Tricks and treats

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Among the many delicious treats were some candy corn masts made by Lisa Smith. The staff were also treated to a performance by Dance Club members.

The number of teams at the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on Sat, Mar 1, 2013 starting at 6 pm (lasting until Mar 2 at 6 am) in the Michael P. O’Brien ARC. We’d love for more staff and faculty to get involved so please plan to stop by this family-friendly event for as long as you can. You can also join one of the 15 fundraising teams by start your own team. Just visit www.relayforlife.org/smcm, if you have any questions, contact Lisa Cole, Coordinator of Orientation and Service Programs (x4209, mcole@smcm.edu), or Joanna Goldwater (x4209, jgoldwater@smcm.edu) for more information.

Let Us Hear From You!

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Check out our websites: www.smcm.edu/staffsenate, https://sites.google.com/a/smcm.edu/smc-staff-senate/home

St. Mary’s by the Numbers:

5 the number of staff members who volunteered for the Admissions Open House in October
21 the number of teams at the Hawktoberfest Golf Tournament
120 the number of people of all ages who participated in the Petruccelli 5K run/Walk
384 the number of candy corn pieces in a jar at the fall event
Mac McClintock made the closest lucky guess of 375.
21,357 the number of packages processed through the student package room in the fall.

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Hats Off to Our cancer survivor, Joanne was the emcee for the wood Shopping Center.

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Congratulations! Nick and Brandy Tulley welcomed the birth of their son, Logan Brian, on June 28, 2013. He weighed 8.5 lbs and measured 21 25.

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Monthly Staff Recognition Award Winners

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Nancy is always going to go beyond her call of duty to meet the needs of faculty, staff, and alumni guests at the May Russell Lodge and the Bean House. She takes pride in her work and is an excellent team player with a positive attitude and upbeat demeanor.

Nominator

October 2013
Jeff Krissoff, Senior Information Technology Support Technician

"Jeff is my OIT hero! He addressed an OIT work ticket that was dead in the water for weeks and within 2 hours had the problem resolved.”

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Nominate a worthy staff member today! Winners receive 5 FREE tickets to the Great Room.

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Football season - Kate Daly Hebert

Mail merge so I didn’t have to send 350 individual emails inviting students to apply for ODK membership! - Joanne Goldwater

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