

PSO NEWSLETTER



Yes, Yes, Yes We Do! We've Got Spirit! How 'Bout You?

Athletics and the school spirit that accompanies them are such an important and lasting part of the school community. That is why I am so happy to share that the Monarch Athletic Boosters is up and running once again! Thanks to the hard work and organization of new Monarch mom, Melissa McGeehan, Boosters has been revived. Check it out!

Spirit Days & Spirit Wear

Our children will enjoy a monthly spirit day on the last Friday of each month. Kids can wear their StMM spirit wear, StMM athletic team shirts, Parish Athletics shirts, even Monarchs in Motion race shirts along with their regular uniform bottoms. Don't have a spirit shirt? No problem! We have a few Spirit Wear sales coming up soon.

Bake Sales

To make spirit days even more fun, Athletic Boosters will be sponsoring 3 bake sales this year, one for each sports season. The first will be held Friday, October 28th for the fall sports season. Parents with children playing a sport that season will be invited to show off their baking skills by donating yummy cookies, muffins & cupcakes to sell at the bake sale.

Black Out Game – September 15th

So what is a black out? The idea is for everyone to come out to the games and, united in school spirit, dress in black. The first Black Out will be held for the soccer and volleyball games vs. St. Michael's on Thursday, September 15th. Students can wear a black shirt to school that day in anticipation of the games at 4:15pm. Please, come on out, dress in black and bring a couple of extra bucks because the Mr. Softee ice cream truck will be in the parking lot between 4:00-5:00pm. Another Black Out will be during basketball season! Also on the radar is bringing back the Hoops for Hunger basketball game and planning a high-energy pep rally to send our teams off to the Shamrock Basketball Tournament in February. If all this talk is inspiring you to get up and cheer, maybe you'll consider joining the Athletic Boosters. Contact Melissa at mcgeehan.melissa@gmail.com. GO MONARCHS!

IMPORTANT DATES

September

9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 8:15 am

PSO Gala meeting, Adult Room

9/9, 9/16 & 9/23, 8-10 am

Santa's Secret Workshop Gift Wrapping in the Cafeteria

9/12, 8:00am

Mother/Son Event Mtg., Adult Room

9/13, 8:00 am

PSO General Meeting, Adult Room

9/14, 1:00 pm

Room Parent Meeting, Adult Room

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-Laura Tomczak, PSO President

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Fall Gala Volunteer Meeting Every Friday, 8:15 am

We're hosting an open meetings for volunteers interested in assisting with our Fall Gala "A Taste of Salem Street". Join us in the Adult Room after drop-off on Fridays to learn more and to share your ideas. Volunteers are needed for the decorating committee, raffles & auctions, sponsorships, and more. If you're unable to attend the meeting, but would like to help, please email Kelli Leonard at kellileonard1976@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: **September 2, 9, 16 & 23; 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.

Mother/Son Event Planning Meeting Monday, September 12th, 8:00 am

Our annual Mother/Son event is scheduled for October 14th from 6-9 pm in the StMM Gym! This event is for K-5th grade students, and boys are more than welcome to come with their mom, grandma, aunt, family friend, etc. If you are interested in helping with this event, please join us on Monday, September 12th from 8-9 am in the Adult Room (StMM Activity Building). If you have any questions or are unable to attend the meeting but would still love to help, please email Beth Klatt at bklatt@nextaff.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

September

9/15

Blackout Game

9/21

"Why Cook Wednesday"

9/29, 6:30-9:30 pm

Moms' Night Out Wine Tasting at Apex Fine Wine

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

10/26

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

11/12, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

PSO General Meetings

Tuesday, September 13th at 8:00 am, Adult Room

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

Join us for our first open PSO meeting of the school year. Meet the PSO officers and learn about ways you can get involved with the PSO's many committees and events this year. Evenings are better? Come to our October meeting at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.



Attention Room Parents

There will be a Room Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 1:00 pm in the Adult Meeting Room. If you have not yet received an online invitation to this event, please contact Carolee Ramoin, Room Parent Coordinator 2016-2017, at cramoin@aol.com. Room Parent binders will be distributed at the meeting unless arrangements are made for early pick up.

