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Kevin Kelleher named Head of School

The Board of Trustees of St. Mary's High School recently announced that the school will be changing their governance

and leadership model to a Head of School structure. The Board also announced that Mr. Kevin Kelleher, a 1989 graduate of St. Mary's, has been named the school's first Head of School.

After graduating from St. Mary's, Mr. Kelleher went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in

History from St. Bonaventure University, followed by his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University at Buffalo Law School. Upon earning his degrees, he moved on to work for the Atlantic 10 Conference in Philadelphia, where he served as the Assistant Director of Championships and Compliance. From there, he worked for a sports event management firm known as

the Gazelle Group, where he was the Director of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic held annually at Madison Square Garden.

In 1993, Mr. Kelleher became the founder of the Chris Wanat Memorial Foundation. Through the work of this foundation, the Foundation has given over \$250,000 to the Lancaster/Depew community.

In the summer of 2000, Mr. Kelleher returned to St. Mary's High School,

where he served as Athletic Director and Enrollment Director for six years. He also served as Coach of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team and brought home the first-ever state championship for St. Mary's. He was also instrumental in the building of the state-of-the-art Athletic Center, which still stands as one of the best high school gyms in the state.

The first two weeks of school

Mon., Sept. 5 No School Labor Day	Tue., Sept. 6 No School for Students Faculty/Staff Orientation 8am - 2:30pm	Wed., Sept. 7 ALL STUDENTS Noon DISMISSAL ID Pictures Opening Liturgy Class Meetings Orientation	Thur., Sept. 8 A-Day ALL STUDENTS FULL DAY	Fri., Sept. 9 B-Day ALL STUDENTS FULL DAY
Mon., Sept. 12 C-Day Student Senate 2:30pm Meet the Teachers Night 6-8:30pm	Tue., Sept. 13 D-Day Fall Play Auditions 2:30pm	Wed., Sept. 14 E-Day Fall Play Auditions 2:30pm	Thur., Sept. 15 F-Day Math Club Meeting 2:30pm	Fri., Sept. 16 A-Day Fall Play Callbacks 2:30pm Opening Dance 8-11pm

In 2006, Mr. Kelleher became one of the owners of Integrity Distribution and Vice President of Sales and Marketing for ADPRO Sports. In January 2014, he became Vice President of St. Mary's High School.

The change to the governance and leadership structure was precipitated by the resignation of school President Mr. Mark Tramont to become a Leadership Liaison to the Board of Trustees and the retirement of Principal Mrs. Rebecca Kranz.

Changes include appointment of CFO, deans

Under the new leadership structure, the Board of Trustees also announced the promotion of Mr. Rob Cavallari from Chief Operating Officer to Chief Financial Officer for the school

In addition, the following positions have been created:

- Dean of Academic Affairs Mr. Keith Junik, former Social Studies teacher at St. Mary's
- Dean of Advancement & Alumni –
 Ms. Amanda Rebeck, former
 member of the Development Office
 at Immaculata Academy
- Dean of Enrollment & Student Life –
 Mrs. Andrea Drabik, former
 Enrollment Director and Athletic
 Director at Immaculata Academy
- Dean of Student Formation Mr.

 Beck O'Connor, former Enrollment

 Director at St. Mary's

St. Mary's launches new website

St. Mary's High School is excited to announce the launch of its new website, which went live on August 17, at the school's web address, www.smhlancers. org.

Designed by Manzella Marketing of Bowmansville, the new website is the culmination of the school's new marketing strategy, which included updating the design and layout of brochures, postcards, and even the school's logo.

"We are very excited to make this change to the St. Mary's website," said St. Mary's Head of School Kevin Kelleher. "We especially wanted to make the website more responsive, as more and more people come to the website using their tablets and mobile devices. We believe that visitors to the website will find it more useful and visually

pleasing."

The new design includes an animated rotating display of pictures featuring St. Mary's current students and teachers. There is also a video created by Dan Oshier, a 1994 graduate of St. Mary's and founder of Dan Oshier Productions.

The main page also features links to school news stories, "St. Mary's by the Numbers", as well as a contact form.
Links off the main page include information regarding Athletics, Student Life, Alumni, Admissions, and Lancer Information section, to name a few.

More information on the new website is available by contacting Keith Kidder, Director of Special Programs, at (716) 683-4824 or kkidder@smhlancers. org.

Meet the Teacher Night is September 12

St. Mary's High School will hold its annual Meet the Teacher Night on Monday, Sept. 12, beginning at 6 p.m.

This night – designed for parents (leave your student home) – will allow parents the opportunity to meet with their students' teachers and to learn more about the classes, homework assignments, and grading policies. In addition, parents will hear from Mr. Kevin Kelleher and the new deans of the school, who will discuss updates to school policies. Also, Mrs. Kim Marino from the Lancer Parent Partnership will share information about this organization. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

Hope to see you on September 12!

Transportation information

Information regarding transportation is usually sent to parents from the public school district at the end of August. This information is not sent to St. Mary's.

Students are reminded to especially pay attention to their bus numbers – some districts send multiple buses, so it's important for students to know which bus to get on at the end of the school day.

If you did not receive your bus information, or if you have questions or problems with the arrangements, please call

the Transportation Department of your school district.

Students who take the Metro Bus will receive their bus passes as soon as they arrive at St. Mary's. The NFTA allows students to ride buses without passes for the first few days of school.

Remember: Students are never allowed to ride a bus from a school district other than their own. Public school districts are only insured for their own residents.

Welcome, new teachers!

St. Mary's High School is pleased to announce the addition of the following people to the Lancer community:

- Ms. Kristin Cutspec Spanish 2, English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Mr. Thomas Mellon Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus Honors, Math IV B Check out future issues of *Currents* for profiles of these new teachers as well as the members of the school's leadership team.

