

PSO NEWSLETTER

September 17, 2017

It's no secret that our PSO runs on people power! We rely heavily on the volunteer efforts of our StMM community to make things happen. At the start of each academic year, after a break from the routine of school, everyone seems to be re-energized and ready to help. Many of you have reached out and offered up your time and your talent. Thank you, thank you!

To those of you who are wondering what volunteer opportunities are out there, I just wanted to take a moment to point you in the right direction. This newsletter, along with the PSO website, is a great resource for volunteer opportunities. We tend to use sign-up genius a lot and very often links to volunteer sign ups are printed right in this publication and on our website. Turn the page and you should see a few already! Volunteers are often needed to help coordinate and staff PSO events or projects. For those of you who can't always be on site, there are plenty of opportunities to contribute from home like baking cookies for the Teacher's Cookie Exchange in December or helping to write out raffle tickets for our walkathon. Have fidgety little ones at home? Come wrap Christmas gifts in the cafeteria on Tuesday or Wednesday and bring your little helpers along! There's plenty of space for them to play. If you have any questions about volunteering with PSO, please contact Beth Klatt our service coordinator, bklatt@nextaff.com. She's happy to help!

There is one special volunteer position that we are hoping to fill sooner rather than later this year and that is the position of PSO President-Elect. Many people have told me, "I can't do what you do", but that's the beauty of it, you don't have to! You can be the kind of PSO leader you want to be. If you like the way we are currently doing something, keep it. If you know a better way, adopt it! It's essential that volunteer run organizations like our PSO have new leaders, with new ideas. It keeps things fresh and moving and exciting for the school community as a whole. I'd also like to dispel the rumor that you need to know all about PSO going into this role. When I became President, I had a general knowledge of the organization, but the ins and outs, I picked those up along the way! The person who takes on the role of President-Elect this year can work with our current board and learn everything needed to move forward as President next year. Everything from how events are structured, to the budget, to the code to the copy machine! After this school year, I will "retire" from my role and become more of a "worker bee" around campus. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity for leadership within the PSO. PSO has done some wonderful things over the years. It would be a shame to lose that momentum.

Sincerely,

Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

September

9/15 walk-a-thon meeting
9/20 PSO general meeting 8am
9/21 Eat Out Night BJ's Brew house
9/25 Parent Wine Night
9/29 Spirit Wear and Bake Sale
10/1 FB Club Soccer Game
10/13 PSO Ice Cream Sale
10/13 Teacher Fall Soup and Salad luncheon

Did You Know??????

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Facebook and Twitter?*

*Like our page
STMMPSOEVENTS*

*Follow us on Twitter
@StmmPsoEvents*



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have your kids missed Ice Cream as much as ours?

Our First Ice Cream Sale was a Huge success and the kids were so excited to have a sweet treat at lunch again. Don't miss the next one. October 13th

Would you love to be one of the hero's that sells Ice Cream at Lunch? sign up below

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084eaca922a46-psoice>

Would you love to Volunteer but can't make it to meetings at school. This one is for you. Did you know that most of the work for the walk-a-thon can be done while sitting on your couch in the evening. This is the PSO's largest Fundraiser of the year and the kids LOVE it!

Next meeting Sept 15th 2pm!

If you would like more information contact

Laura Aiken lauramaiken@yahoo.com



WE NEED WRAPPERS!

Santa's Secret Workshop is such a great even to teach the children about giving to others. There are thousands of items that need to be wrapped to make this event happen. This is a great opportunity to meet others if you are new to STMM or would just love a morning to sit, wrap and chat. Join us in the cafeteria every Tuesday and Wednesday morning 8:00-10:30 or as long as you can come. Sept 5th-November 1st

Never Forget 9/11/17

Thank You to Magi Wilson for a beautiful tribute to September 11th!



sometimes Thank You just doesn't seem like enough!



Our "little" lemonade stand to raise money for victims of Hurricane Harvey raise over **\$700**. We are so amazed by your kindness and generosity

Likewise the Hurricane Relief Drive for our sister school in Humble TX is still going strong, Thank You to all those who have donated to their Preschool and raised over \$6500 already. The lobby and stairwell are filled with your generosity and love!



