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**StMS and St. Mary Magdalene Join Efforts to Raise \$2,300 and 1000 lbs. of Food for the Wake County Crisis Ministry in Apex**

St. Michael School's (StMS) and St. Mary Magdalene's (STMM) basketball teams played in the second annual Hoops for Hunger fundraiser at St. Mary Magdalene on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and raised \$2,300 and 1000 lbs. of food for The Wake County Crisis Ministry in Apex. Spectators and athletes donated \$2 at the door, brought in staple food items, and raised additional proceeds through food sales and a raffle. Over 500 raffle tickets were purchased, and an estimated 700 people participated in the family-friendly fundraising event.

The evening started at 4pm with a game between the sister schools' JV girls basketball teams, and the JV boys' teams played at 5:15 pm. Both JV games were quite exciting games, and StMS won the girls' JV game before STMM won the boys' JV game. The varsity girls' teams played at 6:30 with the varsity boys' teams ended the Hoops for Hunger evening with their rematch of last season's double overtime semi-final game. StMS girls' varsity ended up winning their close game after coming back from behind, and STMM won their exciting game against StMS. In the end, The Wake County Crisis Ministry in Apex was the true winner of Hoops for Hunger in addition to the two spirited school communities, who each wore their own school colors.