Please Spread the Word!

Open House for Prospective Students & Families

Friday, Sept. 23 – 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon

For more information, 683-4824 or lancer@smhlancers.org

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Walk-a-Thon taking place during Homecoming Week

For several years, the Student Senate of St. Mary's High School has sponsored the annual Walk-a-thon. The students have walked the streets of Lancaster and Depew and, in the process, raised funds which are used for school classes, clubs, and organizations and to help fund the Student Senate Scholarship.

As in previous years, Student Senate has decided to incorporate a school picnic into the Walk-a-thon, presently scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11, during Homecoming Week. After a walk of about three miles, the Walk-a-thon will arrive at Firemen's Park in Depew. Here the students will be treated to a picnic lunch while able to enjoy

the basketball courts, sand volleyball court, and more. The students will walk back to school at the end of the day.

Created in 2006, the Student Senate Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman who has the potential to be a future student leader of the school.

Very shortly, families will receive a letter from the Student Senate Co-Moderators, Mrs. Lynn Tytka and Mr. Keith Kidder, going into more details about the Walk-a-Thon. There will also be a Walk-a-thon pledge sheet.

More information on the Walk-a-Thon is available by contacting Mrs. Tytka or Mr. Kidder at the school.

The bus is here!

The new St. Mary's bus has been repainted and relabeled and it's ready to go!

Purchased from Immaculata Academy, upon the school's closing, the bus will be used for transporting athletic teams as well as for field trips for school clubs and organizations.



Driver Ed begins in September

St. Mary's High School offers a Driver Education Program that is open to students from local high schools as well as St. Mary's High School.

Working with Buffalo Driving School, the Driver Education program is offered three times throughout the year: fall, spring, and summer. The Fall 2016 session will begin on September 15, and continue through January 19, 2017.

The New York State Education
Department requires that each student
attend 24 hours of classroom instruction,
which are held on Thursday or Friday
afternoons. Also, students must attend 24
hours of in-car instruction. One-and-a-half

hour driving labs are available at various times in the Driver Education vehicles. Students select the schedule that works best for them.

Completion of this course also satisfies the 20-hour graduated license requirement.

The cost for the program is \$495 per student. Registration materials are available by going to the St. Mary's website, www.smhlancers.org, clicking on "Lancer Info" and selecting "Driver Education."

Questions regarding the program may be directed to Mr. Rob Cavallari at rcavallari@smhlancers.org.

Notes from the Health Office

New students need physicals

Students new to St. Mary's High School are required to have a physical exam on file in the Health Office. This applies to all ninth grade and transfer students. If you have not turned in a physical form by October 1, 2016, your student will be assigned a physical with the school physician.

Anyone interested in playing sports must have a current physical on file in the Health Office.

If your student has not had a physical and is interested in playing a winter or spring sport, please contact the Health Office to schedule a physical.

Your student's health is important to achievement in school. There are health screenings that the school nurse will begin this month in Physical Education classes.

These are the guidelines from New York State: Height and weight measurements are given annually to each student. Freshmen will have scoliosis screening if this was not completed by their primary physician at the time of their physical exam. Students new to St. Mary's High School and 10th grade students receive vision and hearing screening.

Please remind your student to wear contacts or have his/her glasses on a regular basis.

This will give us the correct results in our testing and save you unnecessary visits to your eye doctor. Parents will be notified in writing if your student has any difficulty with screenings.

If, at anytime during the school year, you feel that your student is having difficulty, please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Murphy, for screening or if you have questions regarding height and weight.

If you have any questions, please call the school nurse, Mrs. Murphy, at 683-4824, ext. 220.

Counseling Corner

Sarah Neudeck (sneudeck@smhlancers.org) • 683-2349 • Jamie Whitwood (jwhitwood@smhlancers.org)

Help teen to start off year right

Whether it's your teen's first year in high school or his last, here are a few simple things you can do now to help him have a successful school year:

- Meet with your teen's teachers. Do
 this at back-to-school night or
 schedule an appointment. Opening
 lines of communication early will
 make it easier for you to work
 together if a problem arises.
- Write down the names and email addresses of your teen's teachers.
 Also write down contact information for the deans, the attendance

- office and your teen's guidance counselor. Keep the information handy for easy access throughout the year. Follow the school on social media, too.
- Plan to attend the school events that involve your teen. You'll have fun, you'll show that you care about your teen and his school, and you'll get to meet other parents. These contacts will be useful when your teen tells you he's the only student who has a curfew.
- Make it clear that there will be home-

- work time at your house every day. Homework is essential in high school. Your teen can make decisions about when to do homework, but not whether to do it.
- Check with the guidance counselor to make sure your teen is on track to attend college. Even if he isn't sure he wants to go to college, he should take courses that leave that option open.

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Effective strategies for taking notes

Why do some teens do better in school than others? One reason may be that they take notes.

When teens take notes, they're also paying closer attention to what they hear in class. That makes it easier for them to learn the material and remember it at test time.

Here are some tips to help your teen become a better note taker:

- Listen for the main ideas. Anything the teacher repeats more than once or writes on the board should go in your teen's notes. He should also write down any words that the teacher defines.
- Keep it brief. Your teen should use a system of abbreviations and symbols. However, he needs to make sure he remembers what they mean. If he is skilled at texting, he may want to use those abbreviations when taking notes in class.
- Review the notes as soon as possible.

Your teen will be better able to fill in something he missed and more likely to remember the information come test time.

• Use colors and shapes. Your teen can draw a circle or box around the most

important idea. He can also use colored markers to show how ideas relate.

