

PSO NEWSLETTER



Oh What a Night!

The PSO is so pleased to report that our Gala celebration, A Taste of Salem Street, was a complete success! For days now we have been happily receiving many emails and text messages from StMM parents telling us just how much they enjoyed the evening. The night was filled with laughter, fellowship, food, dancing and fun, just as we hoped it would be. The spirit of our community was enormous on Saturday night, and contagious! We're not exaggerating to say just about everyone left with a smile on their face!

In this newsletter we are including a list of all of our lucky basket winners and raffle winners. Congratulations to you! And congratulations to all of the live auction winners, who outbid their peers to score some really great auction packages!

Most importantly, thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped the PSO put on this Gala. From sponsors who helped cover our costs, to room parents who coordinated baskets, to teachers who brainstormed auction experience packages, to volunteers who wrote out raffle tickets, all of you made a real difference. You made this night a success!

We are still in the process of tallying and will present a detailed financial recap of the Gala in January, but we can tell you one thing for sure... it was a fundraising success! We had budgeted a net profit of \$16,000 on this event, and our initial accounting is showing that we may have actually DOUBLED this! It is safe to say that yes, we made or goal! As a community we should all be proud—Gala is a group effort!

So, now it is time for us to start a conversation about what we want to do with these funds. The PSO always has a wish list of things we would like to do for the school, and ideas are already churning in our heads. But we would like to hear from you—the parents who made this such a success! What ideas do you have? What purchases do you think our students would benefit from? What would they enjoy? PSO would like to invite you to share those ideas with us! Drop us an email, stop us in the hall, or better yet, join us for our next PSO "meeting"/Holiday Social on Tuesday, December 6th, 7pm at Peak of the Vine on Salem Street in Apex. Munchies will be provided by the PSO. Beverages will be on your individual tab. If you can join us, please RSVP at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084eaca922a46-psomeeting>.

Thank you again to everyone who had a part, big or small, in our Gala! It was truly a night to remember!

With Thanks & Gratitude,
Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

November

11/18, 8-10 am

Santa's Secret Workshop Gift Wrapping in the Cafeteria

December

12/5-9

Santa's Secret Workshop

12/5, 6-8 pm

Jingle Bells Sleigh Rides

12/6, 7 pm

PSO Meeting/Holiday Social

12/12

Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PSO NEWS

It's Almost Here! Santa's Secret Workshop is December 5th-9th

Here's How You Can Help:

- **Set up** will be on **Sunday, December 4th** starting at **noon**. Stay for as long as you can. Great service hour opportunity. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ba8a823a5fc1-santas4>
- Lots of volunteers are needed the week of the event to **help the kids shop**. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ba8a823a5fc1-santas5>
- If you want to see when your child is scheduled to come to the Workshop, you can view the classroom schedule here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ba8a823a5fc1-santas6>
- Remember that most 7th and 8th grade students do not have a designated time within the school day to shop. They are welcome to shop before school, after school and during lunch. The workshop will open at 7:45 each morning and by 7:30 on Wednesday. We will stay open until 3:30 each afternoon.



Parents are welcome to shop on Friday mid-morning after the students have made their selections.

The elves have been busy buying and wrapping some great gifts this year at incredible prices. Help support the PSO and get some Christmas shopping done at the same time. Thank you! Any questions, please email Sue Hannan at susan.hannan16@gmail.com or Kim Boyle at kimb_boyle@yahoo.com.

Don't Forget the Middle School Hoedown Throwdown This Friday, November 18th 6:30-9:30 pm in the Gym

Dust off your boots and giddyup on over!
Bring 2 cans of non- perishable food to get in.
Grades 6-8



CHRISTMAS AT St. MARY MAGDALENE



Tuesday, November 29th, 8:15am
Advent Prayer Service - Hope

Friday, December 2nd – Friday, December 9th
St. Nick Shoe Drive

Monday, December 5th, 8:15am
Advent Prayer Service - Love

Monday, December 5th, 6-8:00pm
Jingle Bell Sleigh Rides

Sleigh ride sign-up at www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a4a92daa8-jingle/

We are looking for a **photographer** to donate their photography services and take pictures of the Sleigh Ride event.
If you can help out, please email Beth Klatt at bklatt@nextaff.com.

Monday, December 5th – Friday, December 9th

Santa's Secret Workshop

Volunteer sign-up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ba8a823a5fc1-santas5

Tuesday, December 6th, 7:00pm

PSO Meeting/Holiday Social

RSVP at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084eaca922a46-psomeeting

Thursday, December 8th, 8:15am & 7:00pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

Friday, December 9th, 11:30am

Early Dismissal

Monday, December 12th, 8:15am

Advent Prayer Service – Joy

Monday, December 12th

Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange

Volunteer to bake at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aaa62f4-teacherstaff1

Tuesday, December 13th, 1:30pm & 7:00pm

StMM Christmas Pageant

Monday, December 19th, 8:15am

Advent Prayer Service - Peace

Wednesday, December 21st – January 3rd

Christmas Break



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Cultural Arts News

Thank you parents for your great support of the 'Art by Me' fundraiser. We raised approximately \$2,000! This will go towards our Cultural Arts program. Orders will be received and distributed before Christmas break.

Last week, the 4-8th grade drama elective had a master acting class with professional actor David Novak. By the end of the hour, the kids were able to demonstrate the power of voice, facial expressions and movement.

Gala Raffle Winners

Half Off Tuition: Noah Myers & Joseph Hanes
Enrollment Fee: Jonathan Barta & Kate Dickinson
50/50 Raffle: Joseph Hanes
Lunch for a Month: Tomczak Family
Barbie Basket: Shelby Mann
Tech Basket: Brooke Lucas
Gift Card Basket: Lindsay Phillips
Taste of the Triangle Basket: Heather Bishop
UNC Basket: Rory Mitchell
Wine Basket: Pfeiffer
NC State Basket: Ryan Winzenz
Family Fun Basket: Iris Dickinson
Lego Basket: John Wilson

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the vendors who worked with us to make the Gala such a success: Anna's Pizzeria, The Blistered Pig, The Ice Cream Shop, La Rancherita, and Peak City Grill for providing the delicious food; Pour Bar Services for keeping everyone's glasses filled; Lisa York for hosting a fun and exciting auction; and Mary Adrian with Snap It Photobooth for sending everyone home with lasting memories of the night.

We would also like to recognize our sponsors who helped cover the costs of the Gala: Bach to Rock, Bradley's Flooring and Paint, Cary Orthopaedic, Nancy Grace, Mr. Mike's Used Books, Performance Automall, and relyMD.

Christmas Card Contest

We would like to congratulate Olivia McGee and Izzy Smythe for winning the 2016 StMM Christmas Card Contest!

There were a lot of wonderful entries this year which made it hard for Father Staib and Mr. Cadran to select our winners. So a huge thank you to everyone that submitted their masterpieces! If any family would be interested in having their children's artwork created into a Christmas card, please feel free to contact Blair Coleman at Apex Printing directly at design@apexprintingcompany.com, and please mention the StMM Christmas Card Contest. Any questions, please email Tina Korzeniowski at c.harasym@mindspring.com.

