

APRIL 2004
PSO NEWSLETTER

News from the PSO

The year is quickly winding down and we have several important things to do before summer break. As I mentioned in March's PSO newsletter, the SAC conducted an extensive feasibility study regarding the purchase/lease of activity buses and determined that our money would be better spent negotiating a contract with a bus company for our field trips and sporting events. In light of this report, Mr. Cadran has requested that the PSO consider using the money from the New York New York fundraiser to completely outfit the new cafeteria. Both the PSO Managing Board and the SAC agree that this would be a great use of the funds. Mr. Cadran presented the final cost to the Managing Board at our meeting on April 20 at which time the Managing Board voted to present a motion to the parents for a vote at the PSO General Meeting on May 11. Our motion will be to give the school UP TO \$43,000 for the completion of the cafeteria while still leaving \$5,000 in the PSO treasury for next year. **All parents will be asked to vote on this expenditure at the General PSO meeting on May 11 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall.**

Also at the General Meeting, all parents will be asked to elect new officers for the next school year. If you are interested in running for a PSO office, please contact either Patti Sullivan at phoule@nc.rr.com or George Junginger at georgeju@airmail.net.

We have also made some changes to the PSO bylaws which the Managing Board has approved. You will be asked to approve these changes at the General Meeting.

Finally, as a thank you to all parents for a great year of volunteering at the school, supporting our teachers, and working with students, the PSO is sponsoring a Beach Party on May 11. More information will be available soon, but please save the date for now!

***STAFF APPRECIATION:**

The Staff Appreciation Committee hosted a Spring Luncheon for all the staff on Monday, April 26. The Committee along with the PSO Board will be hosting a Cocktail Party in honor of the Staff on Friday, April 30.

Thanks to all who helped with these events.

Laurie Wendt
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***VIPS**

Another huge THANK YOU to the wonderful Moms, Dads and Grandparents who volunteer their time and talents at STMM! You are amazing!

Looking ahead, VIPS is currently recruiting for next year's VIPS committee. We are seeking enthusiastic individuals who would like to play a leadership role in the school's volunteer program, helping to

ensure it remains an active and vital part of STMM. No experience is required. If you are interested in chairing VIPS or being a member of the committee, please contact Linda Labaza, VIPS chairperson, at llabaza@nc.rr.com or Andrea Taggart, PSO President, at andreataggart@bellsouth.net

*FAITH ENRICHMENT

We are celebrating Vocations on Monday, May 3rd. On this day the students will have a chance to listen to and ask questions of six guests from our diocese: Fr. Dan Oschwald and Father Alex Gonzales, Sr. Joanna Walsh and Sr. Kieran Williams, and David Myers and Brendan Buckler, two seminarians from our diocese.

We are asking all of the St. Mary Magdalene Families to pray for the men and women who have said "Yes" and chosen to follow Christ in a religious calling and also to remember to pray for those who are considering a religious vocation. As Pope John Paul said to the youth at World Youth Day, "If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze!"

Also, the May Crowning will be held on Friday, May 21. The May Crowning will take place in the Mary Rose Garden immediately following 8:15 Mass. Please come and join us in this wonderful celebration for our Blessed Mother.

We are looking for members to join us next year. No experience required! Just a love of God and a desire to help "spread the Word"! Contact Kathy Lynch or Paula Hils if you would be interested in joining Faith Enrichment.

*STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship was a new and very active PSO committee this year. Thank you to every student, teacher and family that participated in one of our Stewardship projects during the 2003 - 2004 school year. Because of you, we were able to complete the following Stewardship projects this school year:

Hurricane Isabel Food and Supplies Collection
Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentines Cards in Spanish
Singing in Sign Language at the NC School for the Deaf
Stewardship Calendar for Advent

Share a Story Book Drive
Cards/ Art for injured soldiers arriving at Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Easter Decorations for Spring Arbor
Bird Houses
Habitat for Humanity Lunch

We are currently formulating plans for Stewardship projects for the 2004-2005 school year. If you are interested in helping to organize and facilitate Stewardship projects at STMM, are interested in chairing the committee, or just want more information, please contact

Jan Boletchek, Stewardship Committee chairperson
sboletchek@hotmail.com

or
Andrea Taggart, PSO President
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***School Store**

This year's Used Uniform Sale will be held July 26th through July 31st. This year we will also be selling school supplies during the sale. Mark your calendars and watch the Parent Weekly and Tuesday folders for additional information and times. Anyone interested in helping with the sale should contact Sharon Albrecht (362-4741 or ncsalbrecht@earthlink.net).