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Spend quality time with your teen

Before kids can drive, they have to spend time with their parents. Otherwise, they won't get to friends' houses, sports practices, and other activities.

But by high school, either they can drive or they can find a friend who can get them places. And time spent with parents decreases.

But it's a mistake to think that teens don't want to spend time with parents. They need their parents' approval, attention, and time more than ever.

How can you spend quality time with your teen? Here are just a few ideas to get you started:

• Plan a family meal together. Talk about

the kinds of food you might like to try. Divide responsibilities. You'll get a great meal and a great conversation.

- Ask your teen to help you plan a family outing. Teens like to give their input and are more invested in activities they help to plan.
- Schedule a family game night. Let your teen invite a friend over to participate. As a bonus, you'll get to know his friend a bit better!
- Read together. Choose a book that you'll both enjoy reading and make time to discuss it.

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Theater Department announces Fall Play

The St. Mary's Theater Department is pleased to announce that the Fall Play this year will be Is There a Comic in the House?

Seven wildly funny comedians, including the landlady, live in Shotzie Starr's boarding house. The only "normal" resident is Shotzie's granddaughter whose pizza delivering boyfriend is – you guessed it - an aspiring comedian. The action at Shotzie's becomes manic when bumbling kidnappers crash their van and take refuge there with their victim, a haughty

Open Auditions are Tuesday, Sept. 13,

socialite, in tow. Police surround the house

and the unrestrainable comics are suddenly

in the proximity of reporters' TV cameras.

All hilarity breaks loose, on stage and in

the audience!



St. Mary's last performed Is There a Comic in the House? in 2003.

and Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 2:30 p.m. Call backs will be held Friday, Sept. 16, at 2:30 p.m. The play will be performed on November 4 and 5.

Please contact Miss Ruhland with any questions.

Two selected for Leadership **Buffalo**

Two St. Mary's students senior Asia Alexander and iunior Maria Fontaine - have been selected to be a part of Leadership Buffalo for the 2016-17 school year.



According to their website, Leadership Buffalo, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1987 whose mission is "to unite existing and emerging leaders from



Maria Fontaine

diverse backgrounds and perspectives in order to increase their knowledge of community issues, broaden their vision, and enhance their ability to lead."

Students meet once a month to explore Buffalo in an educational way to increase appreciation and awareness of the community, focussing on topics such as economic development, social justice, arts and cultures, diversity, and entrepreneurship.

Quality time

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- Work on a project. Does a room or closet need organizing? With your teen, brainstorm a plan of attack.
- Talk to your teen about school. Show interest in the things he is learning and ask questions. You could even ask him to teach you something he is learning.

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Bash for Cash will soon be here

Bash for Cash will be taking place at St. Mary's High School on Saturday, Oct. 22.

For those new to the event, Bash for Cash combines a cash give-a-way with an evening of fun and food. The grand prize is \$10,000, while there are also 61 other prizes ranging from \$50 to \$3,000. And every entry has a chance for every prize.

On the day of the event, every ticket purchased allows two adults to attend the festivities which include pizza, beverages, raffles, split clubs, and games.

Tickets for the Bash for Cash cost \$50. They are available by contacting Mrs. Julie

Wipperman



at 683-4824, ext. 223, or jwipperman@ smhlancers.org.

Congratulations to the August Early Bird winners for the Bash for Cash:

- 1. Sharon Snyder
- 2. Dawn Murdock
- 3. Rachel Sada
- 4. Troy Livesay
- 5. Robert Lukasik

These winners each won a FREE bash for cash ticket!

Also, adult volunteers are needed on the day of the event. Individuals

Student absentee & attendance information

Note – The Attendance Policy in its entirety may be found in the Student / Parent Handbook.

Whenever it is necessary to be absent from school, a parent or guardian must call extension 227 no later than 8 a.m. to explain the reason for the absence. The phone call should include the student's name, which parent/guardian is calling, and the reason for the absence. If no call is received by 8 a.m., the Attendance Office will contact the student's parents or guardians to obtain the reason for the absence. If no reason for an absence is obtained within 24 hours, the student will be considered truant, and the student will receive appropriate disciplinary actions.

A student will be excluded from participation in any extracurricular activity (sports, clubs, field trips, or any school-related functions) on a day he/she is absent from school or not present by 10 a.m.

Truancy will result in detention or suspension.

Upon return to school, a student who has been absent needs to see each teacher individually to check about class work, notes, tests, quizzes, homework collected, and homework assigned during the absence. Teachers will give students who have been absent time to make up work. The student is responsible for doing so in a timely manner.

Realizing that attendance in class is vital to the success a student can achieve in a course at St. Mary's, the following has been adopted as the school's Attendance Policy:

- A student who misses six (6) classes because of illegal absences during any one quarter will automatically fail that course(s) for that particular quarter.

 This may affect the student's status regarding academic ineligibility.
- A student who has missed more than half of a class period will be deemed to be absent for the entire class.
- After 4 or more classes have been missed, the attendance officer will send written notices to the parents. After the 6th absence, the student is failing and parents will receive a written notice.

- The attendance office subscribes to the New York State attendance policy.
- The only legal excuses for being absent: medical appointments with verification, snow days from home school district, funerals, court dates with verification.
- Medical excuses must be presented on the day the student returns to school. Medical excuses are doctor or dentist appointments, verified by written notes on the doctor's stationery. Medical excuses for any one quarter must be turned in by the day the quarter closes and will not be accepted once report cards have been issued. Failing grades due to attendance will not be changed after report cards are issued.
- New York State does not recognize "Take Your Daughter / Son to Work Day" as a legal reason for being absent from school. St. Mary's High School also does not recognize the day. If a student participates in the day, it will be considered an illegal absence with parent permission and charged as one of the five absences allowed per quarter.
- Road tests and permit tests are unexcused absences.
- If a school district is closed and not providing bus service for days that are NOT weather related and St. Mary's High School is in session, students are required to be in school. District

- closings that are not weather related are not excused absences. Parents should check their school district calendars and make necessary transportation arrangements for those dates.
- Students may not leave campus once they arrive on school property.

