

PSO NEWSLETTER



Gala – It's More Than a Fundraiser

It's true, the Gala is the PSO's major fundraising event this year. In fact, it is our hope that we raise around \$16,000 from the event. Did you know that monies raised at past Galas have been used to purchase some of the playground equipment our children enjoy daily? Did you know it has been used to award grants for our teachers to allow them to purchase educational items that directly benefit our children, helping them learn and grow? Did you know that funds raised at our Galas helped to pay for the Activity Building, the same building where our kids eat lunch every school day, attend gym class and come together as a school community to worship?

Gala is an important fundraiser. But Gala is a lot more than a money maker. It's a community builder! It is an occasion for the parents who support our school to come together and socialize, relax, get to know one another. It's an opportunity to leave the kids at home with a sitter and get out of the house. It's a night where your mind can be occupied by the many choices of ice cream toppings at the sundae bar instead of common core math, book reports and service hours. It's a chance to take all those people's names you see in emails and match them up with a face. It's a time to join, to build, to grow our St. Mary Magdalene family.

If you haven't purchased your Gala tickets yet, please be sure to do it today! But there is one other important thing I would encourage you to do. Please ask a friend to attend Gala with you! You and your friends can use this link to purchase tickets online, <https://squareup.com/store/st-mary-magdalene>. You can also drop off a paper form and a check in the main office. But please do it soon! Tickets are limited and the deadline for reservations is this Monday, October 24th.

See you all for "A Taste of Salem Street" on Saturday, November 12th at the Halle Center in beautiful Downtown Apex!

Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

October

10/28, 8-10 am

Santa's Secret Workshop Gift Wrapping in the Cafeteria

10/26

Staff Appreciation Fall Soup and Salad Luncheon

10/28

Booster Club Bake Sale

November

11/4, 11/11 & 11/18, 8-10 am

Santa's Secret Workshop Gift Wrapping in the Cafeteria

11/7

David Novak, Storyteller, Grades 4-8
Drama Students

11/12, 7 pm

"A Taste of Salem Street" Gala

December

12/5-9

Santa's Secret Workshop

12/5, 6-8 pm

Jingle Bells Sleigh Rides

12/12

Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE GALA

****New Auction Item****

Sign-Up Parties

StMM Parents—get ready for a night on the town! At this year's Taste of Salem Street Gala, we will be selling spots to parties that parents from our school community have offered to host! Each spot will be \$25 per person. Each party will be held on a predetermined date and will have a theme such as "Girls Night Out", "Cook Out", and more. At the Gala, you will have a chance to buy your spot to attend one or more of these parties. Best thing—you get to go out and have a fun night, build friends within the StMM community and raise money for our school. All of the proceeds will go back to StMM!

Look for the Party Table at the Gala to secure your spot!

Homework Passes

We will be selling homework passes at the Gala good for **an entire night of homework!!!** Homework passes will be \$20 per student. How awesome will it be to come home after the Gala & give your children their homework pass?! And how awesome will it be for you to skip helping with spelling word sentences?!

Homework passes will **only be sold at the Gala.**

Gala FAQs

What is the Dress Code? The dress code is simply "dress to impress".

Do I need to buy drink tickets now? No, it's a cash bar; \$4 for beer, \$5 for wine. The bartenders will only accept cash.

When is the last day to purchase tickets? Purchase event tickets ASAP since our vendors need a count soon. Raffle tickets will be sold up until raffle time at the Gala, but the raffle cart will start visiting the classrooms on 10/31.

