



# PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

## A. Fantis PTO Monthly Assembly - November 2025

Date: 11/05/2025

Started at: 8:40pm

Ended at: 9:10pm

Total Attended: 23

Minutes recorded by: Melissa de Andrade

1. **Welcome** - Please add child(ren)'s grades to your Zoom name so we can get to know more of you!
2. Treasurer's Report & What we've done so far...

**Notes:** The PTO is focused on replenishing funds spent last year, maintaining strong support for school and teacher initiatives. The dues primarily cover our core main events, like the Welcome Back Social, Teacher Holiday and End-of-Year parties, Thanksgiving breakfast, and Teacher's funds. Recent fundraisers, including the New Spirit Gear sale, concert tickets, and Halloween event, have strengthened reserves. Without additional fundraising and targeted donation requests, we wouldn't be able to support many of the programs our community values most. The PTO is grateful for the community's generosity and volunteer spirit, which continues to sustain these efforts.

- a. October:
  - i. Oct 6: World Teacher's Day wish list clearing & teacher fund donations (generated \$670 to the teacher fund)

**Notes:** Thank you to all families who donated to the Teacher Fund or contributed to class gifts. A portion of the Teacher Fund covered Shake Shack lunches for staff on Shake Shack Day (10/21).
  - ii. Oct 10: PreK-G2 night Book Signing, Craft & Pizza!

**Notes:** Lovely event, very positive feedback from families. Around 20 families attended; photos and a recap are available on Bloomz.
  - iii. Oct 16: G5-8 Pastries with Parents
  - iv. Oct 21: Shake Shack Day
    - Bought faculty & staff lunch (cost: \$378.64)

**Notes:** Waiting on total amount raised; will update next meeting.
  - v. Oct 23: Oxi Day Performance G3-8 - Best Seats Auction (Generated: \$395)
    - Gave all faculty & staff involved thank you gifts (cost: \$108.79)
  - vi. Oct 31: Halloween (cost:~\$456 donations:\$1,460)

**Notes:** One of the largest and most successful events we've done. PreK-3 to G4 had their party in the gym with activities and games, while G5-8 had



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a special escape room experience in the Church Hall, created and organized by Maria Constantinides (big thank you!) Proceeds exceeded expenses, allowing the PTO to invest in new inflatables, reusable decorations, and games for future events. Thank you so much for all the donations and for all the volunteers who showed up for setup, the party, and cleanup.

b. November:

- i. Nov 5-7: Candy Drive
- ii. Nov 14: G3-5 night - rescheduled date TBD
- iii. Nov 18: NEW Thanksgiving Buddy Breakfast - [Volunteer Here!](#)

**Notes:** Since Thanksgiving Eve is a half day, we will replace the traditional luncheon with a Thanksgiving Buddy Breakfast for K-8. Buddy Day is part of our Social-Emotional Learning curriculum for K-8, led by Ms. Kara and the teachers. Students from different grades pair up and meet once a month for activities and readings that build lasting relationships, as the younger students look up to the older ones. The Thanksgiving celebration for pre-school is still being finalized; we're coordinating with teachers on plans. If volunteers are needed, we'll be sure to let families know.

- iv. Nov 22: Konstantinos Argiros Concert! SOLD OUT! Raised \$895 (includes donations totalling \$325. We also gave away 4 tickets to staff in addition to a discount offered to staff who saved \$130)

**Notes:** This is a partnership with a Fantis alum.

- v. Nov 28: NEW Brooklyn Nets vs Philadelphia 76ers - [auction](#) for a pair of tickets

**Notes:** This is the Friday after Thanksgiving game. Bidding closes Tue, Nov 25 at 2pm.

c. December:

- i. Dec 5: Christmas Card Sales begin

**Notes:** Following the success from last year, Ms Cait started working with the kids on creating original Christmas cards. The winning design for each grade will be printed, and the cards will be sold as a fundraiser. Deadline is 12/3, with winners announced on 12/5.

- d. [PTO Calendar](#) for the remainder of the year!



