Your Opportunities Await at ... St. Mary's High School

CURRENTS April 2014

"Everybody cut Footloose!











Many more pictures on the St. Mary's website.

"Live like people who belong to the light"

Dear Friends,

This time of year is difficult for many people, and often times that includes myself. The cold and the snow seem never-ending. The work keeps piling up. There doesn't seem enough time in the day to get everything done. When it is dreary outside, it is easy to make excuses about not getting something done. Sometimes I feel like two college degrees and continuous professional development have made me a very intelligent woman. Other times. I feel like I don't know a thing

woman. Other times, I feel like I don't know a thing. Sometimes the negatives that occur in a day seem to totally outweigh the number of positives.

It would be easy to quit or give up and walk away. But we



have to remember that it is during these difficult days that God is still walking with us. Jesus Christ is our savior and suffered more than we can ever imagine in giving up His life for us, and He gives us strength when we need it to get through these rough days.

The Lenten and Easter seasons are a perfect time to renew our faith and grow closer in our relationship with God. When we feel like we can't find an answer, it may be only a prayer away. Personally, when I am feeling the negative taking

control, I need only get out into our hallways and see Christ in the eyes of our students.

As it says in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "Live like (Continued on page 4)

Transportation Reminder

Parents of St. Mary's students must request transportation services directly from the public school district.

The deadline for submitting written requests for transportation for the 2014-15 school year is April 1.

Failure to submit a request by this deadline might lead to the suspension of bus privileges for those families.

Most school districts require

families to apply for transportation on the district website, though some districts still have forms to fill out and submit. Mrs. Fiume, who coordinates transportation for St. Mary's students, sent letters letters home recently with more information.

Note - Students in the Buffalo and Lockport school districts do not need to apply for transportation.

Important Senior Dates

With the end of the school year fast approaching, the Administration is reminding the Class of 2014 and their parents of the following important dates:

- Tuesday, May 6, through Thursday, May
 15 AP Exams
- Thursday, May 8 last day of classes for seniors
- Friday, May 9 , through Thursday, May 15
 Senior Exams
- Friday, May 16 Closing Ceremonies

with Seniors (Parents Welcome) and Senior Retreat (Mandatory)

- Sunday, May 18 Baccalaureate Mass (Mandatory) & Family Brunch
- Thursday, May 22- Prom
- Wednesday, June 4 Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory)
- Wednesday, June 4 Graduation (Mandatory)

More information and complete schedules of exams and events will be available in future issues of *Currents* and in a mailout coming soon.

Office Hours during breaks

From April 14 to April 21, St. Mary's High School will be closed for the Spring and Easter Break.

Offices will be open on Monday, April 14, through Wednesday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The other days the school will be closed. If you need to meet any other time, please call the office to set up an appointment.

Report cards issued April 11

Friday, April 4, marks the end of the third quarter of the 2013-14 school year. Report cards for the third quarter will be distributed in homeroom on Friday, April 11

Families whose tuition payments are not up to date or who have not made prior payment arrangements will not receive report cards.

Two Lancers honored as Altar Servers of Year

Congratulations to juniors RiverLeigh Martinez and Julie Sobczynski who were recently honored as Altar Servers of the

Year by the Diocese of Buffalo.

The two were among over 100 young men and women from throughout the diocese who were recognized for their service and dedication to their parish. Bishop Richard Malone presented a medal to each of the recipients at a Mass held on March 1 at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo.



RiverLeigh Martinez



Julie Sobc<mark>zyns</mark>ki

RiverLeigh is a member of Our Lady of Pompeii Parish in Lancaster. Julie belongs to Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Cheektowaga.

Work Program registration in May

Many families have contacted St.

Mary's High School regarding the Work

Program, in which students can assist

with summer projects while earning tuition
credit. This year, registration for the
program will take place on-line only.

Please note that applications for this year's program will be available in May. See the May issue of *Currents* and the St. Mary's website for more information.

Questions regarding the Work
Program and the application process may
be directed to the Assistant Enrollment
Director for Student Accounts.

Students/Teacher of February



Alexandra Casillo



Matthew Wierzbicki



Olivia Carl



Grace Fuller



Ms. Amber Kelly



Campus Ministry



Be thankful for your parents

"Honor your father and mother that you may have a long life." Exodus 20:12.

To honor one's parents, biblically, portrays attitudes of caring, respect, praise, and obedience. By extension the commandment requires us to be respectful of all who have been given the charism of authority.

It requires submission to God's law: love God, your neighbor, and yourself. Obedience to civil law that contradicts divine law is not obligatory.

