
St. Mary Magdalene January 26, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus invites us to bring more than our physical self to Mass. The offertory part of Mass is for us to bring our very life. Everything in our life, especially the things we need help with, is to be offered to God. We are reminded of God's complete healing powers.

The family culture of our parish is for all of us to participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We need on average a donation of \$200 per family. We are grateful for all who like to be above average. Please be generous. givetobaa.org

Thank you for all your support,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

January 27 - No Confessions
 January 27 - Catholic Schools Week
 January 27 - 5pm Mass
 January 28 - 9am & 11am Mass
 January 28 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 January 28 - Youth Mass 6pm
 January 29 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 29 - 48 hr Eucharistic Adoration begins
 7pm Church
 January 29 - Eucharistic Adoration Taize Music
 7pm - 8pm
 January 30 - Eucharistic Adoration Youth Music
 Ministry 4pm - 5pm
 January 30 - Eucharistic Adoration Children's
 Choir 5pm - 6pm
 January 31 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 31 - Eucharistic Adoration Choir 6pm -
 7pm
 February 1 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 1 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 February 1 - Bible Study on Acts 6:30pm Chapel
 February 2 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 2 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am -
 7pm Church
 February 3 - 10:30am Confessions
 February 3 - 5pm Mass
 February 4 - 9am & 11am Mass
 February 4 - 11am Mass - Scout Sunday
 February 4 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 February 4 - Youth Mass 6pm

Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

New Mass Music Link Here: [New Music Link](#)

Follow this link on Google Drive and download a PDF to your phone.

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: All Are Welcome 422

Responsorial Psalm 95: If Today You Hear
God's Voice

Preparation: I Shall Not Want

Communion 1: Lord Let Your Face Shine On
Us Psalm 4

Communion 2: Be Not Afraid 439

Communion 3: Jesus I Surrender

Sending Forth: Lead Me Lord 739

Pictures of the Week



Max Wilcox, Heather Soprano, Cay Sea Clark, Bill Welsh and Jonathon Boljesic were Confirmed on January 20th



First reconciliation was held on Thursday night. Pictured here the Hughes Family.



Heather and Giancarlo Soprano's convalidation and the baptism of their daughter, Stella on January 20th

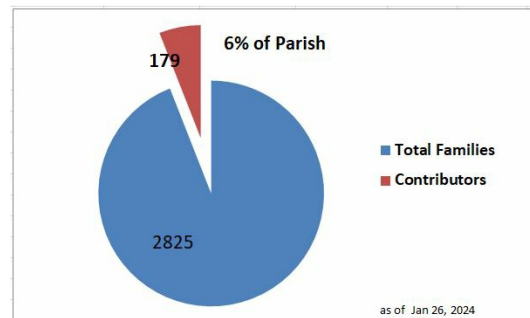
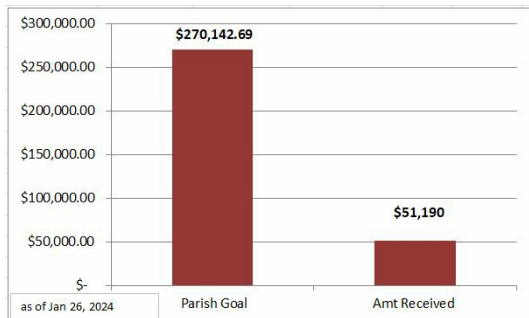


Emilee and Ryan McCollum's convalidation and the Baptism of their daughter Rose on January 20th



The Knights of Columbus celebrated five new members to their council. These men have accepted the challenge to become closer to God and serve the STMM, community, school and church. Brother Knights, welcomed them with open arms. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, you can sign up at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html> or contact Steve Fitzhenry stevefitzhenry@outlook.com.

Bishop's Annual Appeal



The link to contribute to the BAA givetobaa.org

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Karen Kovacs in loving memory of father and grandfather George Lukesh.

Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one. Click [here](#). For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

Sacraments

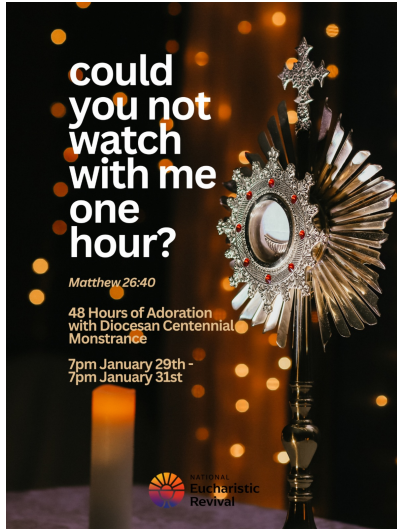


BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email sansone@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for schedule.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

48 Hours of Adoration 7pm Jan 29th - 7pm Jan 31st



The Diocesan Centennial Monstrance is traveling throughout the entire diocese and will be with us for two days. We're celebrating our diocese and our Lord in the Eucharist with 48 hours of adoration from 7 pm, January 29 to 7 pm, January 31. Everyone is invited to participate by spending time with our Lord. You may register for a specific hour, or simply show up as time allows.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA6A62FA3FCC52-47165907-stmm>

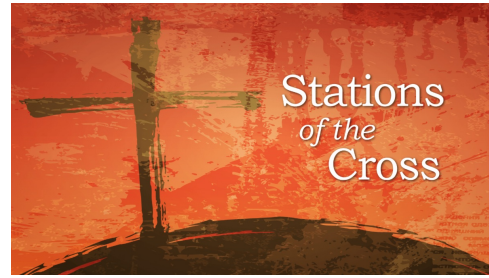
Sound Ministry - A/V Help Needed

Sound and Video System Help Urgently Needed. Ladies and Gentlemen, can you hear me now?

Do you enjoy the music at our church? At every Mass, funeral, wedding and special event, the A?V ministry works behind the scenes to balance the sound, produce the LiveStream, and drive the slides during mass. As our church is growing, and more programs are added, we have an even greater need to provide a quality experience for these events. At this time, we are very much in need of additional people (teens or adults) to help run the sound system.

Full training is provided and you will be paired up with an experienced person when starting out. This is a flexible opportunity, the commitment level is up to you - once a month or every week, depending on what your schedule allows, we can use your help. Also, for teens, this is a fantastic way to log in service hours while attending Mass, which is important for those college applications! It is also a great opportunity to learn a new skill and to help fill an important need at our church.

Stations of the Cross



Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm in the church during Lent

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with the season of Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. Praying the "Stations of the Cross" has been one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics. Through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, it is often performed in a spirit of spiritual pilgrimage.

Power and Purpose Conference



Come and experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Adult Conference** on **June 14-16**. Allow Him to reveal the purpose of your life: to live in true freedom and joy of the Spirit. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of disciples like you. This weekend-long, Catholic conference is held on the beautiful campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville in eastern Ohio. You can arrange your own transportation or travel with us via coach bus. Reserve your spot on the [coach bus here](#).

This year's ministry team includes:

- Pete Burak
- Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR
- Bishop Joseph Espallat II
- Jackie Angel
- John Beaulieu
- Paco Gavilides
- Nathan Crankfield

Please prayerfully helping out. Contact stmm_soundministry@gmail.com for more information.

This is our parish's fourth annual trip to the conference. It is INCREDIBLE and we want to experience it with you this summer! Register for the conference and learn more at steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc. Be sure to enter our group code **24LWERNER**. Registration opens Jan. 29th!

Questions? Contact Joe or Laura Werner at wernerjoe@aol.com or wernerLhome@gmail.com.

