

PSO NEWSLETTER



Dear Monarch Families,

Welcome to what promises to be a bright and exciting school year at St Mary Magdalene! My name is Laura Tomczak and I am honored to serve as your PSO President this year. Working with me is a very dedicated and talented group of StMM moms who complete the PSO board: Kim Boyle, Heather Corin, Beth Klatt and Kelli Leonard. Together we are working hard to make this year a successful one. We've spent a lot of time this summer planning events for our families to enjoy and brainstorming ways we can aid our wonderful teachers and staff while showing our appreciation to them as well. As we pencil in dates for some of our favorite events like Santa's Secret Workshop, the Father/daughter Dance and the Spring Festival, we are also hoping to offer some other fun and unique opportunities for families this year. Be sure to watch your email and check the school's website and RenWeb so you are always in the know and don't miss out!

Perhaps the biggest event this year is our signature Gala event, "A Taste of Salem Street", which will be held on Saturday, November 12th at the Halle Cultural Arts Center in historic downtown Apex.

Along with a sampling of foods from Salem Street restaurants, there will be dancing music, basket raffles and an entertaining live auction. Be sure to mark your calendars and book your babysitters now, as this will be a night you won't want to miss!

Lastly, as this new year begins, so many of you have reached out asking, "how can I help?". The answer is, in so many ways! PSO is currently looking for a committed individual to chair the Staff Appreciation Committee and the Middle School Dance. If a chair position is not for you, consider helping out with the Gala, volunteering at the upcoming Mother/Son Event, wrapping gifts on Fridays for Santa's Secret Workshop or signing up for Wet Your Whistle Wednesdays. And don't forget, many teachers have volunteer needs in their classrooms and the cafeteria would love extra hands serving lunches. Many of these opportunities are available for sign up through an email to your inbox so make sure you click on those links and see what the needs are. And as always, please feel free to email me anytime with questions, concerns or offers to help at Lrtomczak@gmail.com.

Have a blessed school year, Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

August

8/28, 4:00 pm

Adopt A Highway Cleanup

September

9/2, 8:15 am

PSO Gala meeting, Adult Room

9/2, 9/9, 9/16 & 9/23, 8-10 am

Santa's Secret Workshop Gift Wrapping in the Cafeteria

9/13, 8:00 am

PSO General Meeting, Adult Room

9/14, 1:30 pm

Room Parent Meeting, Adult Room

9/21

"Why Cook Wednesday"

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

Moms' Night Out Wine Tasting at Apex Fine Wine

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Adopt-A-Highway

Parents, help your school community and keep Apex BBQ Road clean & beautiful! Please join us in our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway clean up.

Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 pm

Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age, and all minors must be accompanied by an adult. It is a great way for students to earn service hours.

Email Amanda Laborde with any questions and for more details: amanda@laborde.net

Mark your calendars—the other clean-up dates will be on 11/13/16, 2/12/17 & 5/21/17.

Fall Gala Volunteer Meeting

Friday, September 2nd, 8:15 am

We're hosting an open meeting for volunteers interested in assisting with our Fall Gala "A Taste of Salem Street". Join us in the Adult Room after drop-off on Friday, September 2nd 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.

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

10/26

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 1:30 pm in the Adult Meeting Room of the Activity Building. All room parent binders will be distributed at the meeting. If you are serving this year, please advise the Room Parent Coordinator, Carolee Ramoin, at cramoin@aol.com, and feel free to contact her with any questions.

"Why Cook Wednesday"

Wednesday, September 21st

We're teaming up with Donovan's Dish to offer meal pickup on Wednesday, September 21st. Meals will be available for pickup after school as well as at after-care and will be ready to heat & serve that night. Look for more information and an order form in the coming weeks. Contact Kelli Leonard for more information at 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



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.

Re-Link your VIC Card

Login to your Harris Teeter account to re-link your VIC Card for this year at http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx.

StMM's TIE Code is 3915. Our school will earn money every time you shop at Harris Teeter.

Volunteers Needed!

Middle School Halloween Dance—October

Middle School Parents—We're looking for parents to plan & host the Middle School Halloween Dance in October. (Potential dates have been reserved.) Who can make this a fun night for the students? Contact Kelli Leonard at kellileonard1976@gmail.com if you're able to chair or help out with the dance.

Mother/Son Event—October 14th

PreK-5th Grade Parents—We're looking for a chairperson for the Mother/Son Event on October 14th. We have a few moms who can help you plan, we just need someone to take the reins on this event. The DJ & photo boot are already booked! Contact Kelli Leonard at kellileonard1976@gmail.com for more info.

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.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH & MEET THE PSO BOARD

August Volunteer of the Month Jennifer Lorms & Denise Scollo

The PSO Executive Board would like to express our appreciation to Jennifer Lorms and Denise Scollo for all of their hard work with the used uniform store! It is such a HUGE benefit to all the families at StMM, and without their time and dedication, we know that it would not be as successful as it is.

In honor of their hard work, they have been selected as the August Volunteers of the Month! Jennifer & Denise will each receive a \$25 Target gift card as a “thank you” for all they do. Thanks again, Jennifer & Denise, for everything – we all really appreciate it!

2016-17 PSO Board



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We're looking forward to another great year!

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