Live Auction Items—Sneak Peek

- 2 bedroom condo at the Village at Squaw Valley during Spring Break week
- \$2500 worth of service at Bovenizer Orthodontics
- Campbell University basketball experience
- StMM basketball experience
- Dinner with Father Staib at Noodles & Co.
- Treat your teacher to a day off & gift them a sub for the day
- Front row seats at Graduation
- Front row seats at the Christmas Pageant
- Reserved parking spots
- Teacher tuck-ins with the Kindergarten teachers at your home
- Pool party at Mrs. Pfeiffer's house with the 1st grade teachers
- Baking day with Mrs. Piccola
- Bowling at Cinebowl & pizza with Mrs. Nations & Mrs. Piccola
- Movies with the 5th grade teachers

Food—Sneak Peek

Shrimp & Grits and more light bites from:



Pulled Pork Sliders and more light bites from:



Flautas Pollo and more light bites from:



Late night **gourmet pizza** from:



Ice Cream Sundae Bar from:

THE ICE CREAM SHOP

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher/Staff Fall Soup & Salad Lunch October 26th

The Fall Soup & Salad Lunch for the teachers & staff will be held on October 26th in the courtyard. We are still looking for some volunteers to donate salads, decorative items like pumpkins & mums, and bags of ice. We also need a few more cleanup volunteers from 2-3 pm. If you can help by donating items or your time, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea4a72da13-fall>. Thank you to the volunteers who have already signed up to help!

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Griffin at amywgriffin@gmail.com.



Santa's Secret Workshop Needs Shoppers

Love to shop? This is the volunteer opportunity for you! We are looking for a team of bargain hunters to start shopping December 26th for next year's Santa's Secret Workshop. If you are interested, please contact Sue Hannan at susan.hannan16@gmail.com for more details. Thank you!

We're still wrapping over 5000 gifts for this year's Santa's Secret Workshop. Stay for as long as you can!

Wrapping dates are: **October 28; November 4, 11 & 18**
8:00-10:00 am in the Cafeteria

Christmas Card Contest

We would like the help of all StMM students in creating a Christmas card. The chosen artwork will be transferred onto Christmas cards that will be utilized by the StMM Community Relations Committee this holiday season. The contest runs from Monday, October 17th through Monday, October 31st. The official guidelines were given out to the interested students on October 17th by their homeroom teachers. If your child did not receive the guidelines, there are more in the office. The judges will select one winning drawing from K-3rd grade and one winning drawing from 4th-8th grade. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift card from a store of their choice at Beaver Creek Crossing. The winners will be announced on the StMM website as well as by Mr. Cadran on November 17th after mass. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Korzeniowski at c.harasym@mindspring.com.



Our October Volunteers of the Month are Jennifer Becker Antley and Kathy Cole who planned and hosted a fun Mother/Son event last Friday night. It is events like these that build a strong school community and make StMM such a wonderful place for parents and children. To thank Jennifer and Kathy for all of their hard work, they will each receive a Target gift card.

Our annual Mother/Son Event on Friday, October 14th was a huge success! We had over 70 excited StMM boys and their special ladies dancing the night away! Our photo booth and dance contests also made the night very memorable. We were very lucky to have TGA, Master Salim with Progressive Taekwondo and Play Well's giant Lego table join us to make the night extra special. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who put in many hours making this event so much fun for our children. Without the food contributions and our set-up and clean-up helpers, we would not have been able to accomplish such a fun night. Also, as an added bonus, we were able to drop off many items to Western Wake Crisis Ministry—thank you to all the families who donated! Congratulations to the mother/son dance contest winners, especially Amy & Luke who took first place!



Some of the amazing items going into the NC State raffle basket. Wolfpack fans, start buying your raffle tickets, I heard there might be VIP tickets in this basket, too!

Our next newsletter will feature all of the raffle baskets. Will you be the winner???

ORDER YOUR GALA TICKETS

STMM'S FALL FUNDRAISING GALA

A Taste of Salem Street

RSVP BY OCTOBER 24, 2016



	QTY.	PRICE
GALA TICKETS: \$45/PERSON		
CLASSROOM BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS \$5 EACH OR 6 FOR \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>GIVE TICKETS TO MY CHILDREN</i>		
50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS \$5 EACH OR 6 FOR \$25		
TUITION DISCOUNT/ENROLLMENT FEE/ FREE LUNCH RAFFLE TICKETS \$5 EACH OR 6 FOR \$25		
I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF:		
	TOTAL \$	

Name(s) _____

email address _____

child(ren)'s name(s) and homeroom(s): _____

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