



**SWEET SWEET VICTORY**  
Hannah Overstreet, 12, and Shea Cone, 11, deliver baked goods to the Oak Grove Cross Country 5k fundraiser. The desserts were awarded to the winners of the race.  
// Natalie Keilholz photo

**GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT**  
Myannah Luenig-Davis, 11, sells cookies to students as they make their way to their fourth block classes. "We sell cookies to raise money for supplies and field trip expenses," Davis said. // Blake Becton photo

**HYDRATION SPECIALISTS**  
Nathan Mars, 10, Kailey Skinner, 10, Zach Jeffcoat, 12, and Payton Brewer, 11, fill water cups in preparation for the runners participating in the Oak Grove Cross Country Classic 5K Race. "I helped out by supplying water to the participants who were competing in the race to benefit the cross country team," Mars said.  
// Natalie Keilholz photo



**RUNNING THE TABLE**  
Isabella Miles, 11, Aubrie Ware, 12, and Graham Gustafson, 9, lend a helping hand at the registration table for the OGXC Classic 5k. "We host the 5k at the beginning of the season to raise money for the season," Ware said. "The more money we raise, the more meet opportunities we have." // Natalie Keilholz photo



run for the funds

## Students find ways to put the fun in fundraiser

Oak Grove High School puts on a great number of fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for various clubs and teams. The fundraisers that take place range from 50/50 raffle ticket sales at sporting events to pickle pops in the culinary arts room between blocks.

Noah Harris, 11, is extremely involved in activities on campus and volunteers his time to help groups raise money for good causes.

"I volunteer through Beta and FCA. We do fundraisers for Homes of Hope, and we host canned food drives for soup kitchens," Harris said. "I am a Beta officer, so after the meetings we plan fundraisers to raise money for various causes."

Harris is a perfect example of an individual with a genuine love for service.

"My favorite fundraiser we have done with Beta is serving at the retirement home," Harris said. "I love working with the elderly and giving them things that they need. We also get to entertain them, and it's a great time."

Students are a main component in making these fundraisers possible, so teachers try to make events fun in order to get students involved to make sure that the club will receive maximum benefits from the sale. Club sponsors keep prices low in order to ensure that every student has the ability to participate.

The Culinary Arts teacher, Debbie Miller, and her students work hard all year long selling treats from their kitchen to support the program.

"We sell freshly baked goods, teacher lunches, and snacks to cover the cost of ingredients and to help us rent hotel rooms and cover travel expenses for competitions," Miller said. "I think the fact that all of the food is fresh and homemade is why we have so many kids buying our food."

Fundraisers are not confined to the walls of the school. Multiple sports teams hold "Newk's Nights" where team or club members lend a helping hand by cleaning tables and preparing silverware for the restaurant. Newk's gives the group a portion of the proceeds for their work from that night, ranging anywhere from 5-8%.

No matter what the fundraiser is or which group the money is supporting, it all goes back to the students' willingness to serve.

## Timeless Tees / Yearly "Beat Petal" t-shirts continue to rake in funds

Biology and sports medicine teacher and Key Club sponsor, Kelly Bush, may already have a busy schedule, but she finds time every year to coordinate the selling of the "Beat Petal" shirts for the low price of \$5.

"The kids come up with the idea of what they want the shirt to look like, and then the people at Custom Graphics bring the shirts to life," Bush said.

The designs have progressed each year and have, in time, become more complex. The tradition began in 2013 solely based on pure, cross-town rivalry.

Reflecting on why the tradition began, Bush said, "The football team was looking like they had a good chance in the playoffs that year. I picked up really quickly what a big rival Petal was, and I just thought it would be fun to print a \$5 t-shirt. I saw the shirts as a fun, affordable way for students to show their support for the football team. In the end, it all goes back to school spirit and rivalry."



**2013-2014**

The "Beat Petal" shirt from 2013 kept the design rather simple while still getting the message across. The shirts were such a hit that the same design was used in 2014 as well. The proceeds from both years went to Key Club.



**2015**

The 2015 "Beat Petal" shirt clearly displayed that Panthers aren't allowed in the OG student section. The proceeds from this shirt also went to Key Club.



**2016**

The "Beat Petal" shirt that was sold for the 2016 game was a more traditional design with a Warrior headress. The proceeds from this shirt went to support Prom 2017.



**COME TOGETHER**

The Art Club and Key Club join forces to put on a school-wide canned food drive to collect nonperishable food items for Salvation Army. // Courtesy of Tonya Rivers

**WHAT'S A CANDY GRAM? I WANT ONE**

National Honors Society members Karsen Motter, 12, and Anna Kathryn Andy, 12, sell Xavier Daniels, 12, a Candy Cane Gram for 50 cents to raise money for National Honors Society and spread Christmas cheer.

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