



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Dear A. Fantis Families,

November is a season of thanks and togetherness! As Thanksgiving approaches, we're reminded of how much we have to be grateful for, our incredible students, dedicated teachers, and supportive families who make our school community so special. This season, we celebrate the spirit of gratitude, giving, and connection that defines A. Fantis, starting with the PTO Thanksgiving celebration next Tue, Nov 18 (see more info below).

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteers their time, donates to our programs, or simply shows up to support our students. Every act of kindness and involvement helps our school thrive.

There are always opportunities to get involved, whether by lending a hand at events or sharing your ideas and [talents](#). You can stay up to date through the [School Calendar](#) and the [PTO Linktree](#), and connect with us at any time at pto@afantis.org

Warmly,

Your PTO Board



- ☐ **Thu, Nov 13:** Pre-K/UPK Fall Show, 8:30am
- ☐ **Thu, Nov 13:** GOYA (G7-12) Church Youth Group meeting at the cafeteria, 6pm
- ☐ **Fri, Nov 14:** G1-8 English Spelling Bee, 8:30am
- ☐ **Sat, Nov 15:** K-G6 [Bowling Outing](#), 10am
- ☐ **Tue, Nov 18:** PTO Buddy Day Thanksgiving Breakfast - [Volunteer here!](#)
- ☐ **Fri, Nov 21:** [Agape Social](#), hosted by the Cathedral
- ☐ **Sat, Nov 22:** Konstantinos Argiros Concert - Sold Out!
- ☐ **Tue, Nov 25:** Last Day of [PTO Auction for Nets x 76ers \(11/28 game\)](#)
- ☐ **Wed, Nov 26:** Early Dismissal, 12pm. No BtB/Clubs
- ☐ **Thu-Fri, Nov 27-28:** School Closed, Thanksgiving Break
- ☐ **Thu, Dec 4:** PTO-sponsored Virtual Author Visit (Peter Brown - The Wild Robot) G2-4 - during the school day
- ☐ **NEW DATE Fri, Dec 5:** PTO Monthly Meeting - In person at school, 8am
- ☐ **Fri, Dec 5:** PK-G4 National Day & GEO Bee
- ☐ **Sat, Dec 6:** Cathedral Youth [Ice Skating Outing](#) in Domino Park, 2pm
- ☐ **Thu, Dec 11:** Early Dismissal: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ☐ **Sat, Dec 13:** [Breakfast with Santa](#), 9am
- ☐ **Sun, Dec 14:** G4 & 6 Christmas Mini Show - more info to come
- ☐ **Sun, Dec 14:** Christmas Pageant - email rachelkokenes6392@gmail.com to join
- ☐ **Tue, Dec 17:** PreK Holiday Show, 8:30am
- ☐ **Thu, Dec 18:** K-8 Christmas Celebration, 6pm. PTO reception after
- ☐ **Fri, Dec 19:** Early Dismissal
- ☐ **Wed, Dec 24 - Fri, Jan 2:** Christmas Recess, No School

Thanksgiving Buddy Breakfast

Since Thanksgiving Eve is a half-day, the PTO is swapping our traditional luncheon for a **Thanksgiving Buddy Breakfast** for Grades K–8 and **craft & treats** for preschool **next Tue, Nov 18**. Buddy Day is part of the school's Social-Emotional Learning curriculum, led by Ms. Kara and the teachers. Each month, students from different grades are paired up for activities and readings that help build lasting friendships, with little buddies looking up to their big buddies. We are so thankful for class buddy days!

[Sign up here to Volunteer for K-8 Thanksgiving Buddy Breakfast](#)
[Sign up here to Volunteer for UPK Thanksgiving celebration](#)
[RSVP to UPK DL Thanksgiving celebration](#)



Core Values T-Shirt On Sale

If you need another shirt for Spirit Week or gym days (and who doesn't!), there's no better pick than our limited-edition Core Values T-shirt, designed by our very own Maya Wade from 6th grade as part of the contest led by Ms Cait. Her beautiful artwork is **available for another week** for \$25 a shirt in sizes YS to Adult 5XL.

We're so close to hitting our 50 shirts goal - let's make it happen! Proceeds support **6th-grade enrichment and Middle School initiatives**, so every purchase gives back to our students.

[Purchase Core Values T-Shirt Here](#)

Donations for the November Food Drive

The **PTO November Food Drive** is underway! Now through **Nov 24**, you can drop off **canned goods and non-perishable items** in the collection box located by the **front door**. Donations will be directed to **St. Ann's Food Pantries**, supporting local families in need this holiday season. Please avoid extra-large bags of items like rice or pasta.

The Food Drive follows our successful Candy Drive last week. The collected treats were delivered to The Service Collective, where they'll bring smiles to those in need. Thank you to everyone for your donation.

