



The mission of the Holy Family School PTO is to provide a medium for parents and faculty to work together for the spiritual and academic benefit of our Holy Family School community in the areas of communication, public relations, and special programs.

**PTO Meeting Minutes
January 12th, 2026
6:30pm**

3rd PTO Meeting Google Meet
Monday, January 12 · 6:30 – 7:30pm
Time zone: America/Detroit
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pqn-scgg-hpj>
Or dial: (US) +1 650-980-4315 PIN: 418 949 057#

Opening Prayer:

Lord, Eternal God,
As we begin our PTO meeting,
we do so with the awareness
that without Your divine presence
at the center of our meeting,
our work will be empty.

Grace us with Your wisdom and vision;
Gift us with holy humor and humility;
Guide us to support our teachers and
children on their educational and spiritual
journey here at Holy Family and in our
surrounding community.

“Our Father...”

Motion to move the previous board meeting minutes from November.

First - Kara Drainville

Second - Marianna Johnson

Board Reports:

- **Amy, President:**

- PTO Board met with the Executive Board on Dec. 9th
 - All fundraised money brought in by PTO does not go to a “PTO Reserve Fund” (as previously thought)
 - Follow-Up meetings to occur with the PTO Board and the Executive Board to review the PTO Constitution and ensure alignment in 2026; the goal is alignment between the Parish, School and PTO! More to come.
- Parent Advisory Group Update - Not at this time per Executive Board decision.
- Open Committee positions: - email pto@hfsgb.org if interested
 - Community Spirit
 - Welcome Committee
 - Parent/Student Enrichment

- **Marianna, Vice President:**

- The Holy Family PTO Alumni Scholarship
 - Waiting on scholarship submissions! - Deadline on March 1

- **Kara, Treasurer:**

- Budget update - updated budget through November 2025

- **Julie, Secretary:**

- Congratulations to the Dufort Family!
Luka Apollo Dufort, born January 7th, 2026

Upcoming Events:

1. April Fundraising Event – April TBD
2. Fun Run Fundraiser – May 22nd, 2026
3. Dine 2 Donate - January 20th, 2026 - Aubree's
4. All School Assemblies - January 29th, 2026 - Eddie Cortes Motivational Speaker
5. Catholic Schools Week - Hospitality Cart
6. Lenten Retreat - March 10, 2026
7. Parent Teacher Conferences March 11-13 2026

Past Events:

1. Santa's Secret Workshop - December 8 - 11

Committee Reports:

- **Hospitality** - Committee Chairs, Jenny Salsa, Wanda Farah, Barbara Quaranta, Rimi Abu-Aita, Theresa Doerr, Deanna Kaczorowski, Nikki Curtis, Katie Tinnin, Katie Gibbons, Kelsey Cruz, and Debbie Wendt
 - **Jenny Salsa**: Catholic Schools Week Teacher Snack Cart is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28. A SignUpGenius will be sent out soon for anyone interested in donating items for the cart.
 - Our next Hospitality Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 12:00 noon at Qamaria Yemeni Coffee Co. on Saginaw St. We will be discussing spring parent-teacher conference meals as well as Teacher Appreciation Week plans.
 - We hope to see you there—thank you for your continued support of our teachers and staff!

- **Fundraising** – Committee Chair, Megan Hammond, Erin Saab, Emilee Pinkston, Kelsey Cruz, Sheila Coriasso, Linda Williams, Jacqueline Loftis, and Helena Sommers
 - Fall Fundraiser - Bids and Blessings - Done
 - Box Tops - Ongoing
 - Raise Right - Ongoing
 - Spring Fundraiser - TBD
 - Dine-to Donate – Jacqueline
 - Enzo's – Done!
 - Aubree's Jan 22, 2026 - 20% off

- **Parent/Student Activities** – Committee Chair, Amber Hager, Melissa Mannor, Rachel Reilly, Eric Cagle, Stephanie Karnjate
 - MSU/Uof M Can Drive - Done
 - Trunk or Treat- Done
 - Santa's Workshop - Done
 - Daddy/Daughter - TBD
 - Mother/Son - TBD
 - Bike to School - June 4, 2026

Santa's Secret Shop:

Melissa Mannor Chair and Stephanie Kendall:

- On the evening of Dec 7, we set up the shop in the St. Joseph Hall. We were able to hold the shop as planned on Dec 8 & 9 from approximately 8 am-3 pm each day. Unfortunately, we had a Snow Day on Wednesday, Dec 10. We were able to make up the majority of those shoppers (along with the regularly scheduled kids) on Thur, Dec 11. We did lose out on most of the preschool sales from Wednesday, though, unless their parent was able to bring them in to shop on Thursday.

