

# PSO NEWSLETTER

November 30, 2017

It's hard to believe that tomorrow we step into the month of December, a hectic month loaded with activity! Houses to decorate, lights to string, cards to address, cookies to bake, shopping to be done, gifts to wrap... the list seems never-ending! And add to that list, the many holiday happenings here at St. Mary Magdalene! The annual Christmas pageant, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade shoe drive, Jingle Bell Sleigh Rides, Santa's Secret Workshop, Teacher's Cookie Exchange.... another long list! This past Tuesday your child brought home a flyer listing all of these events. We hope it helps you navigate what promises to be a busy, busy month.

As we approach the Christmas holiday and the end of the calendar year, it's hard not to look back at the past few months. PSO is so very pleased and proud at all that we have accomplished as a school community in the first half of the school year! We kicked off the year with a successful back to school picnic, launched an online spiritwear store, and provided grades 3 through 6 with recess sacks filled with fun sporting equipment. We hosted our annual soup and salad luncheon for our teachers and staff, started monthly ice cream sales for our students to enjoy, sponsored a fun cultural assembly for the student body and honored our military in a special Veterans Day celebration.

But without a doubt, our biggest and best accomplishment so far this year was our uber successful walkathon! Led by Laura Aiken, this event surpassed our budgeted goal of \$19,000 and then eclipsed our hopeful, "fingers crossed" goal of \$25,000 by raising over \$33,000! With the Thanksgiving break following so quickly after the event, we needed just a bit more time to finish up walkathon details. Please look for the walkathon wrap up in the next edition of the PSO newsletter.

So, friends, as we all hustle through the holidays, I hope that you all are filled with Christmas cheer and joy! The season can be crazy and chaotic, but our StMM family is so very blessed and we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for! Be sure to take time to stop and enjoy!

Merry Christmas!

Laura

## IMPORTANT DATES

### November & December

12/1  
PSO Ice Cream  
12/3  
Santa Secret Wkshp  
set up  
12/4-12/8  
Santa Secret Workshop  
12/4  
Jingle Bell Sleigh Rides  
12/8  
Hoops for Hunger T-shirt  
deadline  
12/15  
Teacher cookie  
exchange  
12/15  
Donut Sales am carpool



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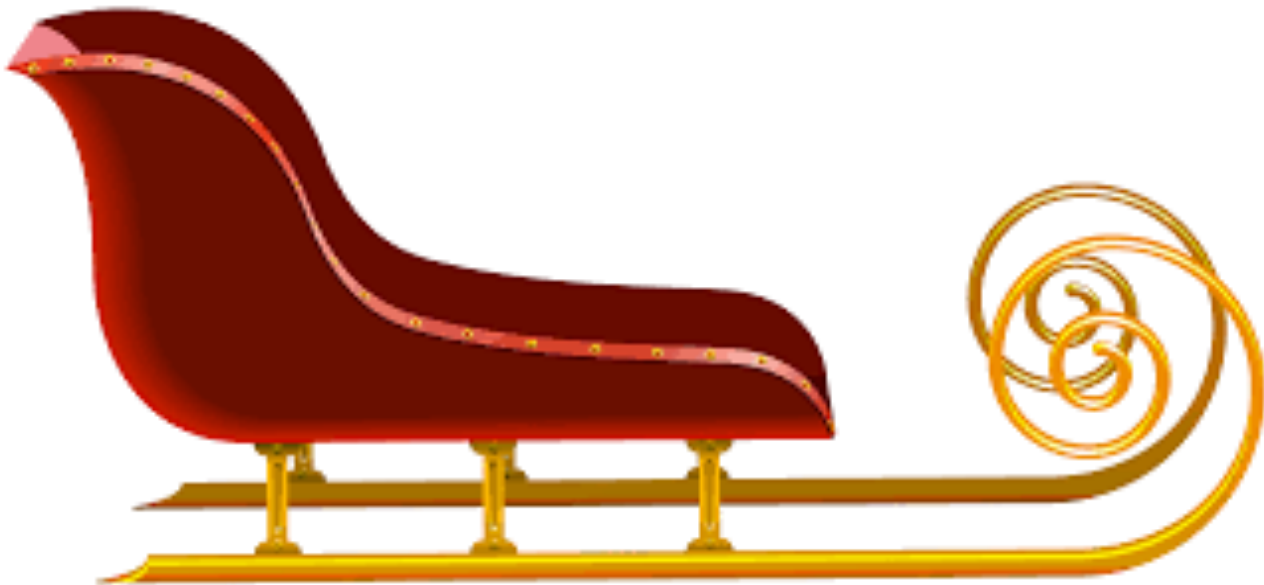
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# *Jingle Bell Sleigh Ride*

