

June 2009

# CURRENTS

## 2009 School & Regents Exam Schedule

Mon., June 8	Tues., June 9	Wed., June 10	Thur., June 11	Fri., June 12
<p><b>Last Day of Classes!</b></p>	<p><b>Awards Ceremony &amp; School Picnic</b> 1pm Dismissal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 1 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. English 9 R&amp;H English 10 R&amp;H</p> <p>8-10 a.m. General Chemistry Review</p> <p>11 a.m.-1 p.m. Religion 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 1:15 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Religion 10</p> <p>8-10 a.m. Chemistry Review (Regents &amp; Honors)</p> <p>11 a.m.-1 p.m. Earth Science General Chemistry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 1:15 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Algebra A &amp; B Geometry A &amp; B &amp; Hon</p> <p>11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spanish I &amp; II French I &amp; II</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 12:45 p.m</b></p>
Mon., June 15	Tues., June 16	Wed., June 17	Thur., June 18	Fri., June 19
<p>8-10 a.m. Health Business Law Global I R &amp; H</p> <p>10 a.m.-12 noon Earth Science Regents Review</p> <p>11 a.m.-1 p.m. Math III A, B, H PreCal Honors</p> <p>11 a.m.-2 p.m. MANDATORY Review for Geometry Regents</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 2:19 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. Integrated Geometry Regents</p> <p>8-11 a.m. MANDATORY US History Regents Review</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. US History Regents</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 3:15 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-9:30 a.m. Living Environment Review Session I</p> <p>10-11:30 a.m. Living Environment Review Session II</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Earth Science Regents Chemistry Regents</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 3:15 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Religion 9</p> <p>8-10 a.m. MANDATORY Global II Review</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Living Environment Regents</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 3:15 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. Global Studies II Regents</p> <p>8-11 a.m. MANDATORY Regents Integrated Algebra Review</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Integrated Algebra Regents</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 3:15 p.m</b></p>
Mon., June 22	Tues., June 23	Wed., June 24	Thur., June 25	Fri., June 26
<p>9 a.m.-12 noon MANDATORY Math B Review</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 12:15 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. French Regents Spanish Regents</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Math B Regents</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buses 3:15 p.m</b></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. Physics Regents</p>	<p>Rating Day</p>	<p>Have a Great Summer!</p>

- Students only have to be in school for their scheduled exams/review sessions.
- If students are in school when they are not taking an exam, they should be in the Media Center for quiet study or the cafeteria.
- Students are to be in Regular Dress Code for exams, though sneakers / sandals are allowed.
- Students do not need to be in dress code for review classes.
- During Exam Weeks, Alden and

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# School Policies Regarding Course Failures, Exam Failures & Summer School

St. Mary's parents and students should be aware of the following information regarding end of the year failures and summer school.

- All students returning to St. Mary's in September must be current in fulfilling graduation requirements for their grade level. Required course and/or Regents exam failures **MUST** be made up before September.
- St. Mary's policy for passing a course – the overall average must be 65 or above and the final exam grade must be 55 or above.
- In order to receive Regents credit, the Regents exam grade must be 65 or above.
- The Counseling Center will mail failure notices on June 26<sup>th</sup> to all students who fail required courses and/or exams. This information cannot be given out by telephone. Summer school information will also be included with this notification.
- Registration for most summer school programs begins June 29<sup>th</sup>, and classes for most programs begin July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Some public school districts offer summer school programs. **Parents are advised to contact their local public school system for specific information about the summer school program for their specific district.** Public school summer programs are available without extra fee to all private school students who live in the district.
- For students whose public school system does not offer summer school, or for students who would prefer another program, there are summer school programs that accept students from any school district. These programs charge a fee for each course.
- Occasionally a student seeks a private tutor instead of a summer school program in order to make up a course failure. Please note the following:

- The tutor must be a teacher certified in that subject area. A copy of the certification must be submitted to St. Mary's Counseling Center.
- The student must meet with the tutor for a minimum of 24 hours for a full credit course and 12 hours for a half credit course. The tutor needs to submit a log of the hours to the St. Mary's Counseling Center.
- The student must take and pass a final exam (that is provided or approved by St. Mary's) or the appropriate Regents exam. **Those students who need to take a Regents exam must register at their district public school (or another site) to take this exam in August.**
- The tutor should call St. Mary's Counseling Center to arrange contact between the tutor and the St. Mary's Department Chairperson to discuss curriculum and the exam.
- Please be aware that this is usually much more costly than any summer school program.
- By July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Counseling Center needs to be notified where course/exam failures will be made up. This can be done by telephone (683-2349) or email (ksmith@smhlancers.org OR alacher@smhlancers.org).
- Counselors will be available by phone June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., to provide assistance.

## SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING MATH COURSE FAILURES:

Please consult with your counselor before enrolling in a summer school math class. Math course names and numbers differ from school to school. It is important that you enroll in the course that best matches the curriculum that you need to make up. For this reason you may want to consider private tutoring.

## Correction

The following students were inadvertently left off the Principal's Commendation List, which appeared in last month's Currents:

Joshua Gumulak

Victoria Reitz

We apologize for this oversight.

## Information for June Exams

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Williamsville districts will only send dismissal buses at the regular dismissal time of 2:19 p.m. Students not ready to leave at that time will need to provide their own transportation.

- Students needing the bus in the afternoon from their district need to notify the Main Office before taking their exams that day.

Questions regarding the Exam Guidelines/ schedule should be directed to Mr. Junik or Mrs. Kranz.

## Reminder:

**Requests for changes to students' schedules may be made until August 1.**

**No requests for changes will be honored after August 1.**

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# Down the stretch we come

You know, it's funny! June comes and the weather really starts to heat up and every one of us starts to think about the summer. Whether it's your golf game, a vacation, or maybe just sleeping in as much as you want...those thoughts definitely start to creep in. The problem is... June is the most important month on the calendar as far as school is concerned. June is filled with important exams and project deadlines. It is the make-or-break time for averages and pushing through Regents exams.

As we enter this month, our last of the school year, I thought I would just remind everyone of where we all stand. We began this school year some eight months ago! We have struggled to get out of bed every day, crammed for tests, stressed about deadlines, and stayed up late doing countless hours of home-work.

We have all worked very hard to get to this point in the year, and now it is the final stretch...The time when all of our hard work and effort will pay off. Now is the time to bear down and

give your full effort in the classroom, the time to take extra care of your studies. Do not allow the last eight months to fade away into the warm nights of summer. Push yourself to finish what you started.

June is packed full of practice exams, online prep, TV review, and last minute tutoring. I urge all current students to take advantage and do your part to finish the year on a positive note. You have all come too far to give up now! Done too much to let it slip away!

For those of us not currently enrolled in school, let us do our part in praying for the students around us as they enter the final stretch of the year...the last inning...the final lap...the end of regulation.

It's GO TIME!!!  
St. Mary.....PRAY FOR US!

*Mr. Keith Junik*  
Dean of Education



## Swine Flu Update

St. Mary's High School is working diligently to help prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus. Prevention methods include educating students on best practices, cleaning of high-touch surfaces with appropriate viricidal cleansers, and making hand sanitizer readily available in the absence of soap and water. We continue daily monitoring of absentees and illnesses, as well as information coming from local, state and national health organizations.

The following information was taken from the most recent Erie County Health Department Advisory.

### School Exclusion

- **Twenty-four (24) Hour Exclusion** – anyone with flu-like symptoms (including a fever of 100°F or higher AND either a sore throat or cough) should stay home from school until they have been symptom-free for 24 hours. Your doctor or the school health office should be contacted to see if an evaluation is necessary.
- **Seven (7) Day Exclusion** – is to be observed by anyone who has a confirmed case of the flu or by anyone who has flu-like symptoms (including a fever of 100°F or higher AND either a sore throat or cough) and lives in a

household where there is a confirmed case of the flu. In either case, the student should not return to school until they have been cleared by their doctor and have been symptom free for at least 24 hours (after the seven day exclusion.