- The remaining inventory was picked up by Fun Services on Fri, Dec 12. The merchandise total was \$7,354.50 - the 8% credit/bonus of \$588.36 = \$6,766.14. Once you subtract the \$5,226 in prepaid vouchers, the amount owed to Fun Services was \$1,540.14. That payment was received by Fun Services on 12/17/25. In addition to the prepaid vouchers, we had a total deposit for checks and cash of \$3,979.50. After the subtraction of the paid invoice, our total profit was \$2,439.36.
- Next year I will no longer be the Chairperson, but instead, Stephanie Kendall will take over for Santa's Secret Shop.
- Contract to sign for next year is due March 31, 2026
- **Reserve Funds – Committee Chair, Angela Gerke, Eric Sauder**
 - Not sure there is a need for this committee as it seems like there is not actually a reserve fund that is set aside for PTO instead it is more of one pot with the church.
 - Parents want to know where the fundraising dollars are going to and what they are used for.
 - Definitely a difference in what has been collected and what we can spend our funds on
 - Ideal PTO is building community and educating our parents and providing for our kids
- **Used Uniforms – Committee Chair, Sheila VanSickle & Emily Floyd**
 - Promotion of “uniform exchange” will be advertised monthly
 - Everything is \$5.00 more or less if you are not exchanging
 - Additional inventory will be added such as socks, bows, shoes, belts, etc.
- **Spirit Wear – Committee Chair, Robyn Lafay**
 - Sprit wear profit from 3rd sale: \$450.00

- Catholic School Week Pop up shop is now open! Store closes on January 14th and items will be delivered by January 22/23rd. This store is open to the school and church

- **School Assemblies – Committee Chair, Eric Sauder**

- For Assemblies: prior to the holiday season, the decision was made to change the assembly from our previous selection to Eddie Cortes, a motivational speaker. The previously selected company was introducing additional fundraising and sales opportunities that did not align with PTO and Mrs. Brendel's goals for the assembly. As of 1/12, Eddie's organization proposed a total of three assemblies, each tailored to grade groups - K-2, 3-5, 6-8, for Thursday of Catholic Schools Week, January 29. Total cost has been submitted to Mrs. Brendel for final review before booking.
- Vote on the spending: \$4,980 total for 3 shows "I'M POSSIBLE"
 - K-2 - 30 mins
 - 3-5 - 45 mins
 - 6-8 - 55 mins

Voted to approve the event since over \$2500. 9 voted in favor in person and 3 voted in favor online. No votes against the event. Motion passed to approve the speaker.

What Students Will Learn

Through Eddie's program, students will learn to:

- **Build Resilience:** Bounce back from failure, obstacles, and disappointment.
- **Develop Confidence:** Cultivate a positive self-view and believe in their own potential.
- **Adopt a Growth Mindset:** Turn challenges into opportunities and chase their dreams with unwavering determination.

A Captivating Approach That Gets Results

Eddie's keynotes are a powerful blend of **humor**, engaging **storytelling**, and **interactive** moments that leave students **laughing**, **reflecting**, and **ready to take action**. He creates a school-wide language around **grit** and **self-worth**, sparking conversations that last long after the assembly ends.

When you bring Eddie Cortés to your school, you are not just booking an assembly speaker—you are launching a transformative experience that empowers students to believe they are braver than they believe, stronger than they seem, and smarter than they think.

- **Lenten Retreat – Committee Chair, Tanya Babiasz**
 - March 10th
 - Need Volunteers

Principal's Report: Cindy Brendel

1. Secret Santa Workshop - Great Success
2. Dine 2 Donate - Scrub a Dub Fundraiser - Mark said that he would do a fundraiser for car washes for the school/parish
3. CSW - PTO table at the Open House - January 25th from 11-12
4. Lenten Retreat - Volunteers Needed
5. CSW - Family Project, Erica Aymer is going to head up the project.
6. Outreach and needs will be donating on 1/30

Teacher's Report: Tami Wolfram and Tara Shorey

- Thank you to PTO for everything you do

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the benefits and blessings that you have bestowed on Holy Family School. We thank You for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have, and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, Your Son and Redeemer, sent to show us the way to eternal life. May the offerings of our time, talent, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life, death, and resurrection.

Amen.

Next PTO Meeting: March 16th, 2026
God Bless!



Holy Family School, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence, and to grow as saints.



PTO Meeting Attendees

Rimi Abu Aita (V)	
Jenny Salsa (V)	
Barbara Quaranta (V)	
Deanna Kaczorowski (V)	
Kendall Powers (V)	
Amy Seymour	Kara Drainville
Greg and Sally Drake	Tami Wolfram
Carrie Pilarski	Cindy Brendel
Stephanie Karnjate	Erica Aymer
Angela Gerke	Melissa Mannor