Snow (Weather-Related) Closings

If a school district is closed due to weather, students are legally absent. Even for weather-related district closings, parents are still required to call their students in absent to extension 227 by 8 a.m. However, if a student comes to school, it is our expectation that they will remain until the school is closed or the end of the school day. Students who are absent from school are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities on that day.

If a district closes during the day, students will be released only to district transportation or a designated parent or guardian. We will not release students to ride with other students or other parents, except for siblings.

If a parent or guardian decides it is necessary to pick a student up during the day, please call the school to let us know you are coming.

Families will be notified of school closings/delays through the mass-notification system. In addition, informa-(Continued on page 8)

Student work when absent

As we are all well aware, daily class attendance is directly related to a student's academic success. However, absenteeism from school may be unavoidable. Please be advised of the school policy regarding getting work while a student is absent:

- If a medical absence is long-term (a week or more), a parent should contact the Counseling Center regarding the student's situation.

 Teachers will be contacted to submit missing assignments, worksheets, etc. After the Counseling Center has
- received this work, arrangements need to be made to pick up these assignments as well as the needed textbooks, notebooks, etc.
- If the absence is short term (a few days), the student should contact a classmate. The "turn-around time" in getting work for absent students makes this the most effective and efficient way to get this information. Teachers will give students who have been absent time to make up work. The student is responsible for doing so in a timely manner.



Campus Ministry



Easy? No!

A sincere welcome to the new members of the St. Mary's family. It is our prayer that the sacrifices families make to provide a Catholic and Christian education will be grounded in faith, inspired by hope, and motivated from love.

Are you familiar with Deuteronomy 6:5 or Matthew 22:37-39? No? Here's the "SparkNotes" version: Love God, your neighbor, yourself.

Overworked culturally, love is associated with emotion, infatuation, and romance. In the cited Scriptures, love is

not any of those feelings but rather an attitude and a choice. How then are we to love?

A suggestion:

- L learn about our baptismal gift of faith;
- O obey the teaching of the Ten Commandments:
- V value our relationships with God and others:
- E experience through prayer, sacrifice and good works the presence of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God.

It may sound simple but it's not easy. Luke sums it up: "Do to others as you

would have them do to you." (Luke 6:31)

As a new season and a new school year begins, with hope, optimism and joy, let us pray that as family we recognize and receive God's blessings.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus. twf+

Members of the St. Mary's community are invited to join us for the Opening Liturgy on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 10:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Pompeii Church.

Thursday morning masses will begin in October.

Athletic Department shares list of fundraiser winners

On August 31, the St. Mary's Athletic Department wrapped up their Summer Lottery Fundraiser.

Here are the winners:

June 1 - 211 - No Winner

June 2 - 911 - No Winner

June 3 - 041 - Linda Romance

June 4 - 946 - No Winner

June 5 - 162 - Kim Kuhn

June 6 - 111 - No Winner

June 7 - 770 - No Winner

June 8 - 652 - No Winner

June 9 - 061 - No Winner

June 10 - 483 - No Winner

June 11 - 585 - No Winner

June 12 - 611 - No Winner

June 13 - 184 - No Winner

June 14 - 407 - No Winner

June 15 - 757 - No Winner

June 16 - 931 - No Winner

June 17 - 850 - No Winner

June 18 - 617 - Missy Hufford

June 19 - 742 - No Winner

June 20 - 889 - No Winner

June 21 - 806 - No Winner

June 22 - 655 - Rev. Fabian

Maryanski

June 23 - 477 - No Winner

June 24 - 181 - No Winner

June 25 - 631 - No Winner

June 26 - 092 - No Winner

June 27 - 338 - Michael Day

June 28 - 284 - Mark Byrne June 29 - 858 - No Winner

June 30 - 144 - No Winner

July 1 - 680 - No Winner

July 2 - 941 - Kathryn Wnuk

July 3 - 178 - No Winner

July 4 - 774 - No Winner

July 5 - 575 - Kim Marino July 6 - 148 - Beth Murphy

July 7 - 519 - No Winner

July 8 - 901 - No Winner

July 9 - 191 - No Winner

July 10 - 669 - No Winner

July 11 - 671 - No Winner

July 12 - 717 - No Winner

July 13 - 292 - No Winner

July 14 - 749 - No Winner

July 15 - 791 - No Winner

July 16 - 894 - No Winner

July 17 - 126 - No Winner

July 18 - 328 - No Winner

July 19 - 033 - No Winner July 20 - 113 - Kristi & Ginny

Stolarski

July 21 - 696 - Diana Slade

July 22 - 440 - No Winner

July 23 - 443 - No Winner July 24 - 959 - Tom Fischer

July 25 - 142 - No Winner

July 27 - 335 - No Winner

July 27 - 351 - No Winner

July 28 - 359 - No Winner

July 29 - 470 - No Winner

July 30 - 379 - No Winner July 31 - 133 - No Winner

Tickets available for Fall Fundraiser

The St. Mary's Athletic Department is now selling tickets for the Fall Lottery Fundraiser.

> Tickets are \$20 each. Winners will receive:

- \$25 for weekdays
- \$40 for Saturdays

- \$50 for Sundays
- \$100 for Columbus Day,

Thanksgiving Day, and

contacting Mrs. Pam Aquino at 683-4824, ext. 224 or

Christmas Day

Tickets are available by paquino@smhlancers.org.