Honoring our parents can be a lifelong challenge. The relationship changes over time as we mature, become parents, and become "parents to our parents," as they age and become dependent on us. It is with God's grace that we are

able to make this transition. It requires sacrifice, and sacrifice may be difficult and irksome, but love makes it possible, and perfect love makes it a joy.

To honor our parents means to be thankful for the sacrifices of time, talent, and treasures they have made. To honor also means to forgive their humanness and the needs we had but were never perceived or met. Parenting is the one job that by the time it's learned, the job is over.

Mark Twain wrote, "When I was eighteen, I thought my father was the most ignorant man in the world; when I was twenty-one I was amazed at what he learned in three years." It is a matter of perception, to honor and obey.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus. twf+





Gowns available for purchase

Bridal Chateau provided the Fashion Show, *Wrapped in Fashion*, with several gowns which will be modeled by our students on April 3. These gowns are all available for purchase at a cost far below retail, and the money raised will benefit the students of St. Mary's High School.

If you are attending the show, all dresses will be available for purchase immediately following the Fashion Show. Please see a Fashion Show volunteer for available styles and sizes. There will be additional dresses in various sizes available that were not modeled in the show. All dresses can also be purchased in the days following the show.

Please contact Sandy Gibson at ekgib15@msn for descriptions and sizes.

Celebrating Women in History



The SEEK Club held a contest in honor of Women in History in which students had to identify what famous women the members of SEEK were portraying.

Participating in the contest were Meghan Helak (Coco Chanel), Julie Sobczynski (Amelia Earhardt), Alexandra Casillo (Princess Diana), Ana Lyons (Frida Kahlo), Hayley Wnuk (Rosey the Riveter), Hannah Gresham (Rosa Parks), Abby Salamone (Shirley Temple), and Kaitlyn Tytka (Betty White).



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Blood Drive



Senior Alexandra Casillo donates during the annual UNYTS Blood Drive, held March 27 at St. Mary's High School.

SCRIP News

SCRIP will not be available the week of April 7 to 11 because the company is closed.

Thank you for your understanding.

Belong to light

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people who belong to the light, for it is the light that brings... goodness, righteousness, and truth." (Eph 5:8–9) This Lenten season, I hope you will join me in working hard to be stay in the light and to spread the light to others. I know it is sometimes very hard to find the light, but I also know that we have the Holy Spirit there to guide us to the light whenever we need direction. As we dig in our heals and prepare for the difficult end of the school year, that light is essential for giving us the strength, the energy, and the inspiration we need.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administrative Team, and our faculty & staff, we wish all of the Lancer families a very Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kranz '92

Principal

Spring Sports Schedules 2014

Varsity Softball

Games begin at 4:15pm unless noted otherwise. Home games are played at Walden Pond.

Wed., April 9 vs. Nardin Fri., April 11 vs. Niagara Catholic Tues., April 22 vs. Christian Central

Sat., April 26 - Depew Tournament Wed., April 30 vs. O'Hara Fri., May 2 @ Immaculata Sat., May 3 - Williamsville Tournament

Wed., May 7 @ Mount Mercy Fri., May 9 @ Mt. St. Mary's Mon., May 12 vs. Nichols Tues., May 13 @ Sacred Heart Sat., May 17 - Quarterfinals Mon., May 19 - Semifinals Wed., May 21 - Finals Tues., May 27 - States

Men's Track

Meets begin at 4pm.

Mon., April 7 @ Canisius

Wed., April 9 @ St. Francis

Sat., Apr. 12, Time TBA @
Cheektowaga

Wed., April 23 @ St. Joe's

Sat., Apr. 26, Time TBA @ Depew

Mon., Apr. 28, 6pm vs Cardinal
O'Hara & Timon (Depew)

Mon., May 12 - All Catholics

Wed., May 14 - All Catholics

Men's Lacrosse

Matches begin at 5pm unless noted otherwise. Home matches are played at Keysa Park. Wed., April 2 @ Buffalo

(Riverside)
Thurs., April 10 vs. Depew
Wed., April 23 @ Depew
Thurs., April 24 vs. Gow
Sat., April 26, TBA – Club
Tournament

Mon., April 28 vs. Niagara Falls Wed., April 30 vs. Buffalo Fri., May 2 @ Gow Tues., May 6 @ Park Tues., May 13, TBA – Quarterfinals

Thurs., May 15, TBA – Semifinals Sat., May 17, TBA – Finals

JV Softball

Games begin at 4:15pm unless noted otherwise. Home games are played at Walden Pond.

