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What is PTL?

We hear this question a lot. What is PTL? What does ALL that money go to? We hope this letter will answer these questions for you.

“What is PTL?” PTL stands for Parent Teacher League. Sometimes it may be called PTA or PTO but they all stand for the parents and teachers working together for the students and the school community. Here at St. Paul, as soon as your child becomes a student in our Preschool, you are a member of our PTL. Whether you participate in our bi-monthly meetings, come to our events or buy from one of our fundraisers, you are a PTL member.

So where does all the money PTL fundraises go for? First of all, PTL really doesn't do a lot of “fundraisers.” During the Millington Old Fashioned Summer Festival in August, we run the fish and hot dog booths. Traditionally, the hot dog booth was ran by the 7th grade class going to Washington DC and all profits go the class. The fish booth is manned by St. Paul families and staff, from church and school. Monies from the fish booth is deposited in the PTL fund. We also have a fish fry in January and these proceeds go into the PTL fund.

The past few years we have introduced a few new fundraisers. The end of September we have our annual “Fun Run” or “Spartan Super Sprint.” These two fundraisers, our students collect pledges. The day of the “Fun Run”, we have an obstacle course and bounce house for the students.

This year we did not have our “Denim and Diamonds,” this has been a great fundraiser and a lot of fun for our parents and staff. We are hopeful this event will be coming back in 2018-2019 school year. A lot of planning takes place for this event to happen.

We did sell the “Little Ceasar” pizza kits this year. Wow! What a great job was done by all of our students! The monies from this even went towards our curriculum account.

The last "fundraiser" we do really isn't a fundraiser. PTL offers concessions for all our home sporting events; from September through March we have games of one sport or another we are supplying food for.

So now the BIG question! "Where does all this money go?" The list of all the things PTL does throughout the school year is very long, we will just highlight a few. Every year PTL gifts each teacher with \$100.00 to purchase supplies for their classroom. We need to remember; our school does not receive any federal money for our teaching staff. We also gift the "special" programs; art, physical education, science and technology \$500.00 each. Accelerated Reader(AR) is used by all students and needs to be upgraded yearly, PTL makes this program happen for our students. PTL also pays for subscriptions and internet updates for the teaching staff.

During our quest for accreditation, PTL has stepped up and helped with extra expenses that has been needed. We also have realized during accreditation; our school has several curriculums which are outdated. PTL has helped with the cost for our school; in fact, all the money from the "Little Ceasar" fundraiser went into the curriculum fund. This year our teachers joined the Lutheran Teachers Association, funded by PTL

The past two years, PTL has purchased several "Elmo's" for our classrooms. The "Elmo" is similar to an overhead projector but teachers are able to link an Elmo to their laptop. What a great way for our teachers to connect with our students!

Did you attend Dad's & Donuts or plan on attending the upcoming Mom's & Muffins? Perhaps you joined us on Family Literacy Night and built a fort or attended "Life Size Game" night and tried your luck by becoming a part of your favorite childhood game. These are just a few events PTL has put on this year.

We offered our "VIP" dance to our preschool through 5th grade. What a great night that was. PTL did charge a small admission, but that didn't begin to cover our expenses.... but, that's not why we do these things. All the smiles on the faces our children make PTL efforts worth it!

Some of the events during Lutheran Schools week were possible because of PTL! And we still have more to come! The end of the year brings our Academic Banquet and Athletic Banquet. The AR (Accelerated Reader) reward field trip and field day will finish our year for us.

So...you see, some of the events PTL supports for our school, teachers and students. If you would like a full list of all the PTL does, please check out the school calendar. Most months we have at least 1 event.

As this year ends, all board positions for PTL will be vacant. If you feel God is nudging you to become more involved with your child's school, please come to our meeting on

May 24th at 6PM. This is our last PTL meeting for the 2017-2018 school year. This is the night we say "farewell" to our parents who will be leaving at the end of the school year when their last child here at St. Paul graduates.

Thank you,
Your PTL crew for the past two years!
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Katrina Wager

PS from Mr. Schoenknecht: Our PTL has been vital in providing essentials, extras and programs for the staff, families and most importantly the children of St. Paul. In order for this necessary organization to continue, we must have the involvement of all St. Paul families. Shortly, a display will be placed in the hallway explaining what PTL does, what it provides and how you may be involved. Please take time to view the information and prayerfully decide how you can become involved. As our school slogan reminds us remain "Committed to Christ." May God richly bless you.

We're a family first – a school second