

PSO NEWSLETTER



Celebrate Our Teachers & Staff!

No matter how old we are, how much time passes, I think we all think back to our school days and have special memories of our teachers. Whether it be the subject they taught, the way they taught it, the way they encouraged us or the paths they pushed us towards, we can all agree, teachers have played a pivotal role in our lives. Now as parents, we see our children experiencing the same, the important and influential roles teachers play in their lives. It truly is a special, special thing!

Knowing how very important teachers are, it's that time of year where the St Mary Magdalene community designates a week to pay special tribute to and show our gratitude towards our own school faculty. Though we always have grateful hearts, next week is officially our Staff Appreciation Week. Here is a list of events the PSO has planned for them to enjoy:

Monday, February 13th

Catered breakfast by Coffee & Crepes served in the staff lounge provided by the PSO

Tuesday, February 14th

Sweets for our sweet staff in honor of Valentine's Day. Classroom doors will also be decorated with personalized hearts from students.

Wednesday, February 15th

Time to re-stock the classrooms with a variety of supplies donated by StMM parents; sign up here to help <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aaa62f4-teacherstaff2>

Thursday, February 16th

Healthy fruit trays for the teachers & staff to snack on throughout the day provided by the PSO

Friday, February 17th

The staff lounge will be transformed into a yummy salad bar; sign up here to help <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aaa62f4-teacherstaff3>

Additionally, there will be a Staff Appreciation bulletin board decorated in the lobby of the school building next week. We invite you to sign the board and share with the staff some kind words or a favorite memory. Remember, the teachers in your child's life today will become a part of treasured childhood memories in their future!

StMM staff, you are simply the BEST!

Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

February

2/10

Sweetheart Dance

2/14

Have Heart Bake Sale

2/15, 6:30 pm

PSO Meeting with guest speaker Jason Curtis, Cardinal Gibbons Principal; in the Media Center

2/15

Why Cook Wednesday

2/26, 3:30 pm

Carolina Hurricanes Game

March

3/8, 5-9 pm

Chipotle Fundraiser

3/12, 2:00 pm

Adopt-A-Highway

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Bake Sale
Tuesday, February 14th
In support of The Marfan Foundation

Have heart for
Marfan Syndrome
visit www.marfan.org



Have Heart Bake Sale will be held on February 14, 2017 during all lunch periods. February is Marfan Syndrome Awareness Month. Two of our students, Ansley (7th grade) and Jordan (5th grade) are hosting a Bake Sale to raise awareness of Marfan syndrome. This genetic condition affects 1 in 5,000 people; however, half of those affected do not know it. Diagnosis is essential to receive proper treatment since this syndrome affects the heart and can be life-threatening. More information regarding Marfan syndrome was sent home in the Tuesday folders. All proceeds will be donated to The Marfan Foundation. Please support this very special cause that affects two of our students. All items are \$1.00. Thank you!

If you'd like to help bake, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ba8a823a5fc1-have>



Friday, February 10th
6-8 pm
StMM Dining Hall

StMM girls and their dad, grandpa, uncle or other adult are invited to our Sweetheart Dance. Girls from PK-8th can participate in dancing, photo booth, and ice cream sundae bar while they watch their dads in the Daddy Dance Off!

We need help from parents to create such a wonderful event. Please sign up to donate or help setup or cleanup. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545a4ac2c7-stmary>

Tickets are \$20/family at the door. Please contact Lisa Johnson lisajohnson1@gmail.com or Leanne Menzo leannemenzo@yahoo.com with any questions.

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PSO Meeting and Guest Speaker: Jason Curtis, Cardinal Gibbons Principal Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm

Please join us for our next PSO Open Meeting and listen to our Guest Speaker, Jason Curtis, Cardinal Gibbons Principal. We will be meeting in the Media Center.

Wine & Cheese will be served.



Why Cook Wednesday—Donovan's Dish Wednesday, February 15th

Let Donovan's Dish do the cooking for you. Order forms can be found on the right side of the PSO webpage <http://school.stmm.net/parents/> and are due back by Friday, February 10th. Contact Kelli Leonard with any questions at kellileonard1976@gmail.com.

Adopt-A-Highway

Parents—help your school community and keep Apex BBQ Road clean & beautiful. Please join us in our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway clean up.

Sunday, March 12th, 2:00 pm

Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age, and all minors must be accompanied by an adult. It is a great way for students to earn service hours. Sign up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b48a8a8292-adoptahighway>

Email Amanda Laborde with any questions and for more details:

amanda@laborde.net



Operation Shower Packs—Thank You!

The Operation Shower Packs collection was an enormous success! 100% of the thanks goes out to the awesome generosity of our StMM Family! Stay tuned for an update on where our MANY packs landed...

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January Volunteers of the Month

Thank you to Tina Korzeniowski and Maureen Roach, our January Volunteers of the Month. Tina coordinated StMM's Christmas Card Contest this year, as well as ordered and mailed the Christmas Cards to the recipients on StMM's list. Maureen gives so much of her time to StMM's lunch service, and she also hosted the Teacher/Staff Christmas Cookie Exchange. We are so thankful for their support of StMM!



Spotlight on Vinnie McLaughlin

With staff appreciation just around the corner, PSO wanted to take a moment to recognize a StMM staffer who is on the job every morning, making student drop off run smoothly, Vinnie McLaughlin. Every morning school is in session, Vinnie takes his place at the intersection of Townside Drive and Magdala Place in an effort to make traffic move more efficiently and reduce the possibility of accidents. Vinnie is a retired New York police sergeant. He and Mrs. McLaughlin just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, and he is a proud father of 4 daughters and grandfather of 2 grandsons.

As we celebrate Staff Appreciation Week, PSO just wanted to make sure to give a special shout out to Vinnie for all of his hard work and dedication. The nature of his work rarely brings him into the school building where most of the staff celebrations will be held next week so to make sure he knows our gratitude, he was presented with balloons and a gift card.

As you make your way to StMM each morning, make sure to give Vinnie and smile and a wave! Through wind and rain, heat and cold, he is there to help!



SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Mary Magdalene School. Come in to the Chipotle at **1081 Pine Plaza Dr** in Apex on **Wednesday, March 8th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Mary Magdalene School.



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If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.