

St. Michael High School and St. Joseph's Academy Paint the Gym Pink In a Match Against Breast Cancer



photo Barberito Photography.

St. Michael High School hosted the second annual Paint the Gym Pink volleyball match with St. Joseph's Academy in the Warrior gym on September 22. Together the two schools raised just over \$15,000 for the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and their fight against breast cancer.

"Mary Bird Perkins is most grateful that two such fantastic groups of young people have come together to raise so much for such an important cause," said Mindy Tyler, who accepted the check just prior to the start of the game.

While the Academy came away winning all three sets, both schools were successful in spiking breast cancer awareness.

"The gym was packed and it was very pink and very loud," said Rob Smith, Head Volleyball Coach for the St. Michael Lady Warriors. "Most importantly our two schools put our time, talents and efforts together to raise more for breast cancer research than not only last year but also more than our original goal for this year as well."

Funds were raised at each school through t-shirt sales, game gate sales, and through mini additional school fundraisers.

"At St. Michael, we used the festive atmosphere of our Homecoming week to offer quarter games at lunch in order to raise additional funds," said Smith. "Old-fashioned games such as ring and bean bag tosses and ping pong were a hit with the students."

Highlights of the fundraiser were the pre-game serving challenge with WAFB's "Darin' Erin" against the St. Michael and St. Joseph's Academy principals as well as a brief talk by LSU girl's basketball assistant coach, Bob Starkey's, wife - Sheri.

"Her main messages were early detection and mammograms which was great in educating the students as well as reminding our adult guests to put such important measures on their to do list," said Smith.

Smith's Warrior team won district last year and made it to the 4A state semifinals. The Lady Warriors are 3-0 in district so far this year. Senior players include Mandy McKell, Paige Mayeux, Ashley Whitlow, and Marci Watts.

Baton Rouge Uncorked Event Raises \$15,000 For Charity



Left to right: Doug Allen, Founder-Baton Rouge Uncorked
Pete Bush, Founder-Baton Rouge Uncorked
Monique Marino, President/CEO Volunteer! Baton Rouge
Miles Higgins, Founder-Baton Rouge Uncorked
Luke Williamson, Founder-Baton Rouge Uncorked
Jennifer Guillot, Event Coordinator-Baton Rouge Uncorked
Patrick Coogan, Founder-Baton Rouge Uncorked
Doug Cochran, Founder-Baton Rouge Uncorked

Baton Rouge Uncorked donated \$15,000 to Volunteer! Baton Rouge's Sacks from Saint Nicholas program, with a dollar for dollar match provided by All Star Automotive. Syrah/Shiraz was the featured wine of the night. Hundreds from the Baton Rouge community attended with their favorite Syrah/Shiraz in hand to submit into the blind tasting competition. The winning bottle was: Shield Estates 2006, presented by team "The Swiggy Special".

Baton Rouge Uncorked is a group that hosts wine tasting events on behalf of benefitting local charities. Each event features a different local charity at a different location with a rotating selection of wine. Attendance at the event averages around 500 people who enjoy socializing and networking, who enjoy tasting great wine, who rally for great causes and who are excited about the revitalization of downtown Baton Rouge. For more information visit www.BatonRougeUncorked.com.

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