Aug 1 - 243 - No Winner

Aug 2 - 096 - No Winner

Aug 3 - 078 - No Winner

Aug 4 - 375 - No Winner

Aug 5 - 156 - No Winner

Aug 6 - 425 - No Winner

Aug 7 - 948 - No Winner

Aug 8 - 069 - No Winner

Aug 9 - 588 - No Winner

Aug 10 - 624 - No Winner Aug 11 - 849 - Lisa Szczesniak

Aug 12 - 284 - Carolyn Wozniak

Aug 13 - 736 - Trice Lima

Aug 14 - 214 - No Winner

Aug 15 - 022 - No Winner

Aug 16 - 918 - No Winner

Aug 17 - 553 - No Winner Aug 18 - 454 - No Winner

Aug 19 - 606 - No Winner

Aug 20 - 339 - Ella Dunne

Aug 21 - 790 - No Winner

Aug 22 - 354 - No Winner

Aug 23 - 226 - No Winner

Aug 24 - 004 - No Winner

Aug 25 - 603 - No Winner Aug 26 - 450 - No Winner

Aug 27 - 720 - No Winner

Aug 28 - 906 - No Winner

Aug 29 - 086 - No Winner

Aug 30 - 816 - Margaret Kelly Aug 31 - 485 - No Winner

Thank you for your support!

Attendance information (continued from page 6)

tion on school closing will be available on Channels 2, 4, or 7, WBEN-Radio 930, and on the St. Mary's website (www. smhlancers.org), and Facebook and Twitter pages.

Vacation Policy

Policy for student voluntary absences during school time:

Parents must make the request at least

two weeks in advance to the Attendance Officer. Even if the individual teachers have been notified of a student's vacation, parents must still make the request to the Attendance Officer.

The Attendance Officer will inform parent that: The time requested cannot be granted and it must then become their decision.

If parents then choose to do so, it is

recorded on the student's permanent attendance record as an illegal absence with parental permission.

Students are responsible for all work missed during their absence. Parents must also inform the Counseling Center as to the length and date of absence.

Reminder: If a student misses six classes, he/she fails for that quarter as per school attendance policy.



Stop selling and start earning! Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

























For more information will be available soon!

You can help St. Mary's by ... shopping

Helping to support St. Mary's High School can be as easy as going to your favorite store.

Many retailers offer programs in which schools receive a portion of the customers' purchases. All the buyer has to do is sign up with the program in which they designate St. Mary's High School as the recipient of the donation.

Below are several programs in which St. Mary's High School has participated for the past few years. As the school becomes aware of others, information will be printed in future issues of *Currents*:



Tops in Education Program

How it works:

Please note: You must sign up for the Tops in Education Program every school year.

- Register your TOPS BonusPlus®.
- Select St. Mary's High School from the list of schools that have registered
- Purchase participating TOPS brand, Full CircleTM, TopCare®, Tippy Toes, Valu Time® and Best Yet® products with your TOPS BonusPlus® throughout the 2016-2017 TOPS in Education program year.
- TOPS contributes up to 5% of your purchase to St. Mary's. The more you shop, the higher percentage they donate!

To sign up, go to www.topsmarkets. com/education.



Target RedCard Program

How it works:

- Apply and get approved for a REDcard®.
- Enroll in Take Charge of Education and

designate St. Mary's High School.

- Start shopping with your REDcard®.
- Target will track purchases made by participating REDcard® holders, then send a no-strings-attached donation check directly to the school.
- Checks are distributed once a year.
 Parents can apply for the RedCard

 Program and track the school's progress at Target.com/tcoe.

Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program

How it works:

Shop at
 Office
 Depot for
 all of
 your
 school



and office supplies.

- Present your school's 5% Back To Schools ID number when you shop on-line, over the phone, or at your neighborhood Office Depot store. The School ID for St. Mary's High School is 70073221.
- Office Depot will offer your school credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases in the form of an Office Depot Merchandise Card that can be used towards FREE supplies!

For more information on the program, go to http://www.officedepot.com/a/content/back-to-school/5percent/?cm_sp=FooterLinks-_-products-_-5PercentBack or go to www.officedepot.com, scroll to the bottom for "Give Back to Schools" under "Special Programs." (Yes, they don't make it easy to find).

iGive.com

How it works:

• Go to iGive.con

iGive.com to set up an account,



designating St. Mary's as your cause.

- After logging in, follow the link to your favorite vendor and do your on-line shopping like you normally do. There are over 1,100 stores participating in the program.
- iGive.com automatically computes the donation, based on a percentage of your purchase (percentage donations vary at each store; for example, 1.6% of your purchase at Kohl's will be donated to St. Mary's)
- Every month, iGive.com sends a check to St. Mary's with the total donation.
 For more information, go to www.iGive.com.

My Coke Rewards



How it works:

- Go to mycokerewards.com to create an
- After signing in, enter the code found on the bottle cap or packaging of your favorite Coke product. Points range from 3 points for a bottle cap to 25 points for a 12-pack.
- Donate your points to St. Mary's High School.

More information is available at mycokerewards.com.

Do you know of more programs?

Do you know of other stores that offer rebates to schools just by shopping?

We would love to share this information with the rest of the St. Mary's Community.

Contact Keith Kidder, Director of Special Programs, at kkidder@ smhlancers.org, and your stores will be included in future editions of *Currents*.