Catholic Schools Week



Thank You

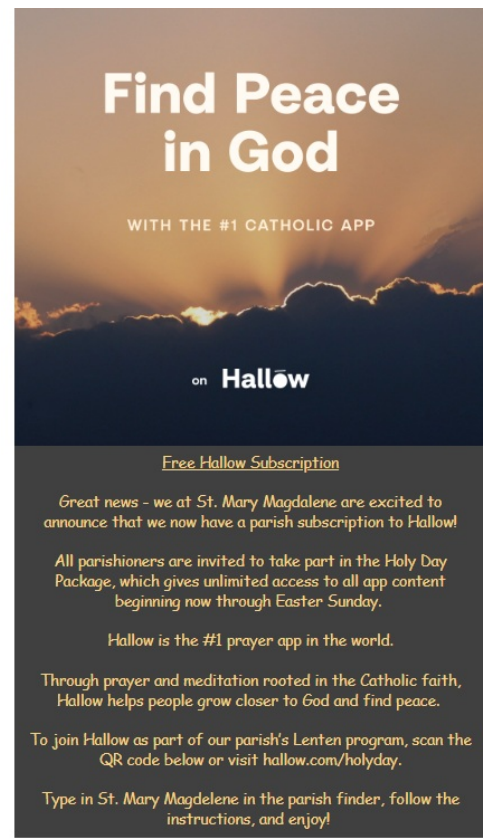
On behalf of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, thank you to our STMM Parishioners for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with us. Our 637 PreK-8th grade students are deeply blessed to be supported by such a loving, faithful community! Happy Catholic Schools Week!

*Peggy Lane
Principal*

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is looking forward to a week celebrating our parish, community, students, families, vocations, and staff. Stop by the school marketing table during 9am and 11am Mass on Sunday, January 27th to learn more about how we pray, learn, and care at StMM!

Hallow App for Lent



Find Peace in God

WITH THE #1 CATHOLIC APP

on **Hallow**

Free Hallow Subscription

Great news - we at St. Mary Magdalene are excited to announce that we now have a parish subscription to Hallow!

All parishioners are invited to take part in the Holy Day Package, which gives unlimited access to all app content beginning now through Easter Sunday.

Hallow is the #1 prayer app in the world.

Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace.

To join Hallow as part of our parish's Lenten program, scan the QR code below or visit hallow.com/holyday.

Type in St. Mary Magdalene in the parish finder, follow the instructions, and enjoy!

Knights of Columbus Fish FRY



Knights of Columbus FISH FRY – The Knights of Columbus will hold its Annual Lent Fish Fry February 23rd,

March 8th and March 22nd. This is a great opportunity to join fellow parishioners at the STMM School Activities building for a great meal and community gathering.

Commemorative Bricks



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS – Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building.

Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick. StMM will be placing a Spring brick order, the **deadline is March 25th**. Engraved bricks are \$100 and order forms can be found [here](#).

Contact: hoffman@stmm.net with any questions

Scout Sunday, February 4th 11am Mass

Catholic Senior Organization

Scout Sunday, February 4th at 11am Mass
Please join the Knights of Columbus and all our Scouts as we celebrate Scouting!
Refreshments will be provided from 9:45am to 11am by the Knights, followed by Mass celebrating the Scouts and their families!

Forward in Hope



**Forward in Hope -
Grief Support Group
to Begin in February**

If you're in need of

consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We recommend participants join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. We will be holding a daytime session beginning Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Church Building, Room One. The sessions will be weekly for six weeks, ending 3/21/24. They will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information, please feel free to email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280 or sign up by completing [this registration form](#).

Saturday Morning Women's Group

Please join a wonderful group of women on **Saturday mornings. 8:00am – 9:30am** in Church Building Room 4.

- Our "official" new year kick off is **Sat Jan 20** with a special "Pick your word of the year" activity and social
- In the following weeks we have lots of great plans:
 - o The "I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospels
 - o "My Father's Father" video sessions from Fr. Dave Pivonka and Wild Goose media.
 - o Reading and reflecting on the upcoming Sunday's gospel

· Most importantly, we come together in fellowship – to learn, laugh, pray, and grow with each other as we navigate the circumstances of our individual lives, searching for God's will in the ups and downs of family, jobs, health and life.

