

# PSO NEWSLETTER

February 9, 2018

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! This week is dedicated to showing our StMM teachers and staff just how special we think they are.

Officially and nationally, the week of May 6 is designated for Teacher Appreciation, but at StMM we choose to celebrate it a bit earlier. There are several reasons why. One reason is that February is a bit more relaxed and not crowded with school events, so it allows us time to really concentrate on the occasion. Another reason is that we like to have Teacher Appreciation before the season of Lent, a time of sacrifice and reflection for our school community. Lastly, let's face it, by the time the "official" week rolls around in May, we are all looking towards the end of the year and it becomes more difficult to give our staff the proper attention they deserve.

Before this school year even started, the staff appreciation committee was hard at work planning to make this week a special one. Aiming to have a special activity, treat or event each day, they came up with this week's schedule:

**Monday:** Subs and Subs Luncheon. All the staff was able to enjoy a sub and salad luncheon while a "sub" covered classrooms for an hour.

**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday. Everyone received raffle tickets to take a chance at winning 1 of 6 awesome, themed gift baskets.

**Wednesday:** Wish List Wednesday. To give students a chance to present their teachers with a little gift, teachers were asked to come up with a "wish list" of items for their classrooms, which were then shared with parents. So fun to see kids presenting their teachers with everything from tissues to post it notes to potting soil!

**Thursday:** Baked Potato Bar. Overhearing a faculty member talk about how much they enjoyed a baked potato food truck, the idea for a baked potato bar was born! Today, staff will feast on huge baked potatoes that they can load up with a variety of fixings!

**Friday:** Flapjack Friday. A great breakfast makes for a great day! Teacher Appreciation Week will come to an end Friday with a pancake and sausage breakfast. And pancakes just aren't complete without fun toppings like fruit, chocolate chips and whipped cream!

This is the itinerary that the PSO has put together for Teacher Appreciation Week. But let's not forget that you can do whatever you'd like, whenever you'd like to honor our teachers! These special men and women spend lots of time with our children. They not only teach them, they care for them, inspire them, encourage them. During a regular school day, they probably spend just as many waking hours with our kids as we do. Thank-yous are so important, in any form, at any time!

Thank you, StMM teachers and staff! You are appreciated more than you'll ever know!

With Thanks and Gratitude,

Laura

## IMPORTANT DATES

2/10  
Sweetheart Dance

2/11  
Adopt a Highway

2/12  
Visiting artist Tony Peacock

2/12-2/16  
Used uniform sale  
buy 1 get 2 FREE

3/2  
PSO Ice Cream Sale

3/4  
Adopt-a-Highway

3/6  
Chipotle Night



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Wow!

Hoops for Hunger raised \$2,170 and 555 pounds of canned food that will be donated to Western Wake Crisis Ministry. Thank You so much for supporting this fun event



**Used uniform sale, 2/12-2/16.  
All items buy 1 get 2 free!**

Our Next PSO Ice Cream sale will be March 2nd! Everything is \$1

Cultural Arts is excited to co-sponsor with United Arts to bring back

### **Mr. Tony Peacock**

from Feb 12-16. Tony's five-day residency program occurs every year with our third and fourth graders. Each class motivates students to think about and experience the power of self-expression through the written word. His teaching emphasizes a writing process that builds self-esteem in students and promotes the sharing of stories.

On Feb 7th, our 5th and 6th grade band students will be treated to a music workshop from Mr. Markoch. Mr. Markoch is the band director for Athens Drive High School (as well as Mrs. Markoch's husband).



### **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, March 4**

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. See sign up below

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b48a8a8292-adoptahighway1>

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Mary Magdalene. Come in to the Chipotle at **1081 Pine Plaza Dr** in Apex on **Tuesday, March 6th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Mary Magdalene.



MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Thank You to everyone who volunteered to help Sub while the teachers enjoyed their first day of teacher appreciation week eating lunch together. It was such a treat and we were so excited to get to offer this to them with your help. They loved it!

Tuesday was Ticket Tuesday each teacher received 3 tickets to enter into a raffle to win baskets.

And the Winners are.....

Ms. Brightsmith-the Movie basket  
Mrs Stys-the Car Wash basket  
Mrs Carter-the Wine and Dine basket  
Ms Lang-the Escape Room basket  
Mrs. Bennett-the Coffee basket  
and Mrs McElroy-the Spa basket



Congratulations Teachers we hope you enjoy your fun prizes!

**Amazing chairs made for  
Mrs. Gunter and Ms George**



Thank You parents for sending wish list items in for Wish List Wednesday

Today PSO will be providing a baked potato bar for the teachers lunch



Friday is Flap Jack Friday we could still use some extra flippers and electric griddles if you have the free time.

Dear Sweetheart Dance Attendees,

We have been simply overjoyed by the number of responses to our annual 2018 STMM Sweetheart Dance! With the dance now only days away, we are feverishly working hard on all the final details to make this a very special and deliciously sweet night for everyone!

As you all know our St. Mary Magdalene community is blessed with so many wonderful families, and together we are always looking for ways to give back - not only to our community, but also to those near and far. With that in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to host a "Share the Love" sweets donation for our troops overseas at this year's dance.

We are asking those who would like to participate (please remember this is encouraged, but 100% optional) to bring in any peanut free, non-chocolate candy as a donation to gift to our troops. Our annual Sweetheart Dance craft will also be geared toward creating thank you cards for our troops to send along with our sweet treats.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday night!

~PSO Sweetheart Dance Committee



# THE PSO NEEDS YOU!



The PSO has several board positions open for the 2018-2019 school year and we need **YOU!** The PSO is run by parent volunteers; if we don't have parent involvement we don't have a PSO. Is it work? Yes, but fun work! PSO is a great way to meet parents, be involved in the school community and build relationships with teachers and staff with the added bonus of getting to see your child interacting in day to day activities. The positions of PSO President, Social Coordinator, Treasurer, Service Coordinator and Recording Secretary are open for next year. Our board meetings are very casual and flexible, morning or evening whatever works for the group. We would love to talk to you about what all we do and if it's a fit for you.

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