St. Mary's Bookstore

Many & One Teeshirt (a few left)



Cotton Teeshirt (gray or light blue)



Long-Sleeve Teeshirts



Men's **Sweatpants**



Men's Navy Polo (Uniform approved)



Hoodie (navy, gray, or light blue)



Men's Lt Blue Polo (Uniform approved)



Men's Fleece (w/ pockets; not uniform approved)



Head Band



Stocking Cap



Baseball Cap



Duffle Bag



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Notification on asbestos, pesticide

Asbestos

St. Mary's High School is in compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Asbestos regulations. The asbestos management report for St. Mary's is always on file in the school office. Parents are welcome to examine it at any time. This notification is a requirement of the regulation and means that St. Mary's High School meets all safety standards regarding asbestos.

Pesticides

Federal and New York State Education Law (Section 409-H) requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

St. Mary's High School is required to

maintain a list of persons in parental relation, • the application of EPA designated faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- · a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children:
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- · silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-touse pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- · boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;

- biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please e-mail Mr. Rob Cavallari, CFO, at rcavallari@smhlancers.org.

Brittany Heist named interim AD, soccer coach

St. Mary's High School in Lancaster is pleased to announce that Brittany Heist has been named the interim Athletic Director as well as the new Women's



Soccer Coach at the school.

Brittany is a 2007 graduate of Lancaster High School, where she was a two-time All-WNY First Team selection and All-New York State Third Team selection. She attended Boston University where she was a two-time First-Team All-Conference and All-Region selection, America East All-Tournament Selection, and

America East Conference Midfielder of the Year for 2011.

Following graduation, Brittany played semiprofessionally for two years with the

Rochester Ravens. She is currently a coach for WNY Flash Academy holding a USSF National D License.

"I am very excited to be a part of St. Mary's and their athletics program," said Ms. Heist, "and I am looking forward to creating a culture embedded with a high level of skill, competition, and a growing love for athletics."

Wanted – Parent Volunteers

The Athletic Deprtment is looking for parents interested in volunteering for fall sporting events at St. Mary's.

Specific positions that need to be filled include Admissions, Concessions, and Scoreboard Operators for football and volleyball games. In addition, volunteers are needed for the "Chain Gang" for each home football game.

Those interested in volunteering or needing more information should contact Ms. Heist at 683-4824, ext. 235 or at bheist@smhlancers.org.

St. Mary's High School's Grammar School Volleyball Tourney for grades 6 · 7 · 8

Saturday, Oct. 15th

- Pool Play & Playoffs
- Play begins at 9 a.m.
- \$60 Registration Fee
- Concession area available
 - Limited to 12 teams

More information is available at 683-4824, ext. 235

Fall Sport Schedules

Women's Volleyball

All JV matches start at 4:30 pm, Varsity matches start at 6 pm unless noted
Sat, Sept. 10 – St. Mary's Tourney
Mon, Sept. 12, vs. Niagara Catholic
Wed, Sept. 14, @ O'Hara
Fri, Sept. 16, @ Mt. Mercy
Mon, Sept. 19, vs. Nichols
Tues, Sept. 20, 5/6pm @ Orch Park
Wed, Sept. 21, @ Sacred Heart
Sat, Sept. 24 – Eden Tournament

Wed, Sept. 21, @ Sacred Heart Sat, Sept. 24 – Eden Tournament Tues, Sept. 27, 5/6pm @ Rochester Mercy Wed, Sept. 28, vs. Mt. St. Mary's

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – Phoenix TourneyTues, Oct. 4, vs. NardinWed, Oct. 5, 4/5pm vs. RochesterMercy

Oct. 8-9 – Garden State Tourney Tues, Oct. 11, @ Mt. St. Mary's Thurs, Oct. 13, vs. Sacred Heart Tues, Oct. 18, @ Nardin (Villa) Fri, Oct. 21 – BNCC Tourney Mon, Oct. 24, 5pm @ Lancaster Fri, Oct. 28 – Quarterfinals Wed, Nov. 2 – Semifinals Fri, Nov. 4 – Finals Sat, Nov. 12 – States (St. Francis Prep)

Varsity Football

Fri, Sept. 2, 4pm @ Hutch-Tech (All High Stadium)

Fri, Sept. 9, 7pm @ Batavia (Vandetta Stadium)

Fri, Sept. 16, 7:30pm @ Bishop Kearney (Rochester)

Sat, Sept. 24, 7pm @ Timon (Tifft Stadium)

Fri, Sept. 30, 2pm @ Fredonia

Sat, Oct. 8, 1pm vs. University Prep Sat, Oct. 15, 2pm vs Gilmour Academy

Sat, Oct. 22 - Bye

Sat, Oct. 29, 1pm vs. O'Hara

Sat, Nov. 5 – Quarterfinals (higher seed)

Sat, Nov. 12 – Semifinals (higher seed) Sat, Nov. 19 – Championship (Ralph Wilson Stadium)

Sat, Nov. 26 – State Catholic Championship

Women's Soccer

All games start at 4:30 pm unless noted. Home games played at Westwood Park.

Thurs, Sept. 1, @ O'Hara Fri, Sept. 2, vs. Fredonia Tues, Sept. 13, vs. Buffalo Seminary Sat, Sept. 15, @ Pembroke Mon, Sept. 19, 6pm @ Depew Thurs, Sept. 22, vs. Niagara Catholic Mon, Sept. 26, 6pm @ Park Wed, Sept. 28, vs. Christian Central Fri, Sept. 30, @ Fredonia Tues, Oct. 4, vs. Mt. St. Mary's Thurs, Oct. 6, vs. Park Fri, Oct. 7, @ Buffalo Seminary Thurs, Oct. 13, vs. O'Hara Mon, Oct. 17, vs. Christian Central Tues, Oct. 25 – Semifinals Sun, Oct. 30 - Finals (Niagara University)