**Come celebrate the Christmas Season with a Holiday Jingle Bell Sleigh Ride!**

**On December 4th, join in the fun with Christmas carols while you relax in a horse drawn sleigh. Dinner and dessert will be available for purchase from local savory and sweet food-trucks. Enjoy a warm cup of hot-chocolate and toppings and celebrate the festive season with music and crafts. We hope you will bring the family to STMM's annual PSO event. Please sign up for a time slot below!**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aada629a4f49-jingle>



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Calling all elves, calling all elves Santa's Secret Workshop needs you!

The presents have been wrapped and now we must get set up and ready for our excited shoppers! We will be setting up Sunday, December 3rd and could really use your help. Pulling over 4000 gifts off of the shelves and setting up tables for those gifts requires some sturdy backs and allot of Christmas spirit! If you are interested in sharing even a little bit of your time for this fun event, we would love to see you in the foyer of the activity building beginning at 11:00. Here is the link to volunteer to help set up [Set-up Santa's Secret Workshop](#)

We will also be in need of volunteers during the week long event itself; Monday thru Friday December 4th-8th from 8-3PM. If you could spare some time and think you can handle all the cuteness that comes with kiddos feverishly searching for their loved ones perfect gift, please know your help will not go unnoticed. I promise, you will get more joy from it than you ever thought possible! Here is the link to volunteer the week of the event [Santa's Secret Workshop; The Ev...](#)



## Calling All Bakers!

On Friday, December 15th, we will be treating our teachers & staff to a cookie exchange. We'll provide the boxes, you provide the cookies & treats. The teachers & staff will be invited to choose a dozen assorted goodies to take home. We're asking everyone who signs up to bring in at least **2 dozen** homemade cookies, brownies, cupcakes, bar cookies, etc. If you have any questions, please email Heather

Corin at [heatherecorin@gmail.com](mailto:heatherecorin@gmail.com). Here's the link to sign up:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B44AAA62F4-teacherstaff4](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B44AAA62F4-teacherstaff4)



## Hoops for Hunger T-shirt Design Contest!

Here is your chance to be the designer of this year's special edition t-shirt. Winner will receive a free t-shirt and 2 free court-side tickets to the event.

All designs need to be turned in by **Friday, December 8th** to the office.

See your flyer for details.



## Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale!

Who is ready for a sweet morning treat? We are doubling our doughnut order for December, so there will be plenty of doughnuts for all. Please join us on **Friday, December 15th** during morning carpool to get your doughnuts.

\$10 for a dozen or \$1 for a single doughnut.

All proceeds will benefit STMM Athletics.

## I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for Ice Cream!

Our next Ice Cream Sale will be this Friday Dec 1st! Don't forget your \$, everything is \$1!!!

Would you love to be one of the hero's that sells Ice Cream at Lunch? sign up below  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084eaca922a46-psoice>

# 2017 St.MM Christmas Card Contest

We would like to congratulate

**Lily**

**&**

**Ryan**

for winning the 2017 St.MM Christmas Card Contest! There were a lot of wonderful entries this year which made it hard for Father and Mr. Cadran to select our winners, so a huge thank you to everyone that submitted their masterpieces! If any family is interested in having their children's artwork created into a Christmas Card, please feel free to contact Hayden Woodard directly at [design@apex-printingcompany.com](mailto:design@apex-printingcompany.com). When contacting Hayden at Apex Printing, please mention the St.MM Christmas Card contest.

Any questions, please email Tina Korzeniowski at [c.harasym@mindspring.com](mailto:c.harasym@mindspring.com).



## **NEW THIS YEAR...**

Get to know our STMM staff members on line! Ever want to know things about a teacher like how they take their coffee, where they like to shop, or if they have a food allergy? Well now you can access this information and more right on our school website.

Click on "Staff Information Sheets" under the Parents tab on [stmm.net](http://stmm.net), enter your RenWeb password, and the information is all there in a handy spreadsheet. There is also a new binder in the front office with the same information in it as well. Feel free to come by and take a look anytime!

### **Need to contact us?**

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