### Healthy Practices to Help Prevent Illness

(Taken from NYSDOH website) [www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/communicable/influenza/h1n1/parent\\_fact\\_sheet.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/communicable/influenza/h1n1/parent_fact_sheet.htm)

### **What can I do to protect myself from the H1N1 (swine flu)?**

- You can help protect yourself and reduce the spread of seasonal or H1N1 (swine flu) by taking the following steps:
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds (about as long as it takes to sing the "Happy

Birthday" song twice).

- If you cannot get to a sink with water to wash your hands, you can use hand sanitizer. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes all work well, as long as they contain at least 60 percent alcohol. Be sure to throw the hand wipes into a trashcan.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of your elbow.
- Be sure to dispose of your used tissues into a trashcan.
- Avoid getting close to people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth because germs can be spread this way.

There is not a vaccine at this time for the H1N1 (swine flu) virus, so it is important that you practice these good habits.

## Students/Teacher of Month – May



Alex Zach Chelsea Kiebzak Garrett Haima Jamison Powell Miss Smith



## Keep up the Good Work

By Sister Christine Winterhalter,  
Campus Minister

We would like to thank all who encouraged and supported our students in helping them to complete their service hours. Many of our students went far beyond the required hours. We pray that this will continue over the summer months. Please keep a record of any service done after June, so it may be applied to next year's service hours.

*Loving God, bless all the members of the St. Mary's family, with a wonderful relaxing summer. May we take time to see beauty in the simple things that surround us. May we recognize the wonderful blessings that faith has to offer, the great works we can accomplish with faith and the peace a strong faith-life brings. May each of us grow in our faith this summer, so that we may be willing to continue to reach out to others and share all that we have been blessed with.*

Have a Great Summer and Peace to All!

## Marian Award nominees



**Andrew Adolf**



**Victoria Reitz**



**Samantha Spisiak**



**Steven Wrobel**

The highest award given to a St. Mary's graduate is the Marian Award. This award recognizes a member of the Senior Class who has contributed to the overall success of the class through leadership, hard work, and enthusiasm. It is the only award presented at the Commencement Exercises.

The members of the class voted for the students whom they would like to nominate for the award.

The nominees were then asked to write an essay about what they have gotten out of their time at St. Mary's.

Based on these essays and their own personal experiences, members of the faculty and staff selected one student, whose name was to be confirmed by the Administrative Board.

This year's nominees for the Marian Award are Andrew Adolf, Victoria Reitz, Samantha Spisiak, and Steven Wrobel.

## Lancaster lieutenant speaks about responsible driving

Lieutenant Gerry Gill of the Town of Lancaster Police Department recently made a guest appearance in Mrs. Trish Connelly's Criminal Justice class. Lt. Gill, also a detective and attorney at law, is the father of Athletic Director Daniel Gill and alumnus Andy Gill, class of 2005.

Lt. Gill emphasized that students, as well as anyone else, should drive responsibly and uphold the law. His presentation was interactive in nature, which helped students to grasp the ramification of irresponsible behavior while driving. Through role playing, he also was able to explain their rights should one be detained in a traffic stop.

Senior Dan McFarland played the role of a suspected drunk driver and was put through the various tests that would confront a citizen in this situation. Through this demonstration, students were made aware of the challenges that they would face should they find themselves in such a predicament. Lt. Gill adeptly explained the position of law enforcement, but he also made students aware of their individual rights as citizens.

As a result of Lt. Gill's visit, students were left with a better awareness of how to conduct themselves as drivers and also what they can anticipate in the event they are pulled over and questioned by police.

## Vacation Schedule 2009-10

To assist families planning for the 2009-10 school year, here is a list of dates to be aware of. *Please note that this is tentative and subject to change:*

- Sept. 9 – Half-day for Freshmen
- Sept. 10 – Full Day for all students
- Sept. 14 – Picture Day
- Sept. 24 & 25 – Open House for Prospective Students
- Oct. 12 – Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

- Nov. 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 23 to Jan. 1 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 26-29 – January Exams
- Feb. 15-19 – Winter Break
- March 19 – Principal's Holiday
- April 1-5 – Easter Break
- April 19-23 – Spring Break
- May 28-31 – Memorial Day Weekend
- June 7 – Last Day of Classes

A complete and official schedule will be published during the summer.