Wed., April 9 vs. Nardin Wed., April 30 vs. O'Hara Fri., May 2 @ Immaculata Wed., May 7 @ Mount Mercy Fri., May 9 @ Mt. St. Mary's Mon., May 12 vs. Nichols Tues., May 13 @ Sacred Heart TBA @ O'Hara TBA @ Nichols

Ineson, Smith to play in Bowman Cup

Ineson named Marine Player of Month

Congratulations to juniors Zach Ineson and Mason Smith who have been chosen to play in the 10th Annual Scotty Bowman Challenge. The Challenge, to be played on April 9 at First Niagara Center, matches up the top high school hockey players from the Buffalo and Rochester areas.

Zach and Mason will play in the Junior Game, which begins at 6 p.m.

In addition, Zach was named the U.S. Marines Hockey Player of the Month by the Buffalo Sabres. Zach was honored at the Buffalo Sabres / Tampa Bay Lightning game on March 29.



Zach Ineson (left) and Mason Smith

Women's Track

Meets begin at 4pm.
Wed., April 9, vs. Immaculata/
Sacred Heart (@ St. Francis)
Sat., Apr. 12, Time TBA @
Cheektowaga
Wed., April 23 vs. Sacred Heart
(location TBA)

Sat., Apr. 26, Time TBA @ Depew Mon., Apr. 28, vs Cardinal O'Hara (location TBA)

Mon., May 5, vs. Mt. St. Mary's (location TBA)

Mon., May 12 - All Catholics Wed., May 14 - All Catholics

Tennis

Matches begin at 4:30pm. Home matches are played at Como Park.

Mon., April 7 @ Park
Tues., April 8 @ Mt. Mercy
Wed., April 9 vs. Niagara Catholic
Thurs., April 10 @ Nardin
Tues., April 22 @ Sacred Heart
Thurs., April 24 vs. Mt. St. Mary's
Tues., April 29 vs. Buffalo
Seminary

Wed., April 30 vs. Park Tues., May 6 @ Niagara Catholic Thurs., May 8 vs. Mt. Mercy

Women's Lacrosse

Matches begin at 4:30pm unless noted otherwise. Home matches are played at Keysa Park.

Sat., April 5, @ Sacred Heart Mon., April 7 vs. Buffalo Seminary Wed., April 9 vs. Nardin Fri., April 11, 5pm @ Eden Sat., Apr. 12, 11am vs. Mt. Mercy Sat., April 26, 10am @ Niagara Falls

Mon., April 28 vs. Mt. St. Mary's Wed., April 30 @ Buffalo Seminary Fri., May 2, 4:45pm @ Niagara Wheatfield

Thurs., May 8 @ Mt. Mercy Fri., May 9 @ Nardin Sat., May 10, 10am @ Lockport Mon., May 12 vs. Sacred Heart (St. Mary's) Wed., May 14 @ Mt. St. Mary's

Varsity Baseball

Games begin at 4:15pm unless noted otherwise.

Tues., April 1, 4:30pm, vs. West Seneca East Mon., April 7, vs. St. Joe's

Wed., April 9, 4:30pm @ St. Joe's Mon., April 21, 4:30pm vs. Sweet Home

Wed., April 23, 4:30pm @ Christian Central (Lou Gehrig Park)
Sat., April 26, 1pm vs. Frewsburg Mon., April 28, @ St. Francis
Wed., April 30 vs. St. Francis
Mon., May 5, vs. Cardinal O'Hara
Tues., May 6 @ Nichols
Fri., May 9 vs. Nichols
Mon., May 12 @ Bishop Timon
(Cazenovia Park)
Sat., Mat 10, 2:30pm @ O'Hara
Wed., May 14, vs. Bishop Timon

Fri., May 16, @ Canisius (Delaware Park) Mon., May 19, vs. Canisius

JV Baseball

Games begin at 4:15pm unless noted otherwise.

Wed., Apr. 2, 4:45pm @ West Seneca East Mon., Apr. 7, 4:30pm @ St. Joe's Tues., Apr. 8, 4:30pm vs. Maryvale

Thurs., Apr. 10, vs. Canisius Mon., Apr. 21, 4:30pm @ Sweet Home

Tues., Apr. 22, @ St. Francis Thurs., Apr. 24, vs. Canisius Sat., Apr. 26, TBA@ St. Francis Mon., Apr. 28, vs. O'Hara Fri., May 2, vs. St. Francis Wed., May 7, vs. St. Joe's Fri., May 9, @ St. Joe's Sat., May 10, TBA vs. Timon Mon., May 12, @ Timon (Cazenovia Park)

Tues., May 13, @ Canisius (Delaware Park) Fri., May 16, @ O'Hara Mon., May 19, @ Canisius