· We keep it simple. No homework, no prep work. Come as you are. Come when you can. Yes, it's early so our group is minimal or NO MAKEUP zone. Wear your sweats, throw your hair up, whatever!! We all pledge to be judgment-free and God loves us just the way we are!

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, February 19, 2024, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

Weekday Study on Acts



**Weekday
Study on
Acts for
Everyone
Join
Deacon
Dev and**

many of your fellow parishioners on **Thursday evenings** for an in-depth study of the Acts of the Apostles. The book of Acts provides a detailed, orderly, eyewitness account of the birth and growth of the early church and the spread of the gospel immediately after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! Meetings will be in the STMM Chapel on Thursday evenings, beginning from **February 1st at 6.30pm**. There is no homework, no videos, and no workbook. Just come! If you would like to join this Study, or if you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net.

Frassati Young Adult Group



The Frassati Young Adult group provides a community for those in their 20s and 30s. Email us at frassati@stmm.net for more details and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

- Wed, Feb 7** Adoration from 7-7:30pm in Chapel, then Discussion about Lent in Room 3
- Wed, Feb 21 at 7pm** Talk about St. Mary Magdalene, the saint herself

StMM Daytime Bible Study

We will be using Ascension Press' Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.

Tuesday 1-3 pm starting on Feb. 6 and continuing until March 26.

Please contact Laurie Wendt for more information and how to order the materials.

lauriewendt@gmail.com or cell # 919-669-9455

Eucharistic Adoration Times



Pope Francis encourages us to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and allow our encounter with Jesus to transform us. If you are willing to spend an hour

communing with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, please join Deacon Dev and your fellow parishioners the 1st Tuesday of each month in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication followed by Benediction. Handouts will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, February 6th, from 7- 8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **February 2nd from 9:30am - 7pm**. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the church throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord?



Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Adult Faith Refresher

Do you wish you had a better understanding of your faith so you can lead a more joyful life? Do you feel like you aren't able to connect the dots with all you've learned?

Then come join me and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic six-week series that will enhance your daily spiritual life.

We typically get a small group of participants

Prayers & Squares Ministry



The Prayer Quilt Ministry is founded on the idea that there is power in prayer to comfort in times of need. The ministry makes quilts for anyone who is in need of this prayer and comfort. The quilt is blessed and prayed over by the parishioners. If you

would like to request a prayer quilt for someone please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com

Prayer Team



For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you. It is a sincere privilege to help lift our parish family through

intercessory prayer. As we pray for one another's needs, it helps us all to hear how loved ones are continuing on their journeys.

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.

Request Prayers

All are welcome to join our team in lifting the prayers of our parish family, in whatever ways you like to pray best. Parish intentions are shared weekly, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about this ministry. * [Share Prayer Updates via email](#). *

Join the Prayer Team

RCIA



Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the

Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on March

together for what is more discussion and less lecture.

The next series runs begins on January 3 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact me if you wish to join!
stevens@stmm.me or 908-910-0309

NOTE: THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS CONFIRMATION PREP FOR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

11, 2024. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: *"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you"*.

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the following Rites:

Oletha, Dominick, Hailey, Denise, and Ben, who will receive the Rite of Welcoming/Rite of Acceptance on February 4th at the 9 AM mass.

Daniel, who will receive the Rite of Sending on March 18th at STMM at the 11 AM mass and the Rite of Election at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral at 4:30 PM .

Daniel who will receive the Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Saturday, March 30th at the 7:00 PM Easter Vigil mass.

Perry who will receive the Rite of Full Communion (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at the 9:00 AM mass.

Please pray for all of those who are thinking of starting the RCIA journey.