Agape Social: An Evening of Love and Giving

We are looking forward to the Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral's **Agape Social** on **Fri, Nov 21 at 8pm**. This special event celebrates Love expressed through faith, fellowship, and action. **The whole community is invited!** Rooted in the Greek word *agape*, which means a love defined by compassion, unity, and generosity, this gathering celebrates the ties that bring our

community together. Through connection, gratitude, and giving, the Agape Social honors faith, friendship, and the shared commitment to building a strong and enduring future for generations to come.

[Purchase Your Ticket Here](#)

December PTO Meeting - Join Us In Person On Dec 5

Our next **PTO Meeting** will be **in person and in the morning** for the first time this school year! Join us on **Friday, Dec 5 at 8:15am**, right before the PreK-G4 National Day & GEO Bee. The meeting location within the school will be announced soon.

All families, from **PreK-3 through Grade 8**, are welcome to attend! Come share your ideas, hear updates, and connect with fellow Fantis parents. As a special treat, **Ms. Cait and the students** have started creating holiday card designs, and we'll be unveiling the **winning artwork from each grade** during the meeting - you won't want to miss it!



Parent Spotlight: Halloween Volunteers

This month's spotlight shines on our incredible **parent volunteers**, who made Halloween one of the **largest and most successful events** we've ever had! A huge **thank you** to all the moms - and some dads! - who showed up (in costume or not) to decorate the gym and church hall, lead games and activities, protect the inflatables from excited little jumpers, and help with cleanup. With nearly 30 volunteers, your energy and enthusiasm made the day unforgettable. We truly appreciate you!

While PreK-3 to G4 celebrated with freeze dance, scavenger hunt, mummy wrapping, and other activities in the gym, G5-8 took on an epic escape room experience in the Church Hall.

A special shout-out to **Maria Constantinides**, who created, organized, and led the immersive storytelling - it was a hit! Don't miss the photo album on Bloomz!

We're also deeply grateful to all families who donated, raising \$1,460 to make this event possible. Thanks to your generosity, the proceeds exceeded expenses, allowing the PTO to invest in new inflatables, reusable decorations, and games for future events.

Support Fantis with RaiseRight

This fall, let your everyday spending do double duty! With **RaiseRight**, every gift card you buy - whether it's for morning coffee, weekly groceries, or gas - earns money for A. Fantis. It's the easiest way to support our teachers and students without spending anything extra.

There are 750+ participating brands from Target to Sephora to Amex and Hilton. View the full brand list [here](#)!

Setting it up takes just a minute:

- 1) Visit RaiseRight.com/Enroll
- 2) Enter the code **6KPJTVVYN9X** to link to **A. Fantis**
- 3) Download the app and start shopping!

Tip: Use RaiseRight gift cards when buying items from teacher wish lists or classroom economy supplies - you'll give back twice in one purchase!

More Ways to Shop, Save & Support Fantis

Did you know you can **save money and support A. Fantis at the same time**? Our yearlong fundraisers make it easy: shop exclusive discounts, and a portion of every purchase goes right back to our school programs.

- **Mabel's Labels:** Durable name labels for gear and clothes. Search our school at www.mabelslabels.com and save on replacing lost items. 20% of all purchases support the PTO.
 - **Minted:** Get 20% off cards, gifts & more with code FUNDRAISEAFANTIS while Fantis earns 10% back! Go to www.minted.com.
 - **Squadlocker:** Show off your school pride. Our [Squadlocker](#) Spirit gear is always available, and every order helps fund PTO initiatives.
 - **Shoott:** Use [our special link](#) to book your photo session, and a portion comes right back to A. Fantis.
 - **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](#).
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In Case You Missed It

Here are some of the PTO initiatives from the past month! Look out for our emails, Bloomz posts (including albums & the [November's PTO Meeting notes](#)), and the **PTO Corner** in the *This Week at Fantis* weekly newsletter for the latest updates and opportunities to get involved.



Oxi Day Auction - Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Best Seats Auction** on 10/23! **We raised \$395** to support PTO initiatives. Families enjoyed a wonderful performance by G3-8, and all faculty and staff involved in the event received special **thank-you gifts** in appreciation of their hard work and dedication.



Shake Shack Day - Our first-ever Shake Shack Day on 10/21 was a hit! Families gathered after the half-day for lunch and continued ordering throughout the day to support Fantis. We

also treated our amazing teachers to Shake Shack lunches using funds raised during Teacher Appreciation Week. We'll share the total amount raised as soon as it's confirmed. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the day such a success!

Pastries with Parents G5-8 - We wrapped up our "Meet the Teacher" event series with Middle School on 10/16, and now we'd love your input. As we plan ahead to ensure future events are relevant to our Middle School community and occur at a convenient time, we would appreciate **your ideas for improved event formats** and new ways to connect with both Middle School parents and students. Please share your thoughts with us at pto@afantis.org