(Delaware Park) Thurs., May 22, vs. St. Joe's Sat., May 24, 12noon @ St. Francis

February Lottery Winners

eb. 1 523 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 15	380 A. Muschaneck \$25
Feb. 2 256 R.E. Jablonski \$50	Feb. 16	149 No Name \$50
eb. 3 315 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 17	640 Ticket Unsold \$ -
eb. 4 777 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 18	253 Ticket Unsold \$ -
eb. 5 599 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 19	579 D. Denz \$25
eb. 6 247 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 20	891 Ticket Unsold \$ -
Feb. 7 636 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 21	530 Ticket Unsold \$ -
Feb. 8 959 L. Grabski \$25	Feb. 20	837 Ticket Unsold \$ -
Feb. 9 241 C. Newton \$50	Feb. 23	546 J. Zaprzal \$50
eb. 10 294 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 24	556 J. Wipperman \$25
eb. 11 . 154 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 25	569 H. Fuller \$25
eb. 12 938 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 26	425 L. Galasso \$100
Feb. 13 369 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 27	804 J. Browne \$25
eb. 14 385 Ticket Unsold \$ -	Feb. 28	265 R.E. Jablonski \$25

President speaks to class



Mr. Mark Tramont, President of St. Mary's High School, recently spoke to Mrs. Connelly's Economics class about the Entrepreneurial Spirit.

Two Lancers named Buffalo News Scholar Athletes

After every sports season, The Buffalo News presents the Scholar Athlete Awards. To be nominated, a student must be a senior, have above a 90 average for their first six



Alexandra Casillo

Alexandra Gasino

important role on their team.

This year, St. Mary's had two student-

semesters at their school, and play an

This year, St. Mary's had two studentathletes named as winners of the Scholar Athlete of the Winter Season Award: Alexandra Casillo (girls' basketball), and Reagan Craddock (wrestling).



Reagan Craddock

In addition, the following received Honorable Mention: Dylan Braniecki (boys' bowling), Kevin (Eric) Eggert (boys' bowling), Tyler English (boys' basketball),

Peyton Harris (girls' basketball), Cory Kiebzak (boys' basketball), Erin Neary (girls' bowling), Jacqueline Steck (girls' basketball), Latrell Tyson (boys' basketball), Matthew Wrobel (boys' basketball), Collin Zelli (hockey), and Grant Ziomek (hockey).

School Meals

We serve education everyday through healthy choices

April 2014 Menu

Spaghetti, meat balls, Popcorn chicken bowl, Stuffed-crust pizza,

two dinner rolls.

mashed potatoes,

corn, apple sauce,

Romaine salad,

roll, fruit, milk

whole grain dinner

Breakfast - \$1

Reduced – 25¢
Bagels, cream cheese,
assorted cereal, muffin,
juice, milk, fresh fruit
Served Every Day
7:15-7:45 p.m.

A la carte items:

Muffins – 60¢ Pop Tarts – 60¢ Orange Juice – 50¢ Milk – 50¢

Lunch – \$3

Reduced - 25¢

Students may prepay for lunch for one week or more – \$2.75 per day

All lunches include milk

White – 1% White – Fat Free Chocolate – Fat Free

A la carte items:

Sandwiches – \$1.50 Other items vary everyday!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk	Pizza, chef salad, mixed vegetables, broccoli, fruit, milk	Spaghetti, meat balls, green beans, Romaine salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk	Grilled cheese, tomato soup, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk	
Sahlen's hot dogs, baked beans, hash brown patty, carrots, fruit, milk	Chicken patty on whole grain roll, oven fries, corn, fruit, milk	Soft shell tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salsa, seasoned rice, fruit, milk	10 Baked cheeseburger on roll, macaroni & cheese, green beans, peaches, milk	11 Fish sandwich, tater tots, broccoli, fruit, milk	
14	15 No School – S	16 pring Break –	17 Happy Easter	18	
21 No School	22 Chicken nuggets, whole grain dinner roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, fruit, milk	Pizza, Romaine salad with garbanzo beans, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk	24 Turkey or ham wrap, cheese, lettuce, tomato, broccoli, fruit, milk	25 Cheese ravioli, dinner roll, chef salad, green beans, fruit, milk	
28	29	30			

