

# PSO NEWSLETTER



Drum roll please! All of the profits have been calculated! The accounts have been settled! And the PSO is thrilled to report that our Gala netted us **\$40,000!** This is amazing and surely something we all should be proud of! So now, without further ado, let's spend it!

After listening to many suggestions and taking into account some of the needs we observed at St. Mary Magdalene, the PSO has decided to pursue the following projects to make use of our Gala profits.

**Playground Fencing** – We would like to replace the existing chain-link fence around the school's playground. The fence has been standing since the school first opened its doors. Throughout the years it has been repaired many times, but for the safety of our children, it is probably time to replace the fence or at least replace the badly damaged sections of the fence. We are hoping the new fence will be a bit higher and we can upgrade to a colored fence, perhaps black chain-link.

**Fence in the Cafeteria Patio** – The cafeteria patio is a perfect spot for our school children to enjoy North Carolina's lovely weather during their lunch period. Fencing in this area will make it more secure. Additionally, it will serve as another safe area for aftercare children to play.

**Water Bottle Fillers** – Many parents in the school community came to us with the suggestion and it's a great one! We would like to purchase water bottle fillers that will attach to our current water fountains in the school and Activity Building. Not only would these attachments promote drinking healthy water, they help the school in its mission to go "green" by encouraging students to refill water bottles instead of constantly buying throw aways.

**Computerized Visitor Check-In System** – Similar to what many schools in the public system use, the PSO would like to contribute towards the purchase of a software system that would allow electronic check-in for visitors and volunteers. Different options are currently being explored. If one that suits the needs of the school is identified, the PSO is committed to assisting with its purchase and implementation.

We are so excited that we can do so much with our fundraising profits this year! It is through the wonderful teamwork and support of our school community that we are able to make these improvements to St Mary Magdalene.

Well done, StMM Community!

Laura

## IMPORTANT DATES

### January

**1/30-2/3**

Operation Shower Packs

### February

**2/10**

Sweetheart Dance

**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

**3/12, 2:00 pm**

Adopt-A-Highway

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PSO NEWS

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## Operation Shower Packs

*\*Currently there are over 8000 homeless vets in NC and 150,000 within the USA\**

OPERATION SHOWER PACKS is a new school-wide service project that StMM will be participating in during the week of January 30<sup>th</sup> thru February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This program was started by the Holly Springs non-profit organization Military Missions in Action ("MMA"); a 501c3 company that supports North Carolina veterans, active duty, disabled, homeless and their dependent families. MMA helps veterans achieve independent living in numerous ways as well as assisting active duty service men and women deployed in combat situations and their families here at home.

The Shower Packs program may seem simple, but is very impactful. Ziplock bags full of hygiene items are handed out to veterans hospitals, homeless shelters, shower facilities overseas as well as local bases here in NC. Please take a moment to check out the efforts of the organization

[www.militarymissionsinaction.org](http://www.militarymissionsinaction.org) and help pay it forward a bit. If you have any questions, please contact Magi Wilson [magimw4@gmail.com](mailto:magimw4@gmail.com).

The collection will take place in the school lobby during the week of **January 30<sup>th</sup> thru February 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### Needed Items:

- Ziplock bags (gallon size)
- Washcloths
- Sample size shampoo
- Sample size conditioner
- Plastic Combs
- Toothbrushes
- Sample size toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Sample size deodorant
- Disposable shavers
- Sample size body wash or small bar of soap in sealed packaging



Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
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-8<sup>th</sup> 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>

Advance tickets are \$15/family until February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$20/family at the door. The ticket order form is on page 5 of this newsletter. Please contact Lisa Johnson [lisajohnson1@gmail.com](mailto:lisajohnson1@gmail.com) or Leanne Menzo [leannemenzo@yahoo.com](mailto: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.*



### StMM Day with the Carolina Hurricanes Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of hockey as the Carolina Hurricanes take on the Calgary Flames. Tickets are \$16, and are limited. Order forms are in the StMM Office.

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### 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:amanda@laborde.net)



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### Hoops for Hunger—Thank You!

Thank you to all who came out in support of the boys and girls varsity basketball teams and the Hoops for Hunger event. We raised **\$2000** and **451lbs of food** for the Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Thank you to Melissa McGeehan and her group of volunteers for putting on such a fun and worthwhile event!





# PSO NEWS

## GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The StMM GOTR team has a few spots available for interested girls in grades 3-5. Our team meets every Monday and Wednesday after school from 3-4:30 pm. The season concludes in April with a 5k race.

Girls on the Run is a 13-week program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Register at [www.gotrtriangle.org](http://www.gotrtriangle.org). Contact Nikki Curliss at [ncurliss@stmm.net](mailto:ncurliss@stmm.net) with any questions.



## Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Player & Cheerleaders

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball players and cheerleaders were presented with flowers in honor of their final home game on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the cheer parents & the StMM Boosters for providing the flowers. We are so proud of all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders accomplishments this season!



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School

Presents



# The Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 10, 2017

STMM Cafeteria 6-8:00pm

DJ, Dancing, Photobooth, Ice Cream Sundae Bar, Daddy Dance Off, and More!



Girls from PreK-8th grade are cordially invited to a magical evening. Girls may be escorted by DAD, GRANDPA, UNCLE, or any other ADULT.

Please return the RSVP below to your child's teacher in an envelope marked "Sweetheart Dance" indicating how many will be attending and the appropriate payment for tickets by Friday February 3, 2017.

Light appetizers, cookies and drinks will be served in addition to the Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

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Daughter(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid tickets are \$15 per family (Checks payable to STMM PSO)

Total Number of Guests Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will be available at the door for \$20 per family.