Events & Fundraising (Lisa Smith)

Hot Lunch

- Term 2 ends April 17 – we have an extra day at the end to make up for the Jan 17 snow day. This will be communicated as a reminder in couple of weeks.
- Volunteers for T3 start on April 3 and have been communicated with.
- White Spot takes over as of April 24, and we had the most orders yet for this vendor (about 138 a week vs. 80 – 95 in previous terms).
- Online form has been a wonderful efficiency and was easy to use for nearly every participant.
- Margins go to school upgrades, White Spot is charging \$7 per meal, including tax and they will be delivering as well. We are charging \$8.50 (6 meal options, all comes with apple slices too).

Pancake Breakfast

- Final breakfast is scheduled for April 14 and announcements and forms have been launched, among other processes to execute the breakfast.
- Our goal is another 300 meals, proceeds to school upgrades.
- Currently working to move some of our items another location and free up space in the closet for the Parish office (volunteers are looking to do this in the next couple of weeks).
- Committee has been reengaged.

Walkathon (May 10)

- Committee has been consistently meeting.
- Goal if \$25K remains the plan and we will be pumping this up!
- The kick-off for the Walkathon will be on Friday, April 12. All forms are prepped, including the online platform. Expect lots of communication from this and lots of hype from the kids!
- We are working at getting an in-person meeting with the events team in the calendar.
- Day of the Walkathon lead parents will be Ray and Randy. We will also be calling upon other parents to help with walking and supervising as many of our volunteers will be on the route, directing and encouraging the kids.
- A big thank you to Ms. Welsh for getting all the food items donated and sourcing the CWL to cook. We are also doing a community route this year so there is no expense for booking a park, insurance for the park, or a bus to the park. Our only expected costs will be for the prizes (which Randy is currently sourcing).
- We will continue to do a weekly count and weekly class prizes. Grand prizes will be for the classes that raise the most money and have the greatest number of online donations.
- Next meeting is post-launch on April 16 so we can discuss day of execution and ensure our campaign is off to a wonderful start!

Carnival (June 8)

- Planning is getting underway for the Carnival now too! We have had a couple of wonderful meetings and are hopeful year 2 will prove to be a well-oiled machine!
- We have a goal of \$10,000 once again this year (after expenses). We already have several corporate sponsors! More updates to come.

Parish Dinner & Dance (June 1)

- Alexandra Jose has kindly offered to support the parent volunteers that are to be helping with the dinner dance.
- Alex will take the lead for this event and will re-engage the volunteers shortly. She and Tim are in touch, and I am not monitoring this one much beyond. Hoping Elisabeth will keep a PEC eye on it!

Radar

- Thinking ahead about coordination of 2024/25 calendar with the parish as noted last month.
- Thinking ahead about how things might change/how we might tell our story and align with Michael. We will coordinate some time together before the end of the school year.
- Cotton candy machine: see next page. Can we fundraise for this?

Cotton Candy Machines

Harlan's Breeze Machine \$2200 plus tax (includes domed lid and \$100 in free product)

Pros

- Local
- Provides service on their machines
- Heavy Duty machine - long life expectancy
- No down time for spinning
- No heat up time
- Onsite delivery and training

Cons

- Cost



Vivo from Amazon \$325 plus \$200 for domed lid

Pros

- Cost
- Does get good reviews on Amazon

Cons

- Not aware of any place local to have it serviced
- Not as heavy duty so unsure of lifespan (1 year warranty)
- Can run for 45 minutes continuously and then needs a 20 minute cool off
- 15 minutes to warm up