"Why Cook Wednesday" Wednesday, September 21st

We are trying something new with a "Why Cook Wednesday". We are partnering this month with Donovan's Dish (a local Apex business). They are providing fresh menu items to be delivered to StMM for you to pick up on **Wednesday, September 21st** at 3pm (aftercare folks—we'll have a cooler in the cafeteria). Simply print the order form from StMM's PSO website in the "Forms" column, choose your meal(s) and include a check made payable to Donovan's Dish. <http://www.stmm.net/school/parent-school-organization/>



Donovan's Dish will be donating 5% of each order back to StMM. Place your order form in the box in the office. **All orders must be in by 3pm on Friday, September 16th**. Contact Kelli Leonard with any questions, kellileonard1976@gmail.com.



Save The Date
Mom's Night Out Wine Tasting
at Apex Fine Wine
Thursday, September 29th
6:30-9:30 pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & CULTURAL ARTS



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. These can be as simple as lemon or cucumber water, or get creative & come up with your choice of fun combinations. 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. (If you are a half day preschool parent or your child(ren) attend after-care, please make a note on the signup & we'll find someone to clean up for you.)

Signup at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44aaa62f4-wetyour?1472049351761>. For more information, email Heather Corin at heatherecorin@gmail.com.

Art by Me



In a few weeks, the art teachers will start a fun activity in art K-5th grade classes. The kids will be designing their own artwork, and these pictures can be transposed onto a variety of keepsakes. See the following link for some fun ideas that would be perfect to order for grandparents, parents, etc. The items will arrive the week before we leave for Christmas break. The kids will enjoy making something special for their friends and relatives. Proceeds will benefit the PSO Cultural Arts program.

<http://www.artbyme.com/ProductGallery/tabid/89/Default.aspx>

Volunteers Needed!

Staff Appreciation Soup & Salad Luncheon—October 26th

Amy Griffin is busy planning the Staff Appreciation Soup & Salad Luncheon for October 26th. She needs volunteers to make soups, prepare salads and other goodies, and to assist with setup, serving & cleanup. This event is a staff favorite! If you can help Amy, please email her at amywgriffin@gmail.com. A Signup Genius will be ready soon.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & SPIRIT WEAR

Adopt A Highway



We had a successful clean-up on Sunday, August 28th. Our hardworking clean-up crew included Emma and Daryle Steffens, Paula Weigel, Angie Guglielmo (also our photographer), John Bringham, Beth Klatt, Sean Vulcan, Ken Banaszak, Amanda and Anna Laborde. Our next clean-up will be on Sunday, November 13th. If anyone is interested in volunteering for our upcoming clean-ups please e-mail Amanda Laborde at amandalaborde@yahoo.com. The time commitment is minimal with only 4 cleanups a year that last about 1-2 hours.

In Remembrance of 9/11

We would like to thank Magi Wilson and the students who honored the firefighters at Apex Station #3 in remembrance of 9/11 with a signed banner and goodies.

"As we remember September 11, 2001... To the Apex Fire Department, Station #3, 'Thank you for your service & protection.' *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalms 147:3*"



SPIRIT WEAR



Spirit Wear Store
Open before and after school
on 9/13, 14 & 15 leading up to
the **BLACKOUT GAME**
and
9/27, 28 & 29 leading up to
Spirit Wear Day

New Styles & Sizes are in!
Limited quantity of BLACKOUT tees!

Children's tees are \$12
Adult's tees are \$15

Check out the display case in the lobby.

Does your committee have an announcement you'd like featured in the next newsletter? Email Heather Corin at heatherecorin@gmail.com with your newsletter additions.

Save THE Date



STMM FALL FUNDRAISING GALA
"A TASTE OF SALEM STREET"

November 12, 2016
7-11 pm

HALLE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
DOWNTOWN APEX

appetizers *AND* desserts
from Salem Street restaurants

LIVE MUSIC

silent and live auction

