

PSO NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! And welcome back to school! This is the time of the year when we all set our resolutions, to try to implement things into our lives to make them happier, healthier and more fulfilled. Maybe you would like to eat more vegetables, maybe you want to be more organized. Perhaps you want to visit the gym more or worry less or get more sleep. Or maybe you would like to volunteer more. If that is the case, PSO can help you! As we embark on the second half of the school year, we have many opportunities for you to get involved and show your support of St. Mary Magdalene School. Let me tell you about a few of them.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Annually, we have a whole week dedicated to showing our gratitude to the wonderful teachers & staff at St. Mary Magdalene. In the past we've done everything from donut trucks to supply carts to candy buffets. Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for February and PSO needs not only your help in executing, but your fresh ideas in planning. What do you think? What's a great way to say thank you to StMM's finest?

Father Daughter Dance

We are lucky to have the great team of Leanne Menzo and Lisa Johnson co-chairing this event. Since this fall, they have been busy laying the groundwork and seeing to all the details of the evening. But surely on the night of the event, these ladies are going to need our help making sure the night goes off without a hitch. Watch future newsletters and the PSO website for sign ups to help out with this special event for the girls here at StMM.

Spring Festival

Again, we are most blessed to have a talented team co-chairing this event, Laura Aiken and Anne Burge. But an event like the spring festival is a huge under-taking! There is no doubt that these ladies will need the support of a volunteer army to make the afternoon a success for our students.

PSO Leadership Roles

And lastly, I'd like to appeal to all our StMM parents to give some serious thought and prayer in regards to leadership. The fact is, **WE NEED YOU!** All the PSO events our students, staff and families enjoy don't just happen. They are the result of the hard work and dedication of PSO volunteers. As we move forward, we need to continue the legacy and identify new leaders who can continue the traditions PSO has established and our student body enjoys. It is a commitment, it is time consuming, it is sometimes a daunting task, but it is a rewarding and fulfilling task. If you think you would like to step up and take on a leadership role in PSO, we would love to hear from you!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

January

1/13, 5 pm

Hoops For Hunger

1/15, 2 pm

Adopt-A-Highway

1/18

Why Cook Wednesday

1/20, 1:45 pm

David Novak Storytelling, PK-2nd grade

February

2/10

Sweetheart Dance

2/15, 6:30 pm

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

2/26, 3:30 pm

Carolina Hurricanes Game

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PSO NEWS

Hoops For Hunger

Hoops For Hunger is this Friday, the 13th! See the flyer on the next page for more details. We're looking for Volunteers & Donations to make this event a success. If you can help, click on the signups below:

Volunteers: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4da5a82da31-hoops1>

Donations: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4da5a82da31-hoops>

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, January 15th, 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.

Email Amanda Laborde with any questions and for more details:
amanda@laborde.net



Why Cook Wednesday

Our next Why Cook Wednesday will be January 18th. Fresh From the Kitchen will provide the family-friendly dinners, including some low-carb and whole grain options. Order forms will go out in Tuesday folders & can be found online. <http://school.stmm.net/parents/>

December Volunteers of the Month

The PSO would like to recognize Sue Hannan and Kelly Jackson as our December Volunteers of the Month. Sue led her committee of elves and put on an amazing Santa's Secret Workshop. Kelly organized the Jingle Bells Sleigh Rides including the delicious hot chocolate station.

Sue & Kelly will each receive a Target gift card from the PSO as a token of our appreciation.



Sue's daughters buried under Santa's Secret Workshop gifts!



Kelly & her daughter at the hot chocolate station.

HOOPS FOR HUNGER

Black Out Game! Wear Black!

St. Mary Magdalene vs. St. Michael Basketball



DATE: Friday, January 13, 2017

WHERE: St. Mary Magdalene Gym

TIME: Girls Varsity Game 5:00pm
Boys Varsity Game 6:30pm

ADMISSION:

Adults: \$3.00 + 1 canned food item

Students & Seniors: \$1.00 + 1 canned food item

No Food Donation: \$5.00 per person

Reserved, court-side seats available on game day \$10 each. 1st Come, 1st Serve!

Refreshments will be available!

Pizza \$2.00 per slice

Chips \$1.00

Soda/Water \$1.00



All proceeds and food donations benefit Western Wake Crisis Ministry

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