**St. Mary's High School**



**Golf Open**

**Monday, June 22**  
at  
**Glen Oak Golf Club**

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*For more information, call  
The Development Office  
at 683-4824, ext. 28*

# Counseling Corner

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## Getting ready to leave home

If you thought all the difficult college-related decisions have been made, you'll need to reconsider that idea as you begin the process of leaving home.

First comes "stuff". Although most students seem to want to take all of the contents of their room, there simply isn't enough space at college to do so. You'll likely be sharing your living space (sometimes with more than one roommate), so it's a good idea to speak with your roommate during the summer and agree on who brings what. There really isn't either space or need for three plasma TVs. Check, too, with your college about items they suggest you bring from home.

Many residence halls have rules prohibiting some devices that may include microwave ovens, popcorn makers, etc. Others arrange a low cost rental of appliances that you can share with your roommates.

A visit to your doctor is also in order. You'll want up-to-date medications for allergies or asthma and will need to be current with vaccinations, especially for hepatitis B and meningitis. Consider how ready you are for this change emotionally and speak with a counselor about concerns or fears if that seems appropriate. Remember, too, that colleges are well-equipped to meet your physical and emotional needs while you are away from home, but you'll need to be proactive in asking for these services.

This is also time to consider how well equipped you are with basic life skills. Have you ever done your own laundry, made your bed, cleaned a bathroom? If not, some basic cleaning/

laundry lessons will make you more popular among your peers. If you'll be bringing a car to campus, you should know the basics of automobile maintenance. Learn how to check tire

pressure and coolant levels, find out what to do about a flat tire, or how to deal with an auto accident.

Budgeting is a big item. Have a talk with your parents about their expectations about spending, and come to

an agreement with them on the handling of checking accounts, credit or debit cards, and cell phone plans.

It's also a good idea to talk with

your parents about their expectations about communication. Agreeing on an extended conversation once or twice a week may relieve pressure for all involved. E-mail and IMing your folks also helps.

Plan to get involved at school. The most successful students also tend to be those who engage in extracurricular activities. Seek out a "mentor professor" - someone you meet and admire and with whom you may be able to work. Their recommendations will help you on to the next phase of your life. Determine early to ask for help. Without your parents around for everyday advice, you'll do best if you seek help from the counselors and advisors at your college.

*If you thought all the difficult decisions have been made, you'll need to reconsider that*

## Providing financial education

Parents of seniors have spent much of this year supporting their teens through the college search and application process.

Still more hours may have been consumed with financial aid forms and making plans to meet college expenses. No rest for the weary yet—you still need to address the money

management issues that will affect your child as he or she gets ready for this next phase of life.

- Set up a bank account. Since your child will have an ongoing need for money at college, you'll want to be able to easily transfer money to his account. An online bank account may be the most useful, especially if they have special student accounts available that will give parents access to bank information. Find out which banks have

ATMs close to campus—college kids usually don't write many checks. Be sure to check on fees

for using an ATM that's not part of your bank's network. Those fees add up!

- Make plans to protect student property. College kids tend to have a lot of valuable electronics and com-

puter equipment. Renter's insurance can protect your investment if these items were to disappear. Your homeowner's policy may also cover dorm room possessions—check with your agent. A special laptop lock will keep this equipment safe—college kids often don't lock their dorm doors.

- Health insurance—check out options provided by the college and

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*You still need to address the money management issues*

## Financial ed.

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compare these policies with your family medical coverage.

- Car insurance—once again, check with your agent. If your child will not have a car at college, you may be eligible for a discount on your auto rate.
- Discuss credit card dangers—college students are besieged with credit card offers—discuss how the misuse of credit cards can affect their ability to get credit in the future. Look into debit card options or provide your offspring with a card in your name.

Decide how much to budget for incidentals. College Board estimates personal expenses at about \$3,700/ year. That's a lot of pizza!

## Volunteer Opportunity

*Sisters of Charity Hospital St. Josephs  
Campus Summer Youth Volunteer Program*

*Dates - July 6-August 28.*

*Times - Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*

The program is designed for teens ages 14-18. Students will be assigned to the various departments throughout the hospital based on their interest and availability. The teens must commit to 40 hours over the summer but may choose to do more if they wish. The participants will have the opportunity to attend a seminar day dealing with various healthcare topics and career choices during the program.

