



# PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

## A. Fantis PTO Monthly In Person Assembly - December 2025

Date: 12/05/2025

Started at: 8:15am

Ended at: 8:40am

Total Attended: 35

Minutes recorded by: Melissa de Andrade

Notes: This was the first PTO in-person meeting of the 2025-26 school year. The meeting covered recent successful events, a financial review focusing on rising costs and funding student activities/ teacher support, and a detailed look at upcoming holiday initiatives including the Faculty & Staff Holiday Fund, Christmas Concert, and various fundraisers. The PTO had a lightly used uniform sale during the meeting.

### 1. Welcome

- a. Grab a calendar.

Notes: The PTO distributed printed copies of the [calendar](#) detailing everything that we've done since July and what's coming through June.

### 2. November Recap

- a. Core Values T-Shirt. Notes: Shirts arrived earlier than expected and were distributed during the meeting to those present. The remainder will be sent home until Monday, 12/8.
- b. Candy & Food Drives. Notes: Following Halloween, the PTO coordinated a Halloween Candy Drive benefiting The Service Collective, followed by a Thanksgiving Food Drive supporting St. Ann's Food Pantry. Thank you all who contributed.
- c. Buddy Breakfast. Notes: Replaced the traditional luncheon for K–8 students since the Wednesday before Thanksgiving was a half-day. Preschool classes enjoyed Thanksgiving crafts, treats, and in-class celebrations.

### 3. What's Coming in December & January

Notes: The PTO has prepared small care packages for teachers to get them through the long day in the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences next Thursday, 12/11.

- a. [Faculty & Staff Holiday Fund](#).

Notes: The Faculty & Staff Holiday Fund provides holiday gifts to all faculty and staff (including specials, assistants, and maintenance staff) directly from family donations. All contributions go directly to staff; this is not a fundraiser. The total per person varies every year due to how much is given by the families & how



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many people are on staff. This year, there are 44 staff members, excluding Beyond the Bell. The PTO does not add additional funds to the gift.

What's new this year is that the PTO added a separate option for families whose kids attend Beyond the Bell to contribute to the Beyond the Bell Holiday Gift fund, which is separate from the staff fund, if the families wish to do so. Also, this year, every child's name that contributes to each fund is included in the Christmas card for each staff member and Beyond the Bell member, so please make sure to add your kid(s)' name(s) to the appropriate field when contributing.

Please note that this is totally optional and a courtesy service from the PTO. And yes, you can give the teachers/staff gifts independently if you wish. A thoughtful card by your kid(s) goes a long way.

b. Christmas Card Sale.

Notes: Under the guidance of Ms. Cait, students from 1st grade through 8th grade designed Christmas cards, and one artwork from each class was chosen to be featured in Christmas cards and sold as a fundraiser. The cards are being sold in packs (5 of one design for \$20, all 8 designs for \$30) with proceeds benefiting the 8th-grade trip to Greece. Orders will be printed based on pre-sales to reduce waste and costs. Sales end on Monday, 12/8, and cards will be delivered to school on Monday, 12/15.

c. 50/50 Raffle.

Notes: The Rudolph 50/50 Raffle is live ahead of the K-8 Christmas Celebration on Thursday, 12/18. Raffle tickets will be on sale until the concert, and you don't need to be present to win. Proceeds benefit our community initiatives.

d. Christmas Best Seat Auction.

Notes: The "Best Seat in the House" Auction for the K-8 Christmas Celebration on Thursday, 12/18, will be live on 12/14-18. The auction will offer 12 pairs of premium reserved seats at the Cathedral event, so you don't have to beat the crowds to get a good view.

e. Christmas Concert (12/18) Reception

Notes: PTO to host a reception.

f. January - popcorn!

Notes: Planning is underway for the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser at the end of January. One of the year's most successful events, this 5th edition is expected to be as competitive as always. 50% of the proceeds come back to the PTO.

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Notes:

The PTO's focus for this year is building community, and we're working hard to have enough funds to support activities and events for students to offset costs for



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families. Costs for activities and goods have risen significantly compared to two years ago, requiring cautious spending. PTO dues typically bring in approximately \$12,000, which helps cover initial costs and primarily funds free events like the Welcome Back Social, the Thanksgiving Buddy Breakfast, Teacher's Choice funds, and Teacher/Staff Holiday & End-of-Year celebrations. Teacher's Choice is one of the PTO's initiatives to support classrooms, allocating approximately \$4,000 directly to teachers for classroom needs (e.g., science equipment, educational materials).

The PTO would love parent input on preferred activities or classroom items for students, particularly for middle schoolers, to ensure funds are spent on things the students actually want.

## 5. Ongoing Fundraisers - QR Codes

### Notes:

The PTO had printouts with QR codes for the ongoing fundraisers:

- **Mabel's Labels:** [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) - 20% of all purchases support the PTO.
- **Minted:** [www.minted.com](http://www.minted.com) - 20% off for you and 10% comes back to the PTO with code FUNDRAISEAFANTIS.
- **Squadlocker** for spirit gear.
- **Shoot's special link** - pay-for-the-pics-you-like photo sessions; a portion comes back to the PTO.
- **Box Top\$:** use this [link](#) and browse all participating brands [here](#).
- **RaiseRight:** purchase your holiday gift cards through them and a portion comes back to the PTO. Full brand list [here](#)!
  - Setting it up takes just a minute:
    - 1) Visit [RaiseRight.com/Enroll](http://RaiseRight.com/Enroll)
    - 2) Enter the code **6KPJTVVYN9X** to link to **A. Fantis**
    - 3) Download the app and start shopping!

## 6. Operations and Newsletters:

- a. [PTO Linktree](#) - QR code print out  
Notes: The PTO had printouts with QR code.
- b. Website updated
- c. Newsletters (December coming out on 12/9)

## 7. How you can get involved - QR Codes

Notes: The PTO had printouts with QR codes.

- 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](#)



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8. **Principal's Report:**

9. **Q&A:**

**Can we have centralized bulk orders for school supplies to reduce costs and parent effort?**

The PTO is pricing out options with 3-4 vendors. They require the supply list by February, and the school thinks we can make it happen. Maria C volunteered to price out her specific grades for bulk orders & could do it with a team of volunteers if the box companies don't work out, since our school supply lists can be so specific.

**Next Meeting - Wed Jan 7, 8:30pm via Zoom**

The PTO thanked everyone for the strong attendance at the first in-person meeting of the school year. We will consider having more in-person meetings throughout the year. Please also join our monthly meetings via Zoom. We are always sending emails and posting on Bloomz, so please keep an eye out for opportunities to participate in the community.