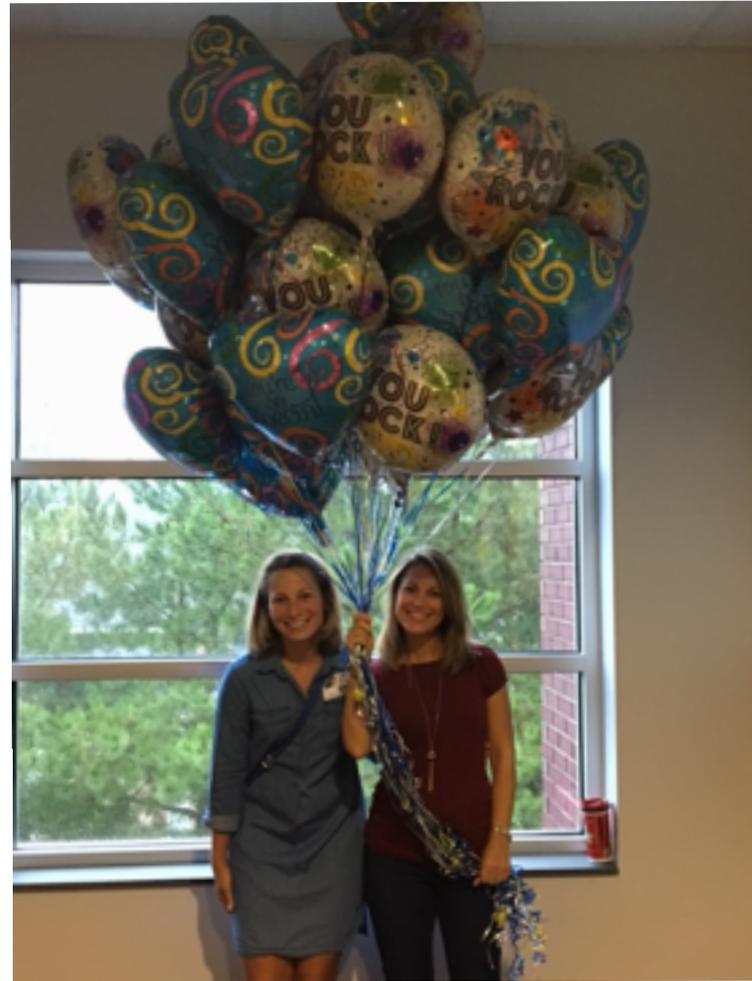
STMM had their first Adopt a Highway clean up of the school year on September 10th. We'd like to thank all the families that volunteered:

Kaelyn (6th) And Lauren Sapikowski - NEW STMM FAMILY
Carter (6th) and Pam Gauldin - NEW STMM FAMILY
Joshua (6th), Tatiana and Juliano Serna - NEW STMM FAMILY
Chet (7th) and Eleni Allen

Thank you for sharing you time and for helping to keep the road in front of our school clean. Way to show your Monarch pride! Earn service hours, join us on our next clean up on November 12th.

Tuesday morning the PSO passed out balloons and a back to school gift of \$50 per classroom to help the teachers get set up for the new year!

We Love Our STMM Staff!



PSO Wine Night

Please join us for a night out at Peak of the Vine in downtown Apex! Drop in anytime between 6:30-9:30pm. \$5 glasses of wine just for StMM!

New families, we would especially love for you to come! This is a great place to meet new friends, socialize and ask questions that have come up since the start of the year!

Please RSVP! (just so we can get a count for snacks) <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ea-ca922a46-psowine>

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING ACTIVITIES COMING SOON!

Eat Out September 21st Bring the Flyer below to BJ's Brewhouse and 20% will be donated back to STMM!



Join us for
..... a delicious way to
RAISE MONEY!

Date: September 21, 2017 - Thursday

Time: 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM

At this BJ's location: 5707 Dillard's Dr.
Cary, NC 27511
919-710-8170

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

St. Mary Magdalene

With each flyer presented during this **FUNDRAISING EVENT**, BJ's will donate **20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES** to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid towards alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials.
Please do not distribute flyers on-site during the event. Flyers must be printed and presented to the server.



BJ's Favorite Deep Dish Pizza



Crispy Fried Artichokes



Crispy Jalapeño Burger



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**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
SPIRIT NIGHT**

NORTH CAROLINA FC vs INDY ELEVEN

4:00 PM | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
SAHLEN'S STADIUM AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK

\$2 FROM EACH TICKET PURCHASED WILL
BE DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

JILL DUFFNER | JILL@NORTHCAROLINAF.COM | 919.439.7882

They will be holding a pre-game clinic for our students from 1:30-2:30. click link below to purchase tickets:

<http://www.etix.com/ticket/c/2B1E1337599C5CF4FEEFD-F07117FAAC1/stmary-magdalene-spirit-night>

Babysitter List Fizzled

Last year, PSO attempted to put together a directory of babysitters for StMM parents. Unfortunately, we had very little response so we were never able to pull together a list. But that doesn't mean there aren't babysitters in our school community available! PSO encourages you to check with StMM teachers and staff. Many of them have high school and college aged children who enjoy babysitting and would be happy to watch your little ones!