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PTO's RODEO BINGO RUSTLES UP FUN

Over 450 people gathered the evening of January 31st for the PTO's 3rd Annual sold-out St. Michael School Bingo Night. This year's theme was Rodeo and announcer Bill Donovan "rode" in on his "horse" to the theme of "Thank God I'm a Country Boy," with his oversized cowboy hat ready to lead the night in fun.

Here are some examples of what fun it was: 22 baskets were given away by raffle draw, there were nine Bingo games with prizes, and the final Jackpot Game had a "loot bag" of \$100. The players started the night by getting their raffle tickets ready and scouting out the raffle baskets. Creative Crafts, Horseback Riding Adventures, Cowboys/Cowgirls Driving on the Range, Science for Superstars, Wonderful Webkinz and Go Wolfpack/Go Tarheel/Go Blue Devils baskets were just a few of the wonderful options. Children and adults had to decide which baskets were worthy of their raffle tickets and then, just how many they wanted to allocate to each one. And, yes, there is a strategy to Bingo Night – but it's different depending on which family you ask. It's hard to imagine anyone coming away without a prize – event if it was that they won more raffle tickets, Mylar balloons, or even the horse and balloon centerpieces.

The Davey family was on a winning streak and since it was Mr. Davey's birthday, we can only assume his prayers were answered with the Super Sports Basket he took home. Scarlett, his 6 month daughter, will love it!

Donna Kocur, Karen Andrews, Larry Stine, Debbie Mallon and other committee members have once again made an event with so many details look easy. This year's Bingo night was started with a dinner option from Jack Astor's Bar & Grill, compliments of the Mallon family.

Thank you to everyone who was part of making this event happen and to all that attended!

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