*For more information contact the hospital Volunteer Office at 891-2545.*

## Office Hours

June 29-Aug. 20 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aug. 24 through Opening Day –  
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Note that the school will be closed:

- Friday, July 3
- Friday, Aug. 21

Those who need a meeting at another time, please call to make an appointment.

## Get involved

Although colleges like prospective students who are involved with school and community activities, padding your resume should not be your prime reason for getting involved.

Instead, only select activities that truly matter to you—it's much more likely that you'll want to stick with a club, sport, or community service project when you enjoy that activity and derive satisfaction from being involved.

Participation requires a time commitment, the ability to balance school and extracurricular activities, and a willingness to share one's talents. Rather than joining numerous clubs or trying to play several sports, select only one or two activities and fully immerse yourself in those. By staying involved over time, you'll find yourself gradually taking on a leadership

role as younger students join the group.

The benefits of getting involved are clear—recent studies have shown that students engaged in activities forge stronger bonds with caring adults and develop closer relationships with peers. Participating students generally take more challenging high school classes and experience greater academic success. For example, students taking part in music programs scored on average about 20 points higher on the SAT than students who were not involved in music.

When it comes to extracurricular activities, think depth of involvement rather than quantity of activities. Strike the best balance for you between academics and extracurricular; the benefits you derive will be much greater than merely impressing an admissions committee.

### Website of the Month

[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)

Although the best way to judge the fit of a prospective college is through an extended personal visit to the campus, time, distance, and financial constraints may prevent you from making such visits to all of the schools on your college list. Viewing the virtual tour offered by a college can help you get a feel for that school.

The index at CampusTours provides quick links to the virtual tours of hundreds of universities as well as links to their websites. Also included are statistical facts including size, location, enrollment and admissions statistics, admission requirements, majors, and college sports offered.

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## Spotlight on Majors

## Management Analysts

*What's wrong with that company?*



Management analysts, also known as efficiency consultants, are the people paid the big bucks to tell companies just what they are doing wrong and to show them how they can improve their operations. Management analysts may look at the total company picture and identify places to cut costs and point out areas that need infusions of capital and human resources. In some cases, consultants specialize in one area, such as inventory control, and make recommendations only in that area.

Firms providing these services may range in size from a single individual to companies employing thousands of consultants. While some firms specialize in specific industries such as healthcare or electronics, others may focus on types of business functions such as human resources, corporate restructuring, or marketing.

The job of the consultant is to define the nature of the problem, analyze data including revenue and expenses, interview employees and management, observe operations, and develop solutions to improve the situation. Sometimes, management analysts are also retained to help implement the suggestions they have made.

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environment has forced many companies to take a closer look at their internal operations and the way they do business. This has fueled the need for management consultants, especially in emerging areas such as information technology and electronic commerce.

Although colleges generally do not offer formal majors in management consulting, many fields of study provide a suitable educational background for this type of work. Most consultants have majored in areas such as accounting and marketing or may have studied economics, engineering, or computer sciences/information systems. Often, graduates also have worked in the corporate world in management, human resources, or other specialties. Entry level jobs in this area for individuals with only a bachelor's degree are usually as research analysts or

associates. A master's degree (generally in business administration) as well as business-world experience is usually necessary for consulting positions.

Since consultants work with little supervision, the most successful individuals are self-motivated and highly disciplined. Necessary personal qualities include strong analytical skills, the ability to work well with a wide range of people, good judgment, the ability to communicate well both orally

and in writing, and time management skills. Individuals who can "think outside the box", as well as work well as a member of a team, are highly prized. The best job opportunities will be available to those consultants who possess graduate degrees, industry experience, and a talent for sales and public relations.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for management consultants is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations at least through 2014, fueled by the need of government and industry to rely on outside help in improving organizational performance. Internet startup companies require advice concerning traditional business practices, while more established firms must learn to adapt themselves to the world of electronic commerce in order to retain their competitive position in the business world. An increase in the number of companies engaging in business globally has led to a need for advice in attracting and engaging in international marketing.

