
PSO NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2018

School days and fundraising seem to go hand in hand, don't they? As an elementary school student I remember peddling candy bars, wrapping paper and magazines. Every October, our parish held a fall festival and every Lent there were Friday fish dinners. For me those experiences are not just good memories, but they were good lessons in business, confidence and service.

The tradition of fundraising continues today! At StMM we follow a model of "major" fundraisers. Instead of a bunch of little fundraisers, we focus our efforts on 2 major fundraiser - Walkathon and Gala - and they alternate years. This year we celebrated a successful Walkathon, an event for our children. Next school year is a Gala year, an occasion for our parents to enjoy.

Last year's successful Gala and this year's successful Walkathon brought in over \$30,000 each. Wow! Kudos to our students and parents for contributing to that success! So, what happens to that money? I'm going to tell you!

For several years now PSO has used proceeds from our fundraisers to fund teacher grants. This process allows StMM staff to apply for money for equipment, tools, supplies, subscription, etc. that they would like for their classes. Reading through grant applications is always fun and interesting. The requests teachers make show just how much thought and effort they put into their lessons and how seriously they take roles as teachers. We receive applications from everything from gardening expenses, to technological equipment to new books and musical instruments. The spectrum is varied far and wide and together they manage to touch each and every student at StMM. This year's grants have just been finalized and awarded. You can find a list of these grants on the next page of this newsletter. Congratulations to our recipients!

After teacher grants, the PSO tries to identify other needs within the school that will benefit the student body at large. Recall last year, we replaced fencing around our playground and fenced in the patio area outside our cafeteria. We also installed water bottle fillers on water fountains in both the school and activity buildings. This year we used the remainder of our Walkathon proceeds to purchase another technology cart for the school. The mobile cart will house 30 new chrome books for student use. This new cart, in combination with another new cart purchased by administration, will triple the number of chrome books at StMM.

There are always needs and wants within school communities, therefore, fundraising continues on and on. We at St Mary Magdalene are so very blessed to have a supportive community of parents, family and friends who support our efforts. Thank you for investing in our children and their futures!

Gratefully,
Laura

IMPORTANT DATES

3/2
PSO Ice Cream Sale

3/4
Adopt-a-Highway

3/6
Chipotle Night



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Awarded Teacher Grants

Wiegmann/Madsen - Classroom Building Sets
Cade/Loeschorn - Follett Library System and Ebooks
Carter/Bennett - Picnic Table
Weigmann - Classroom Ipad
Almond - Classroom Novels
Curliss - Conflict Management DVD Set
Groelle - Classroom Calculators
Lang - Biblical Garden
Chanelli - Pollinator Garden
Chanelli - Earth Day Gardening
Salamido - Classroom Bibles
Rizzi - Band Equipment
Agnew - Classroom Blocks and Architecture Set
Dailey/Moore - Playground Equipment
Rosko - Piano Keyboard
Cade - Junior Library Guild
Wilson - Science Labs
Ferri - Spanish Bilingual Classroom Books
Binnay - French Elective Laptop

Collectively the PSO was able to grant \$10,000 in money to our teachers to benefit the school, classrooms, teachers and ultimately your children!

Thank You for your generosity and support.

This Friday is PSO Ice Cream Sale!
Don't forget your dollar for a sweet treat at lunch!



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.

The Apex Chamber of Commerce Sponsored a luncheon for all the Apex Teacher and Assistant Teacher of the Year.



Congratulations

*Mrs. Bonnie Agnew Teacher of the Year &
Mrs. Lori Ozaki Teacher Assistant of the Year!
Second Grade is so blessed to have you and so are
we!*