Men's Volleyball

All matches start at 6:30 pm unless noted Tues, Aug. 30, 5pm vs. Clarence Wed, Sept. 7, 6pm @ Will North Sat, Sept. 10 - Eden Tourney Mon, Sept. 12, 5pm @ Amherst Wed, Sept. 14, vs. Canisius Tues, Sept. 20, @ O'Hara Sat, Sept. 24 – Sweet Home Tourney Wed, Sept. 28, @ St. Joe's Sat, Oct. 1 - Will South Tourney Mon, Oct. 3, 6pm @ Lancaster Tues, Oct. 4, vs. O'Hara Thurs, Oct. 6, vs. St. Joe's Sat, Oct. 8 – Lockport Tourney Fri, Oct. 14, @ St. Francis Tues, Oct. 18, 6pm @ Canisius Thurs, Oct. 20, vs. St. Francis Sat, Oct. 22 - Grand Island Tourney Mon, Oct. 24, @ Will South Wed, Oct. 26, 5pm @ West Sen East

Men's Varsity Soccer

All games start at 4:30 pm unless noted. Home games played at Westwood Park.

Tues, Sept. 6, 5pm vs. Silver Creek Wed, Sept. 7, @ O'Hara Thur, Sept. 8, vs. Niagara Catholic Thur, Sept. 15, vs. Nichols Fri, Sept. 16, @ Alden Mon, Sept. 19, 7:30pm @ Depew Tues, Sept. 20, 5pm @ Silver Creek Tues, Sept. 27, vs. O'Hara Fri, Sept. 30, vs. Gow Sat, Oct. 1, 2pm @ Gow Mon, Oct. 3, 7:30pm @ Fredonia Tues, Oct. 4, @ Niagara Catholic Mon, Oct. 10, vs. Christian Central Wed, Oct. 12, 5pm vs. Fredonia (Lancaster Middle School) Mon, Oct. 17, @ Christian Central

Men's JV Soccer

Home games played at Lancaster Middle School.

Wed, Sept. 7, 5pm vs. St. Joe's Fri, Sept. 9, 4:30pm @ Canisius Tues, Sept. 13, 5pm vs. Nichols Mon, Sept. 19, 4:30pm @ St. Francis Tues, Oct. 4, 4:30pm @ Nichols Thurs, Oct. 6, 4:30pm @ St. Joe's Thurs, Oct. 13, 5pm vs. St. Francis

Women's Cross Country

Fri, Sept. 2 @ JFK

Sat, Sept. 10 @ Long Point State Park

Tues, Sept. 13, 4:30pm vs. Buffalo Seminary

Sat, Sept. 17 @ East Aurora
Tues, Sept. 20, 4pm @ Mt. Mercy
Sat, Sept. 24 @ Akron Falls Park
Tues, Sept. 27, 5pm @ Nichols
Sat, Oct. 1 @ McQuaid Invitational
Tues, Oct. 4, 5pm vs. Mt. St. Mary's
Oct. 7-10 @ Manhattan Invitational
Tues, Oct. 11, 4pm vs. Sacred Heart
Sat, Oct. 15 @ Pembroke Town Park
Tues, Oct. 18, 5:30pm @ Christian

Central/Gow
Tues, Oct. 25, 4pm @ Nardin
Sun, Nov. 6 - Cross Country Meet
(Knox Field)



-Breakfast-

Assorted Muffins,

Pastry, Cereal,

Bagels, Fruit (v)

Assorted Muffins,

Pastry, Cereal,

Bagels, Fruit (v)

September 2016 Menus

Chef Manager – Tristan Hall (Please note – menus are subject to change)



Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
				1	2	
				No School	No School	
	5	5 6		8	9	
	No School Labor Day	No School	Sausage & Egg on English Muffin Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	Breakfast Burrito Tater Tots (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	Bacon & Egg Biscuit Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	
-	Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Cup (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	Sausage & Egg Bagel Hash Brown Patty (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	Breakfast Flatbread (wg) Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	Ham & Egg on Brioche Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	
-	19	20	21	22	23	
	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Muffin Home Fries (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)		Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	No School Open House	
	26	27	28	29	30	
	Waffles with Syrup (v) Sausage Patty	Ham, Egg & Cheese on Kaiser Roll Hash Brown Patty (v)	Pancakes with Syrup Bacon Assorted Muffins,	French Toast Sticks Tater Tots (v) Assorted Muffins,	Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins,	

Pastry, Cereal,

Bagels, Fruit (v)

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Monday Tuesd		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
				No School 1	No School 2	
	No School Labor Day	No School 6	No Lunch Noon Dismissal	Bacon Cheeseburger on Costanzo's Roll Seasoned Steak Fries (v) Garden Salad (v)	Chicken Souvlaki Flaybread with Tzatziki Veggies with Hummus (v) Fruit Cup (v)	
	Pulled Pork Sandwich with Coleslaw Baked Beans (v) Marinated Vegetables (v)	Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas with Black Bean Salsa Brown Rice (v/wg) Seasoned Corn (v)	Creamy Chicken Alfredo Garden Salad (v) Roasted Vegetables (v)	Cheesy Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup (v) Potato Chips (v) Vegetable Medley (v)	Fish Sandwich on Whole Grain Bun with Tartar Sauce French Fries (v) Fruit Cup (v)	
	Spicy Chicken Fingers Tater Tots (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	Beef Burritos with Grilled Onions & Peppers Refried Beans (v) Steamed Rice (v/wg)	Penne Pasta Bolognese or Marinara (v) Breadstick (v) Vegetable Medley (v)	Orange Chicken with Noodles or Steamed Rice (wg) Stir-Fried Vegetables (v)	No School Open House	
	Steak Sub on Costanzo's Roll Seasoned Steak Fries (v) Fruit Cup (v)	Fiesta Dinner with Whole Grain Tortilla Chips Mexican Rice (v)	Four Cheese Baked Penne Pasta (v) Garden Salad (v) Breadstick (v)	Herb Roasted Chicken Cornbread Stuffing (v) Seasoned Green Beans (v)	Sahlen's Hot Dog on Whole Grain Roll Potato Chips (v) Roasted Broccoli (v)	