There is a lot of cross-over between management consultants and other business-related occupations. Some related fields include accounting, financial analysts, economists, market researchers, advertising and financial managers, and human resources and labor managers. You can learn more at the Association of Management Consulting Firms' website at [www.amcf.org](http://www.amcf.org).



## *From the Health Office*

### Sports Physical Information

Anyone playing sports must have a current physical on file in the Health Office. Students interested in playing a fall sport must complete and turn in the orange Interval Health History form that will be mailed home in the August issue of *Currents*. This form must be completed **after** August 1<sup>st</sup>. This form must be turned in **on/before** the dates listed below. In addition, every student who plans on

playing a fall sport must have a current physical on file in the Health Office by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Failure to comply will result in not being able to start practice with the rest of the team. Extra forms will be available in the Main Office and on the school website under the "Health" section. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Murphy at 683-4824, ext. 20.

Sport	Physical must have been performed on or after this date and be on file in the Health Office	Interval Health History (IHH) must be completed by parent/guardian and returned to the Health Office by this date
Football/Cheerleading	August 1, 2008	August 10, 2009
Soccer	August 1, 2008	August 12, 2009
Other Fall Sports	August 1, 2008	August 17, 2009

### Policy regarding medication in school

Forms available in the Main Office, the Health Office and on the school website.

All medication, including *non-prescription drugs such as Tylenol, Motrin, etc.* given in school *must be prescribed by a licensed medical doctor.*

A written request from the physician must be on file. This request must

indicate the dosage and frequency of the prescribed drug.

A written request from the parent to administer medication must be on file.

The parent must assume responsibility to have the medication delivered to the Health Office in a *properly labeled original container.*

## Art Alive!

Under the leadership of art teacher Miss Michelle Giomundo and English teacher (and art major) Miss Amy Baer, St. Mary's High School art students will be participating in this year's presentation of Art Alive 2009.

Art Alive is a project sponsored by the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo in which

students become part of famous works of art. This year's Art Alive will be held at the



Mike Malicki and Ed Lubecki work on their display as part of Art Alive 2009.

gallery on Saturday, June 6, from noon to 2 p.m.

## Earth Science, Comp. Foundation exam info

Attention Freshmen and Parents: Earth Science Lab Practical *will* occur on Thursday and Friday, June 4-5.

The Computer Foundations Final Exam *will* occur those same days (June 4-5).

Students are reminded of the importance of these tests – There are no make-ups for these dates. Students who are absent these days will receive no credit.

## Sports Banquet is June 25

This year's Spring Sports Awards Banquet and St. Mary's High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction will be held on Thursday, June 25, at 6 p.m. at Kiebzak's New Beginnings, Crocker Street in Sloan.

On this day, St. Mary's High School will recognize all of the student athletes at St. Mary's who participated in a sport this spring. In addition, the Athletic Department will present the major awards, such as the Harry Paul Memorial Award, Joe Monin Memorial Hustle Award, Dick Woj Basketball Award, the Ken Jakubowski Dedication to Sports Award, and the Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards.

The Athletic Department and the Alumni Association will also be inducting the latest members to the St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame.

More information on the banquet may be obtained by calling Dan Gill, Athletic Director, at 683-4824, ext. 35, or by e-mailing to [dgill@smhlancers.org](mailto:dgill@smhlancers.org).

**Girls' Basketball  
Open Gym  
Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.**

## Crowning the Prom Court



At Prom 2009, held on Thursday, May 21, at Salvatore's Italian Garden in Lancaster, the following were crowned as Prom Royalty:

Victoria Reitz – Queen  
 Matt Fitzpatrick – King  
 Emma Concannon – Princess  
 Alex Elwell – Prince



## Spanish/French Placement Exam June 6

Students who plan to advance to the second level of Spanish or French during their freshman year MUST take the Placement Exam. This exam will be held at St. Mary's High School on Saturday, June 6, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Please arrive 15 minutes early. Those who plan to take the exam and have not notified the Counseling Center need to do so as soon as possible by calling 683-2349.

