

PSO NEWSLETTER



Since the first day of school, PSO has talked a lot about the Gala. And for good reason! During the 2016-17 school year, the Gala will serve as our major fundraiser. The success of the Gala will allow us to fund teacher grants, purchase special gifts or supplies for the school and hold fun events for our children.

This Tuesday your child should have come home with your invitation letter to attend this year's Gala. Along with reserving your tickets to attend, that invitation letter has the details of the different raffle tickets we have available for purchase this year. There's a traditional 50/50 raffle, the Principal's raffle and a fun theme basket raffle. All of these tickets can be purchased in advance for your convenience.

The raffles are lots of fun, but we would probably all agree watching and BIDDING in the live auction is the highlight of the gala. Check out some of these awesome offerings!

- Spend spring break 2017 in Lake Tahoe! Reservations have been made for a week's stay at the fabulous Village at Squaw Valley just for you – if you're the high bidder!
- Dine with Fr. Staib! Your winning bid will entitle you and your family to spend some quality time with Father at Noodles & Company.
- Tired of searching for a parking spot at pick up? For the right price, you can get a reserved spot for next school year. And we'll even put your name on it!
- Is your child basketball's biggest fan? How cool would it be to out-bid everyone and come home with an exclusive Campbell University basketball package that will allow your child to shoot around with the team, be floor-side for a game, have locker room access after the game and take home an autographed ball?

This is just a "taste" of what will be auctioned off during the live auction at *A Taste of Salem Street*. Don't miss out on an evening that will be filled with fun, food, festivity and fellowship. So, what are you waiting for? Make your reservations now! Tickets are limited!

See you at the Gala!
Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

October

10/7, 10/14 & 10/28, 8-10 am

Santa's Secret Workshop Gift Wrapping in the Cafeteria

10/11, 7:30 pm

PSO General Meeting, Media Center

10/14, 6 pm

Mother/ Son Event, PK-5th grade

10/18, 2 pm

Hoops for Hunger planning meeting

10/26

Staff Appreciation Fall Soup and Salad Luncheon

10/28

Booster Club Bake Sale

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

PSO General Meeting Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 pm, Media Center

We're excited that Nikki Curliss, StMM's Guidance Counselor, will be speaking at the meeting.

She will talk about "Communication is a Two Way Street".

- Tips to help your student communicate confidently with his/her teacher
- Making the most out of parent/teacher conferences

Refreshments will be served.

Mother/Son Event October 14th, 6-9 pm

RSVP now to reserve your spot and simply buy your ticket when you arrive. We will be using the gym and cafeteria for this event and it is being held from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Pizza will be served followed by plenty of music, activities and fun. Cost is \$20/family so bring all the boys and come hungry. In addition to a DJ, photo booth, contests and prizes, we will have some special visitors and activities to provide fun for all ages. Click on the signup below so we can get a count for food and please sign up for a snack or dessert to bring. Remember we are nut free so please take every precaution with your baked goods.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044fadae28a02-rsvp>

Older kids need some service hours? Calling all 5th grade and older boys to help clean up and set up chairs for Mass from 9:00 – 9:30 after the Mother/Son event. Don't tell anyone, but we will even give you a full hour of service for volunteering!

Want to help out the local food pantry for the holidays? We will be collecting canned goods with a Thanksgiving theme at the door where you purchase your ticket. Pumpkin, potatoes, veggies, fall soups and more.

IMPORTANT DATES

November

11/4, 11/11 & 11/18, 8-10 am
Santa's Secret Workshop Gift Wrapping in the Cafeteria

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



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.



Wrapping Help Needed for Santa's Secret Workshop



Looking for a fun way to volunteer? Join us on Friday mornings from 8-10 am in the Cafeteria to wrap gifts for Santa's Secret Workshop! We've done all the shopping and provide all the materials—we just need help wrapping 5000 items!

Wrapping dates are: **October 7, 14 & 28; November 4, 11 & 18**

Any questions? Please contact Sue Hannan at susan.hannan16@gmail.com or Kim Boyle at kimb_boyle@yahoo.com.

Wet Your Whistle Wednesdays Infused Waters for the Teachers/Staff

Treat our teachers & staff with infused waters on Wednesdays during the school year. Signup to bring fruit for 2 different flavored waters. Water dispensers, chalkboard signs, chalk marker & ice will be in the staff lounge. All you have to do is bring in the prepared ingredients, fill up the water dispensers & return at the end of the day to clean up.

Signup at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aaa62f4-wetyour?1472049351761>.

For more information, email Heather Corin at heatherecorin@gmail.com.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PSO NEWS

Help Us Plan Hoops For Hunger

We're bringing back Hoops for Hunger! This popular event centers around our home basketball games against St Michael School, and raises funds and food for needy people right here in the Triangle. If you would like to help coordinate this event, please join us for a planning meeting on **Tuesday, October 18th at 2 pm** in the school cafeteria. Questions? Please email Melissa McGeehan, mcgeehan.melissa@gmail.com.



Are you crafty?

We are looking for a creative individual to design and create a special StMM Christmas ornament for the 2016 holiday season. Once the idea and a sample of the ornament is created, we will put together a team of crafters to create several dozen ornaments, which will be given to StMM staff members as Christmas gifts. If you think you can help, please contact Laura Tomczak, lrtomczak@gmail.com.

Our teachers rock!

We surprised the teachers with “You Rock” balloons and \$50 gift cards (1 per classroom!) to Teachers Pay Teachers to help them set up their classrooms this year. This would not have been possible without everyone’s fundraising efforts with last year’s Walk-a-thon. Thank you! Our fundraising Gala this year will help us to continue these types of gifts for the teachers that directly benefit the students and will enable us to surprise them every once in a while to let them know how much we appreciate all they do!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2nd annual Mom’s Night Out Wine Tasting. And thank you to Kelli Leonard for organizing this fun event. It was great meeting new people and catching up with old friends!

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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