Complete Meal Includes:
1 Entree,
Choice of Side (blue italic),
milk or bottled water \$4.00
1 Entree,
Choice of Side (blue italic),
Intense Milk\$5.00
Served Daily:
Entrees\$3.25
Salad – Large (v)\$3.00
Salad – Small (v)\$2.00
Fresh Made Soup\$1.25
Cold Sub, Wrap\$3.25
Intense Milk\$1.50
Milk 1/2 pint \$.75
Juice Cup\$.50
Bottled Water \$1.00
Pizza, all varieties\$2.50
Breakfast a la Carte:
Breakfast Sandwich\$3.25
Bagel; 4 oz. with Butter \$1.20
Cream Cheese\$.60
Hash Brown Patty \$.50
French Toast Sticks (5)\$1.85
Greek Yogurt\$1.60
Fresh Fruit Cup\$1.75
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Symbols:

(v) = vegetarian (wg) = whole grain

Lunch a la Carte:

Fresh Baked Cookie \$.55

Nachos\$1.75 Bag of Chips\$1.25

2 for \$1.00

Prepayment:

Go to myschoolbucks.com, create an account, and make payment. Students can also prepay in the lunch line with cash or check (made payable to **Personal Touch Food Service**, with the

student ID number on it).

Many Al a Carte Items also available after school!

September 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WSoc @ O'Hara No School	2 WSoc vs. Fredonia XC @ JFK Football @ Hutch- Tech No School	3
4	5 No School Labor Day No School	No School for Students Faculty/Staff Orientation 8am-2:30pm Curriculum Meeting MSoc vs. Silver Creek No School for Students	7 Noon Dismissal First Day for All Students Special Schedule (Liturgy at OLP / Orientation Class Meetings / ID Photos) Fac/Staff Mtg 12- 2:30pm MJVSoc vs. St. Joe's MVSoc @ O'Hara MVB @ Will North Liturgy Dress Code Noon Dismissal	8 - A Day MVSoc vs. Niagara Catholic	9 - B Day Football @ Batavia MJVSoc @ Canisius	10 ACT Testing Day MVB @ Eden Tournament WVB – St. Mary's Tournament XC @ Long Point State Park
11	12 - C Day Student Senate 2:30pm Meet the Teacher Night 6pm WVB vs. Niagara Catholic MVB @ Amherst	13 - D Day Auditions for Fall Play 2:30pm WSoc vs. Buff Sem MJVSoc vs. Nichols XC vs. Buff SEm	14 - E Day Leadership Ad Board 2:30pm Auditions for Fall Play 2:30pm MVB vs. Canisius WVB @ O'Hara	15 - F Day Math Club 2:30pm WSoc @ Pembroke MVSoc vs. Nichols	16 - A Day Call Backs for Fall Play 2:30pm Opening Dance 8-11pm Football @ Kearney MVSoc @ Alden WVB @ Mt. Mercy	17 XC @ East Aurora
18 RPM Retreat Departs 1:30pm	19 - B Day Student Senate 2:30pm RPM Retreat Returns WSoc @ Depew MVSoc @ Depew MJVSoc @ St. Francis	20 - C Day MVB @ O'Hara MVSoc @ Silver Creek WVB @ Orchard Park XC @ Mt. Mercy	21 - D Day Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm WVB @ Sacred Heart	2:30pm Jeans Day for	23 No School Open House for Prospective Students 5-7pm No School	24 Football @ Timon MVB @ Sweet Home Tournament WVB @ Eden Tournament XC @ Akron Fall Park
25 Open House for Prospective Students 10am-12noon	26 - F Day Student Senate 2:30pm WSoc @ Park	27 - A Day MVSoc vs. O'Hara WSoc @ Mercy (Rochester) XC @ Nichols	28 - B Day MVB @ St. Joe's WSoc @ Christian Central WVB vs. Mt. St. Mary's	29 - C Day Varsity Volleyball leaves for Phoenix Tournament	30 - D Day Football @ Fredonia WSoc @ Fredonia MVSoc vs. Gow	I - B Day SAT Testing Day MVB @ Will South Tournament MVSoc @ Gow XC @ McQuaid Invitational
2 - C Day Varsity Volleyball returns from Phoenix Tournament	3 - D Day Student Senate 2:30pm MVB @ Lancaster MVSoc @ Fredonia	4 - E Day Walk-a-thon Pledges Due Curriculum Committee 2:30pm WVB vs. Nardin MVB vs. O'Hara WSoc @ Mt. St. Mary's MVSoc @ Niag Cath MJVSoc @ Nichols XC @ Mt. St. Mary's	(Rochester)	6 - A Day Morning Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm WSoc vs. Park MVB vs. St. Joe's MJVSoc @ St. Joe's	7 - B Day 2pm Dismissal Special Schedule (Emergency Drill) WSoc @ Park XC @ Manhattan Invitational 2pm Dismissal	Varsity VB Team to Garden City Tournament MVB @ Lockport Tournament Football vs. U-Prep XC @ Manhattan Invitational

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- Kevin Kelleher named Head of School
- St. Mary's launches new website
- Meet the Teacher Night is September 12
- Help St. Mary's by shopping
- September Menus / Calendar
- And much more!

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









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A Classic at the St. Mary's Car Show



Ray Zorn, a 1969 graduate of St. Mary's, stands with his car at this year's Classic Car Show and Chicken Barbecue. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this event.

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