## Dear Class of 2010 & Parents,

St. Mary's High School has selected *Edge Imaging* as your official senior photographer for this year. Although it may seem early to have your senior pictures taken, the yearbook staff has strict deadlines in place to finish the yearbook. We will be taking your portraits at the high school on **July 22, 23, 24 and August 6**. In order to be in the yearbook and on the composite you need to be photographed by Edge Imaging. **We will print your proofs to take home the day of your shoot.** It is your responsibility to contact us to schedule an appointment at 481-5158 or [dave@edgewny.com](mailto:dave@edgewny.com). Please call us by June 27 to schedule your sitting.



includes vinyl folder with senior composite. *Sitting fee \$50*  
**Deluxe:** 14-15 poses, up to two outfit changes & includes vinyl folder with senior composite. *Sitting fee \$40*

**Standard:** 10 poses, one outfit change & includes vinyl folder with senior composite. *Sitting fee \$30*

**Economy:** 6 poses, one outfit change but no composite *Sitting fee \$15*

**Two poses for the yearbook only:** no charge

**Please bring your sitting fee with you.** Cash, Visa, MC, checks, and money orders payable to Edge Imaging.

*Edge Imaging* offers a wide variety of poses and background styles to choose from. We shoot all-digittaly, so you can see your pictures immediately following your shoot and go home in a few minutes with your proofs! Bring your sports uniforms, instruments, and other props to personalize and immortalize your Senior Year. Our picture packages begin at only \$53, our top package includes 12 sheets of pictures any way you want them for \$199, and we have many different choices available. Free retouching is included on all packages. Parents are welcome to attend the session.

### Yearbook and Composite Portrait

A traditional jacket and tie or tuxedo for men, and drapes or formal attire (no spaghetti straps) for ladies; with a standard background must be used for your yearbook choice. This ensures uniform head size and background consistency. Tuxes and drapes will be provided for your use. Dress code needs to be followed. Men cannot have facial hair or earrings, and hair must be neat and off the collar.

Any questions please contact Mrs. Walh-Henshaw at 683-4824.

We offer a number of sitting fee options:  
**Luxury:** 18-20 poses, up to three outfit changes &

Please call or email us today to schedule your sitting: 481-5158 or [dave@edgewny.com](mailto:dave@edgewny.com).

## Softball team wins league; takes third place in States

Congratulations to the Lady Lancers softball team for winning the Msgr. Martin League Championship. The team wrapped up their title with a win over league-rival Immaculata on May 21.

The Lady Lancers then traveled to Long Island where they dropped the opening game 3-0 to St. John the Baptist of Long Island before coming back in the consolation game to win 4-2 over Archbishop Malloy of Brooklyn to finish in third place.

The team finished with a final record of 20-6 and were ranked number 3 in The Buffalo News Small School Ranking while finishing 19th in New York State in Class "C" ranking.



*The Lady Lancers after their championship victory over Immaculata.*

Congratulations to the members of the team: seniors Katie Hamilton, Sandra Jezuit, Jessica Runk; juniors Kelsey Rademacher, Stephanie Simmeth; sophomores Sara Hamilton, Amy Kawa, Maria Rosati, Lauren Wesolowski; and freshmen Rachelle Kelchlin, Ellen Lema, Lauren Lubecki, Samantha Poules, Olivia Zureck. They are coached by Dave Helak and Frank Simmeth.

## Lacrosse takes ILC Title

The undefeated St. Mary's Lacrosse Club, coached by Brian Hinton and Zach Weiss, won the WNY ILC championship on May 19.

The game was a close match against Genesee, who at one time was up by 3.

Leading scorer Brandon Barczak, Tim Kish, Shawn Cronmiller, and Alex Zach scored their goals to bring the score to a 9-10 deficit.

Returning injured player James



Knapp scored the tying goal within the last 2 minutes of game. Within six seconds of the beginning overtime, Jake Weiss won the faceoff, ran the ball down the field, and scored the winning goal.

## Relay team first in States

The 4x400 relay team made up of seniors Jake Evans, Mike Cronmiller, Connor Powell, and James Knapp recently took first place in the New York State Catholic Track Meet held at Icon Stadium in New York City.