Faith Formation



Next

GATHER
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Jesus

Tues.
Feb.
13th

6:15 pm
Church



First Eucharist
Parent Meeting

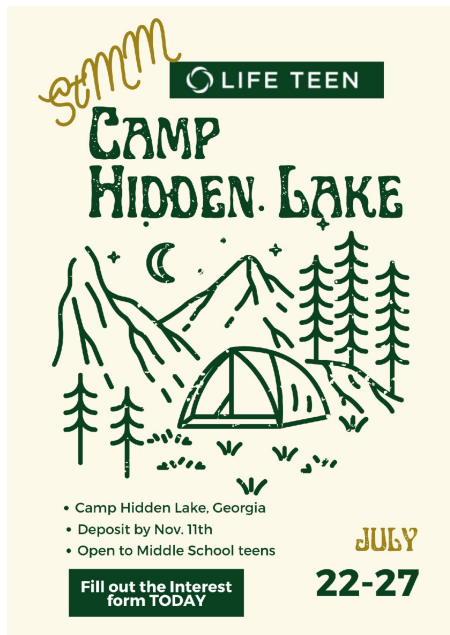
ALL PARENTS WHOSE CHILD WILL
BE MAKING THEIR FIRST
COMMUNION IN MAY,
PLEASE ATTEND ONE MEETING:

2/12/24 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Chapel
2/13/24 10:30 am - 11:30 am Chapel
2/13/24 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Chapel

Questions:

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307



Open to all current 6th graders, 7th and 8th graders. We will spend a week at Camp Hidden lake with Life teen ministries doing fun activities throughout the day such as a climbing wall, swimming with water trampolines, and ropes course! At night we have an awesome speaker, praise and worship with a live band and prayer time.

Only 7 spots left!

Click [here](#) to complete interest form

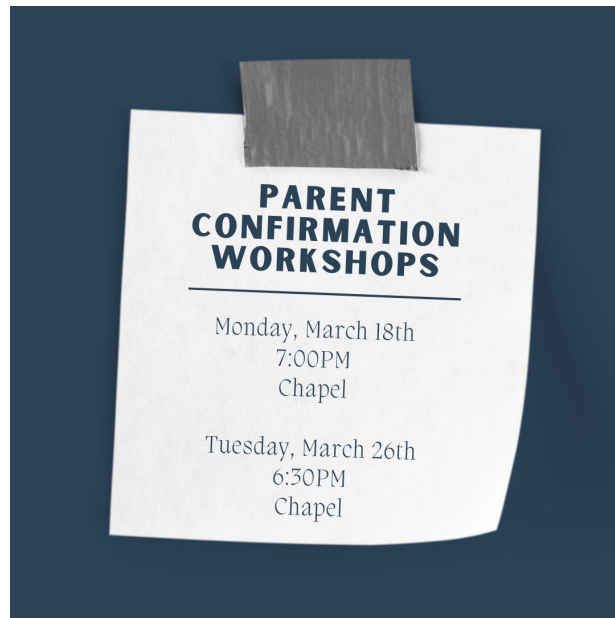


Girls Retreat:

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Guys Retreat:

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Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Bordelon at bordelon@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

School News



Thank you St Mary Magdalene Parish for supporting our school!! Our school is kicking off Catholic Schools week with a raffle for some incredible baskets donated for our fundraising Gala on February 3, 2024. Come visit the marketing table Sunday January 28th after mass for a chance to win!

If you are interested in attending our Gala or would like to purchase raffle tickets for FREE TUITION for 1 student the link is below!

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/EeaORO8D>



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year in grades PreK3-8th. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child(ren), apply [HERE](#) or contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) to schedule a tour!

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
Applications open Feb. 1st

Representatives from Partners for Educational Freedom NC will be on campus to assist with the application process.

WHEN:
February 7, 2024 6:30-7:30pm

WHERE:
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
Media Center
625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502

Questions about applying to StMM and how the NCSEAA Opportunity Scholarship can help with tuition? Need help submitting your Opportunity Scholarship application? Meet us on February 7th in the Media Center where a representative from Parents for Educational Freedom NC will be available to help! Contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) for more information.

School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School invites you to join our school community as a substitute teacher. We offer competitive compensation, a great work environment, and a flexible work schedule to fit your life. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kate Lawson at the school

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