

PSO NEWSLETTER



1 -2 -3-4 We Declare a Penny War!

Penny Wars kicked off at StMM this week sending students scurrying up and down the halls with pockets full of pennies to deposit into their homeroom's collection jars. All this week, throughout the school, a familiar "clink, clink, clink" could be heard as coins were dropped into classroom jars.

In case you're not familiar, Penny Wars is a friendly competition where homerooms compete with each other to see who can earn the most points in their designated coin jar. Classes earn one point for each penny in their jar. But there's a catch! Any silver in their coin jar acts as a negative, therefore it subtracts from their point totals. In the quest to bring classroom totals up, kids can bring other class totals down by depositing silver coins in their competitors' jars. It's almost an unnatural thing to want less in your jar in order to win, isn't it? But it's that twist that puts the "fun" in this fundraiser!

We'll tally up classroom coin jars on a weekly basis starting this Friday, March 10th. After all coin jars are counted, class standings will be announced so students know how their class is faring. When the campaign ends on Monday, March 27th, the final tally will be taken and the class with the most positive points (or the lowest negative points!) over the course of the "war" will be declared Penny War champs and earn themselves a pizza party.

So what brought on this fundraising competition? The answer can be found in your rear view mirror at car pool. St Mary Magdalene Church needs our help! As construction inches closer and closer to completion, Fr. Staib needs a fair amount of money in hand. This is a perfect opportunity to get our students involved in actively fundraising for our new worship space. All the proceeds from Penny Wars will go to Fr. Staib for St. Mary Magdalene Church.

So if you find your children searching couch cushions, raiding the coin catcher in your car or asking to do odd jobs for spare change, know it's for a great cause! \$8,200 for Father Staib's 82nd birthday on April 2nd!

For the love of Father Staib, let's do this!

Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

March

3/6-10

Tony Peacock, Storyteller, 3rd & 4th grades

3/12, 2:00 pm—CANCELLED

Adopt-A-Highway

3/20-24

BOGO Used Uniform Sale

3/31

Spirit Wear Day

April

4/28, 3-7 pm

Spring Festival & Spirit Wear Day

4/29, 10 am

Girls On The Run 5K Team Challenge

May

5/19

Booster Club Bake Sale & Spirit Wear Day

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Cindy Biles, Clay Artist

The children had a great time with our clay artist, Cindy Biles, last week. Everyone was able to sculpt a clay face during class. Thank you to Shawn DeStasio, Monica Linares, and Mrs. Oglesby for bringing wonderful art opportunities to our school.



Adopt-A-Highway

Due to the bad weather in the forecast for this Sunday, March 12th, the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup has been **cancelled**. Stay tuned for the next cleanup date which will be in May. Email Amanda Laborde with any questions:

amanda@laborde.net



Used Uniform BOGO Sale March 20th-24th

This is a great time to stock up on uniforms for next year! Contact Jennifer Lorms with any questions at jjlorms@gmail.com.



Friday, April 28th, 3:00-7:00pm

Come join the fun! More than 10 Inflatables, Rock Wall, and new this year, a Dunk Tank! Hot dogs and hamburgers by Knights of Columbus available for purchase, plus various concessions to benefit our STMM athletic teams! Admission \$10 per child in advance, \$12 at the door. Volunteers and cake walk donations needed. Look for a SignUp in future communication. Contact Anne Burge at anneburge143@gmail.com for more information.

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GOTR 5K Team Challenge

Help StMM win \$500 by registering to run in the Girls on the Run Spring 5k! Girls On The Run is sponsoring a contest to see which GOTR team can get the most runners registered for their 5K race. The race will take place on Saturday, April 29th, 10am, at the America Tobacco Campus in Durham. This race is just a few weeks before our own Monarchs in Motion 5k, making it the perfect way to prep for our own parish run. To register, visit www.gotrtriangle.org/5k.

Garden Club

StMM is blessed with such a beautiful courtyard area! An active garden committee would be so beneficial to its upkeep and growth. If you have a green thumb and would like to help make our garden grow, please contact Beth Chanelli at chanelli@stmm.net.



Thank You!

Words cannot fully express our thanks for the overwhelming generosity and support of Jordan and Ansley's "Have Heart Bake Sale." We are proud to announce that we were able to send \$1,500.00 to The Marfan Foundation! Many, many thanks to everyone that baked delicious treats, gave your child money to buy something, made a cash donation to our cause and/or assisted with running the bake sale. We truly appreciate your support and are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community. Thank you!

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February Volunteers of the Month

The PSO would like to thank Lisa Johnson & Leanne Menzo for all of their hard work in making the Sweetheart Dance such a huge success. StMM girls and their “dates” enjoyed a fun night of dancing. They snacked on sweet treats including an ice cream sundae bar. Lisa & Leanne made this a memorable night for all who attended. We appreciate all they do for our school!



Leanne & her family



Lisa & her children

Upcoming Spirit Wear Days

March 31st

April 28th

May 19th

Booster Club Bake Sale, too!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who came out to our Chipotle Fundraiser night.

We raised almost \$550 for our school!
