



In the Know

NEWS & NOTES FROM YOUR PSO

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St. Mary Magdalene PSO

Our PSO President, John Patterson

Dear StMM Parents,

It is hard to believe this is the last newsletter of 2011! As we wrapped up the Walk-A-Thon, we rolled right into our holiday events. Santa's Village Christmas Bazaar was an exciting day of shopping and entertainment. Along with over 40 vendors, your PSO offered Christmas trees, ornaments, and a Santa's Secret Workshop. We also coordinated our participation in the Apex Christmas Parade. It was a great occasion to share our Christmas spirit with our community. This week, the students are shopping at Secret Santa's Workshop. It is one of their favorite events and provides a fun opportunity for them to shop on their own. Finally, the staff was treated to a festive Christmas luncheon. I would like to extend a

special thanks to Stephanie O'Rourke, Sheila Miller, Adam Smith, Regina Gray, April Michaels, Heather Dapolite, Kim DeGeorge, and Michelle Yates for leading these events!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered and supported PSO activities throughout the year. Without you, these activities would not be possible. Thanks for all you do!

I hope you all will enjoy this special time of year with your family and friends. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year!

Until next time,
John

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Guest Speaker at General PSO Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7 pm in the Media Center

Learn how to choose your battles!

To start off the new year, the PSO presents guest speaker, Luisana Bethencourt, family coach and Director of Families to Families, on January 10, 2012 at 7 pm in the media center. We invite all StMM families and staff to attend!

Mrs. Bethencourt will provide a comprehensive summary of principles on how to educate our kids in an effective way. One of the principles is that of the sensitive periods, which is based on the idea that children learn certain things easier in some stages of development than in others. So, why use our energy on lessons that are not right for our child's developmental stage? Let's learn which battles are worth picking by age! Refreshments will be provided.



Thank You!



Adopt-A-Highway

The Community Relations Committee would like to express our gratitude to William, Madelyn and Mason Cotton, Laura and Tyler Conrad, Rob and Sam Prewitt, Wolfgang Schraml, Daryle, Zach and Megan Steffens, and Andrew and Alex Stotka - our December Adopt-A-Highway volunteers - for their important contribution of time and energy. Thank you SO MUCH! Our next highway cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th, at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping keep the roadside beautiful near our church and school, please contact Annette Hollis at dhollis@nc.rr.com to volunteer.



Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

The StMM Christmas Tree Sale was a huge success! We had our best year yet! Thank you to everyone who supported the sale. With your support and generosity, StMM raised over \$2,250!

We would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that helped make the sale such a success. It was nice to see past volunteers and some new faces. It was a pleasure to work with each one of you. We hope that you will come out and volunteer again next year.



Thanks again,

Adam Smith and Bob Annunziata



School Store News

Just in...a new shipment of Pink and Blue StMM Spirit Shirts have arrived just in time for Christmas! We also have a wide variety of men's and women's shirts, aluminum water bottles, magnets, and StMM string bags. Please contact Heather Dapolite at hcdapolite@aol.com with any questions.



December School Store Hours:

Monday 2:35 - 3:10 pm

Tuesday 2:35 - 3:10 pm

Wednesday 7:35 - 8:10 am

Thursday 2:35 - 3:10 pm

StMM PSO 2011 Ornament Sale

Thanks to all who purchased an angel at Santa's Village Christmas Bazaar! This year's ornament comes in three poses, each with a monarch butterfly, and a hand painted organza gift pouch. They make wonderful gifts and keepsakes to commemorate StMM's Christmas season. Limited quantities are now available for purchase at the School Store. Please stop by during special December hours (see below).



STMM PSO 2011 ORNAMENT SALE

\$8.00 each



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December hours!**

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Thur 2:35 – 3:10 pm

or

email requests to Teresa Patterson, tdp47530@gmail.com



Merry Christmas & Thank you for your support !!!

Volunteer of the Month

The PSO would like to congratulate Jodi Kleiber as our December Volunteer of the Month! Jodi worked tirelessly to help create and organize our 2011 Walk-A-Thon. This event raised over \$20,000 for St. Mary Magdalene and helped to promote healthy living with our students. It was a WONDERFUL event and Jodi helped to make it all happen. Jodi has also been a very active volunteer throughout her years at StMM. She was very instrumental helping to raise donations for last year's Gala.

Jodi and her husband, Jeff, have a daughter, Julia, in 5th grade and a son, Jack, in 3rd grade at St. Mary Magdalene.

As our December Volunteer of the Month, Jodi is enjoying the use of the reserved parking spot.

Nominations for the February Volunteer of the Month must be submitted by Tuesday, February 7. Nomination forms and a submission box can be found in the school office. Previously submitted nominations will re-submitted for the consideration.



*Jodi Kleiber
December PSO Volunteer of the Month*



Chess Club

Chess Club will meet on the **following Fridays** in 2011-2012:

December 16	March 2
January 6	March 3 – Tentative Chess
January 20	Tournament
February 3	March 9 – Tentative Chess
February 24	Party

Please contact Jenny Kosnik at jensk@nc.rr.com or at 363-7143 if you have any questions.

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Just in time for the holidays, StMM's PSO is excited to announce a FUNdraising program with Five Below! Whenever you shop at Apex's Five Below, ask the cashier to apply your purchase towards StMM's FUNdraiser. It's that easy! We will receive 10% of all StMM sales from November 21, 2011 through June 3, 2012. Spread the word to family and friends; their purchases will count too. Please contact Teresa Patterson, tdp47530@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Thank you!



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from your PSO!
Thank you for all you do!*

Apex Christmas Parade

St. Mary Magdalene participated in the annual Apex Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd. This was a wonderful, festive time for us to join with the community of Apex and celebrate the beauty of Christmas! The proceeds from this event will go to benefit the Western Wake Crisis Ministry.

Our students did a great job representing St. Mary Magdalene and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas! Many thanks to Mrs. Beth Rosko for all of her help in planning this event.



Santa's Village Christmas Bazaar

The PSO hosted a fun-filled day at Santa's Village Christmas Bazaar! Over 40 vendors participated and offered guests unique items for loved ones on their holiday gift list. Our always popular Bake Sale was stocked with an amazing and delicious variety of holiday treats. Entertainment was provided throughout the day including a performance from StMM's own The Naturals. The highlight of the event was the appearance of Santa and Mrs. Claus accompanied by reindeer and elves sharing their holiday cheer. The continued success of this event is largely due to our volunteers. Thank you to all who donated their time and talents to help make this festive event happen!



A Note from the Editor....

I hope you enjoyed the fourth edition of *In the Know, News and Notes From Your PSO*. This newsletter will be distributed each month during the school year. If you have any suggestions, please contact me at stmmppo@gmail.com.
Amy Snow, Communications Coordinator



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