With a time of 3:36.43, the team earned a trip to the Federation Track Meet taking place June 12 & 13 in Syracuse.

## Evans scores MMAA upset

Senior Jake Evans won a feel-good upset in the 400 in 51.48 seconds at the All-Catholic Track Meet. He rebounded after suffering a nasty spill earlier in the day in the 100, where he finished fifth.

He motivated himself for the 400 by leaving himself a message on the inside part of the tongue of his racing shoes. Inside the left shoe, he wrote "51" "IB" and in the right one he scribbled "L2IM."

The translation:

"'Fifty-one seconds.' 'I believe.' 'The last 200 meters is mine,' " he said after setting a school record. "I just wanted it so bad."

## Baseball team begins playoffs

The St. Mary's Lancers Baseball team are beginning their quest for the Georgetown Cup Playoffs with an upcoming quarterfinals match-up against Timon-St. Jude. The game was scheduled for Thursday, May 28, but was postponed. The game will now be played Saturday, May 30, at 12 noon at St. Mary's.

The winner of this game will play the top-seeded Canisius Crusaders at Sal Maglie Stadium. The best-of-three Championship series will be held at the new St. Joe's Collegiate Sports Complex.

The Lancers finished the season with a 9-5 league record to take fourth place in the league. They are currently ranked #8 among small school in The Buffalo News.



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# School Meals

*We serve education everyday through healthy choices*

## June 2009 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Mini subs: turkey / ham, tater tots, fruit, milk variety	<b>2</b> Chicken fajitas, onions/peppers, soft shells, seasoned rice, fruit, milk variety	<b>3</b> Cook's Choice – To Be Announced	<b>4</b> Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, Jell-O, milk variety	<b>5</b> Cook's Choice – To Be Announced
<b>8</b> Cook's Choice – To Be Announced	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

**Have a great summer!**

**Breakfast Served Every Day – 7:15-7:45 p.m.**

Cost — \$1

Juice / Milk with Bagel & cream cheese

OR Cinnamon bun

Note - a la carte items (Pop-Tarts • Cereal • Toast) may be purchased 60c each, milk or juice for 40c each

**All students eligible for Free/reduced Lunch are eligible for breakfast**

**Students may prepay for lunch by the week or month at \$2.25 per day**

**Menu Choices**

Balanced lunch as shown on menu OR

Salad Bar & Deli Bar

Side dishes included with Salad/Deli Bar

**Please note - Lunches are subject to change according to availability of products. Extra grains are served each day to meet dietary guidelines.**

## June 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Baccalaureate Mass 9am Senior Awards Brunch 10am	<b>1- A Day</b> Graduation Rehearsal at Villa Maria College 10am-12noon Student Senate 2:30pm	<b>2 - B Day</b> Graduation at Villa Maria College 6:30pm	<b>3 - C Day</b>	<b>4 - D Day</b>	<b>5 - E Day</b>	<b>6</b> Foreign Language Placement Test for Incoming Freshmen 9-11am Art Alive at Albright-Knox 12-2pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8 - F Day</b> Last Day of Classes Student Senate 2:30pm	<b>9 - Awards</b> 1pm Dismissal Underclassmen Awards Ceremony End-of-Year Picnic  <b>1 p.m. Dismissal</b> <b>Liturg Dress</b>	<b>10 - Exams</b> See Page 1 for Exam Schedule	<b>11 - Exams</b> See Page 1 for Exam Schedule	<b>12 - Exams</b> See Page 1 for Exam Schedule	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b>	<b>22 - Exams</b> See Page 1 for Exam Schedule Golf Tournament 12-7 pm	<b>23 - Exams</b> See Page 1 for Exam Schedule	<b>24 - Exams</b> See Page 1 for Exam Schedule Freshman/ Sophomore Field Trip to Darien Lake 10:30am-6pm	<b>25 - Rating</b> Rating Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Office Open 8am-1pm	<b>30</b> Office Open 8am-1pm	<b>1</b> Office Open 8am-1pm	<b>2</b> Office Open 8am-1pm	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b>

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