

# THE FULL CURL



Monroe Catholic

## Announcements

- I am actively looking for an idea about which individuals should be featured in my next podcasts. If you have an idea about who you would like to hear me talk with, please reach out and let me know!

## Kudos

- A big thank you to Lorna for organizing an exercise group for all teachers and staff who wish to participate.
- A big thanks to Abe for coming in and helping me cook breakfast for our teachers. That guy makes a mean pancake.
- A big thanks to Angie Rich for helping me get some wonderful hockey content for our marketing campaign after the game in Healy.



## Dear Parents:

Welcome to edition number seven of The Full Curl.

I'd like to name ALL of the aspects of our school and greater Community that make this place both unique and special, but there are just too many to be able to do them all justice. However, I felt compelled to take some time and talk about one specific aspect of our school. While I will attempt to do my best, the impact of this organization is so great, I know I will fall short in adequately conveying the magnitude of what they do and what they mean to all of us.

Over the years I had heard of our PTO, but really never had much of an understanding of who they were. I did know they raised money and if they were successful in that endeavor, I would likely get a Christmas gift from them, along with some really good coffee when we had professional development days. Occasionally, I would see the group meeting in the commons and I would smile and wave. While I was ignorant of all they did, I did understand this group cared about our school.

Until I took on this new role as Director, however, I did not know HOW much they cared about our school.

## School Needs

- **Mrs. Wallace is always looking for quality substitute teachers.** With Susan Schwarz, one of our most dependable subs moving into the Foundation, we definitely need more help. Please notify her if you are interested.
- **We could use both PARENTS and/or AIUM to give a testimonial on the school.** Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please reach out to Felina Kelly at the school if you are able to help.
- **We could use about 1 million Alaska Airline miles** to help with a variety of travel needs at the school. The miles would help with HIPOW packages, but also help possibly provide an opportunity for our students to travel for school related items, such as faith-based Jesuit Retreats.
- **PTO would love to have more folks who are interested joining their organization.** Info on how to join is in this week's column if you are interested.
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Who is the PTO? Currently, the PTO is four total human beings — Denise Werle, Rebecca Pogar, Elissa Kenna, and Sarah Hinman. These four ladies have not only made the commitment to do More, but to do More Better. They define Magis.

What exactly do they do? Here is a small sample of their efforts:

Host back-to-school night, organize and run the Snack Shack on Tuesdays (which includes baking and shopping), organize hot lunches, provide staff holiday gifts, host the ICS Holiday Shop, host paint-your-own pottery night, and run the biggest fundraiser of the year — The Charleston Wrap Fundraiser. In addition, they provided funding for the new student/staff Magis House shirts, provide breakfast for staff professional development days, provided reimbursements for class supplies needed by teachers, provided breakfast for the Junior High Honors Breakfast, run Popcorn Fridays (one of my personal favorites), purchased a 12-foot Christmas tree for the school, and both purchased and laid out the new sensory path in the Skipping Hallway. I have left out several items, but you get the picture; this group is invaluable to our students, our school, and our Community.

Not long ago I met with both Denise and Rebecca to gather some insight into the organization and fully educate myself on all they do. As much as anything, I wanted to say thank you and make sure they knew how much I appreciated what they do. In the process of meeting with them, I asked if there was anything I could do to help. Both smiled, looked at each other, looked at me and at the same time said, "Please help us find more members."

Go back and read what this organization has done. Without question, our Community has provided support for these four ladies. I love seeing the volunteers during PTO hot lunch days. From this past week there were two wonderful parents helping with the Snack Shack — which has been a HUGE addition to our school. I fully understand we have many parents who lend a hand and volunteer when possible in support of the PTO. However I would strongly urge any and all of you to consider joining the PTO and lending your time, talent and energy to this group.

If you cannot fully commit to PTO, please consider reaching out to the group and asking them how you might be able to help. While we do have volunteers who lend a hand, Denise and Rebecca were very clear about their need to have more help in the areas of shopping for food items, running the Snack Shack, baking, and a variety of other tasks. Heck, some fund-raisers can literally be run from your home.

If you are interested in lending a hand, please reach out to Rebecca through this email address: [ptocsf@gmail.com](mailto:ptocsf@gmail.com). You can also check out the PTO webpage on the CSF website. There is also a CSF PTO Facebook and Instagram page that is regularly updated and loaded with volunteer opportunities. The PTO meets every third Thursday of the month, at 2:30, in the Academic Center.

## MCHS Sports Trivia

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### TRIVIA QUESTION:

**Name the former principal, who up until this past year had at least one grandchild in the school for at least 14 straight years.**

### RULES

To win the trivia contest, you must give me the answer IN PERSON. Emails, texts and phone calls will not suffice! Remember, only one guess per household. The first person to correctly answer the trivia question will win an MCHS T-shirt.

### LAST WEEK'S WINNER

There was no trivia question last week.

### SMALL PRINT

The spouse of the Director of Athletics, parents and STAFF who work directly inside CSF are not eligible for participation in The Full Curl trivia competition for 24 hours after the emailing of The Full Curl.

I promise you, your help will be greatly received and will directly affect the success of our students, school, and Community. When your child sees you in the school volunteering, this demonstrates to them how much you value our school and sets a wonderful example, ultimately helping us create young adults who will go out and make their communities better.

I really appreciate each of you not only for reading this, but for considering the possibility of helping these four ladies who are doing so much to help all of us.