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### 3. UPDATE: Core Value T-Shirt Contest - Winner: Maya Wade, 6th Grade



- a. T-shirts are on [sale now!](#) For 2 weeks only!
- b. \$25/each, available in Youth S-adult 4XL

Notes: This is a 2025-only design, which won't be sold after this 2-week fundraiser. Proceeds support 6th-grade enrichment and middle school programs. The PTO is purchasing T-shirts for Maya and Ms Cait as a thank you.

### 4. We want to hear from you!

- a. New middle school ideas

Notes: The PTO encouraged middle school families and teachers to share ideas for new events or experiences tailored to older students.

- b. Venues for the gala

Notes: Planning is underway for the Annual Spring Gala on May 2, 2026, themed around the Kentucky Derby. We are seeking venue suggestions and donations for auction items. Past years' auction items were: experiences (like cooking classes, art sessions, professional services), event tickets (like sports games, concerts), vacation home weekends or local getaway stays, restaurant and small business gift cards (especially from Fantis families-owned businesses), etc.

- c. Event & fundraising ideas

Notes: Please contact us at [pto@afantis.org](mailto:pto@afantis.org)

### 5. Ongoing Fundraisers

- a. **Mabel's Labels:** Durable name labels for gear and clothes. Search our school at [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) and save on replacing lost items.
- b. **Minted:** From cards to gifts, enjoy 20% off with code FUNDRAISEAFANTIS while Fantis earns 10% back! Shop at [www.minted.com](http://www.minted.com).



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- c. **Squadlocker:** Show off your school pride. Our [Squadlocker](#) Spirit gear is always available, and every order helps fund PTO initiatives.
  - d. **Shoott:** Use [our special link](#) for your photo session, and a portion comes right back to A. Fantis.
  - e. **RaiseRight:** Every gift card you buy turns everyday purchases such as gas, groceries, coffee, and dining into earnings for our school.
    - i. Create an account at [RaiseRight.com/Enroll](#)
    - ii. Enter the enrollment code **6KPJTVYVYN9X** to connect your account to A.Fantis
    - iii. Download the RaiseRight app.
  - f. **Box Top\$:** Buy the brands you already love and earn \$5 for A. Fantis. Learn how to earn using this [link](#) and browse all participating brands [here](#).
6. Operations and Newsletters:
- a. [PTO Linktree](#) (updated regularly)
  - b. PTO [bylaws](#) have been updated & approved
  - c. Update to the Website is coming soon!
  - d. [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#) Newsletters (November coming out on 11/12)
7. How you can get involved..
- a. [Volunteer](#) when you can!
  - b. Do you have a business or brand we can partner with? Help sponsor, host, or plan an event - [Parent resource survey](#)
8. Cathedral Community Events!
- a. Philoptochos Welcome Social, Thurs Nov 13 from 6:30pm-9 (art party, RSVP txt to Michelle Tampakis (718-755-8856)
  - b. Youth Bowling Outing, [Sat Nov 15](#) from 10am-12pm at Melody Lanes (RSVP by Nov 10)
  - c. Agape Social, [Sat Nov 21](#) from 8pm-midnight, Hamilton Loft in Redhook  
**Notes: Everyone is invited, you don't have to be part of the church community.**
9. Principal's Report:
- Notes:** Mr T shared that a lead consulting trainer praised Fantis teachers for being exceptionally passionate and creative. He also asked for feedback on having two consecutive days off (Nov 3 and 4), with parents saying they enjoyed the long weekend,



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using it as an opportunity to relax or take short trips.

## 10. Q&A: Notes:

How's the new Pikmykid app doing? Mr T shared that there was a lot of preparation before launching and the app is now running at 98% efficiency, saving the school significant time previously spent managing dismissal spreadsheets, calls, and emails. If any parent needs assistance setting up or using the app, please contact the school office for support.

Next Meeting - Dec 5, IN PERSON! 8-9am before K-4 National Day presentations

Notes: Location in school TBD.