Romaine salad with

garbanzo beans,

sweet potatoes,

fruit, milk

April 2014 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1-F Day Curriculum Committee 2:30pm Var BB vs. West Seneca East 4:30pm	2-A Day SEEK Meeting 2:30pm JV BB @ West Seneca East 4:45pm MLax @ Buffalo (Riverside) 5pm	3-B Day Pride Day Weekly Mass 7:30am in Chapel NHS Tutoring 2:30pm in Library Fashion Show at Salvatore's 5-9pm Pride Day	4-C Day Ext HR Schedule (Lenten Prayer Service) End of Third Quarter	5 WLax @ Sacred Heart 4:30pm
6	7-D Day Student Senate 2:30pm MTrack @ Canisius 4pm Var BB vs. St. Joe's 4:15pm JV BB @ St. Joe's 4:30pm WVax vs. Buffalo Seminary 4:30pm Tennis @ Park 4:30pm	8-E Day NHS Meeting 2:30pm Juniors to National College Fair 8:30- 10:30am National College Fair 6-8:30pm Tennis @ Mt. Mercy 4:30pm JV BB vs. Maryvale 4:30pm	9-F Day Jeans Day Campus Ministry Meeting 7:30 am Principal's Ad Board (Calendar Meeting) 2:30pm MTrack @ St. Francis 4pm WTrack vs. Immaculata/ Sacred Heart 4pm SB vs. Nardin 4:15pm Var BB @ St. Joe's 4:30pm WLax vs. Nardin 4:30pm Tennis vs. Niagara Catholic 4:30pm Jeans Day	10-A Day PMAssembly Schedule (Living Stations of the Cross) Weekly Mass 7:30am in Chapel NHS Tutoring 2:30pm in Library JVBB vs. Canisius 4:15pm Tennis @ Nardin 4:30pm MLax vs. Depew 5pm	AP Biology Field trip to Canisius College 8am Var SB vs. Niagara Catholic 4:15pm WLax @ Eden 4:30pm	12 ACT Testing Day MTrack & WTrack @ Cheektowaga – time TBA WLax vs. Mt. Mercy 11am
13	14 NOSCHOOL Spring Break Office Open 9am-12noon	15 NOSCHOOL Spring Break Office Open 9am-12noon	16 NOSCHOOL Spring Break Office Open 9am-12noon No School	17 NOSCHOOL Spring Break Office Closed	18 NOSCHOOL Spring Break Office Closed No School	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 NOSCHOOL Spring Break Office Closed Var BB vs. Sweet Home 4:30pm JV BB @ Sweet Home 4:30pm	22-C Day SOUL Meeting 2:30pm Var SB vs. Christian Central 4:15pm JV BB @ St. Francis 4:15pm Tennis @ Sacred Heart 4:30pm	23-D Day Campus Ministry Meeting 7:30 am Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm Student Senate Officer Forms Due MTrack @ St. Joe's 4pm WTrack vs. Sacred Heart 4pm Var BB @ Christian Central 4:30pm MLax @ Depew 5pm	2:30pm	25-F Day PM Liturgy Schedule (Easter Liturgy) Java Jive 7pm Ring Preview during Lunches Liturgy Dress Code	26 7th Grade Practice Exam 9am-12noon MLax @ Club Tournament Var SB @ Depew Tournament WLax @ Niagara Falls 10am JV BB @ St. Francis 1pm VarBB vs. Frewsburg 1pm MTrack & WTrack @ Depew – time TBA
27	28-A Day Student Senate 2:30pm JV BB vs. O'Hara 4:15pm Var BB @ St. Francis 4:15pm WLax vs. Mt. St. Mary's 4:30pm MLax vs. Niagara Falls 5pm MTrack vs. O'Hara/ Timon 6pm (Depew) WTrack vs. O'Hara 4pm	29-B Day Ext HR Schedule (Student Senate Speeches) BISSNet Diversity Workshop at Park School Ring Orders during Lunches, 6-8pm Tennis vs. Buffalo Seminary 4:30pm	30-C Day Student Senate Elections during Homeroom SB vs. O'Hara 4:15pm Var BB vs. St. Francis 4:15pm Tennis vs. Park 4:30pm WLax @ Buffalo Seminary 4:30pm MLax vs. Buffalo 5pm	1-D Day Weekly Mass 7:30am in Chapel NHS Tutoring 2:30pm in Library Evening of Fine Arts 7pm	2-E Day Jeans Day Class Officer Forms Due Special Schedule (PreProm Assembly) JV BB vs. St. Francis 4:15pm SB @ Immaculata 4:15pm WLax @ Niagara Wheatfield 4:45pm MLax @ Gow 5pm Jeans Day	3 SAT Testing Day Var SB @ Williamsville Tournament

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For the latest news about St. Mary's High School, go to www.smhlancers.org

Seniors at OLV



The Senior Class recently traveled to Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna for a tour and Reconciliation.

