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Local fourth-graders experience STREAM

On April 4, 11, and 12 St. Mary's High School welcomed fourth-grade students from three area grammar schools to participate in a STREAM Experience. The fourth graders came from St. Mary's Elementary School in Lancaster, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Depew, and Christ the King School in Snyder.

For the visiting students, the STREAM Experience was divided into three components:

• The fourth-grade students played, tested, and evaluated a series of mathematical video games created by St. Mary's sophomores as part of the school's STEAM Challenge. The games were created using a game-design application called Scratch and were designed to incorporate a story and illustrations to teach a fourth-grade math concept. Mr. Phil Conner, STEAM Coordinator, and Dr. Kirsten Eurenius, STEAM Assistant, led

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Sophomore Andrew Wargo assists students from Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament School as they play a math game he created.

2016 AP & Senior Exam Schedule

Mon., May 2	Tues., May 3	Wed., May 4	Thur., May 5	Fri., May 6
8:00-11:30 a.m. AP Chemistry	8:00-11:30 a.m. AP Computer Science	No Exams	8:00-11:30 a.m. AP Calculus	8:00-11:30 a.m. AP US History (Juniors)
See "Senior Exam Notes" on Page 2			Last Day of Classes for Seniors	8:00-10:00 a.m. Social Justice II & Soc. Just II / RPM Exam 12:00-2:00 p.m. Physics Final Health Final
Mon., May 9	Tues., May 10	Wed., May 11	Thur., May 12	Fri., May 13
8:00-11:30 a.m.	8:00-11:30 a.m. AP US Government	8:00-11:30 a.m.	8:00-11:30 a.m.	No Exams
AP Biology 8:00-10:00 a.m. Intro to College Bio Final	(Seniors) 8:00-10:00 a.m.	AP English Language 9:30-11:30 a.m. English 12 Final	AP World History 9:00-11:00 a.m. Business Law Final	Special Schedule Moving-Up Ceremony 8-9 a.m.
Gen Chem Final AP Calculus School Final AP Stats School Final	Economics Final Exam		12:00-3:30 p.m. AP Statistics	Senior Retreat 9:00 a.m3:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m2:00 p.m. Spanish Checkpoint B			12:00-2:00 p.m. Math IVB Final PreCalculus Final	Seniors need to be in homeroom this day.

Important Dates as Senior Year nears end

With the end of the school year fast approaching, the Administration would like to remind the members of the Class of 2016 and their families of the following important dates:

- Monday, May 2, through Thursday, May
 12 AP Exams (see schedule on page 1)
- Thursday, May 5 last day of classes for Seniors
- Friday, May 6, through Thursday, May 12 –

Senior Exams (see schedule on page 1)

- Friday, May 13 Closing Ceremonies with Seniors (Parents Welcome) and Senior Retreat (Mandatory)
- Thursday, May 19 Prom
- Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass (Mandatory) & Family Brunch
- Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory)
- Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. –
 Graduation (Mandatory)
 More information and complete
 schedule of events will be available in
 future mailouts.

Parents invited to Moving Up Ceremony

On Friday, May 13, St. Mary's High School will be holding the Moving Up Ceremony and May Crowning.

The events that day will include special prayers for the seniors as they leave the student body and for the other classes as they move up in the school community. There will also be a preview of the Senior Video.

Parents are invited to attend this celebration. Ceremonies will begin at 8 a.m., to last about an hour.

Attendance Policy for day of the Prom

On May 19, the day of the Prom, Juniors will be taking the Field Test for the U.S. History Regents from 8 to *approximately* 9:30 a.m. This test is *mandatory* for all Juniors, and they must be present for the entire test.

All Juniors will be dismissed when they complete the test, whether they are attending the Prom or not, and will need their own transportation home. Any Juniors who are absent from school on that day will NOT be allowed to attend the Prom, and no refunds will be made.

Underclassmen who are attending the Prom must be present in school from homeroom through at least the end of 4th period, 10:50 a.m. If they need to be dismissed after 10:50, they must turn in a written notice from their parents to the Attendance Office as soon as they arrive that morning. Any underclassmen who are not in school from 7:53-10:50 a.m. will NOT be allowed to attend the Prom, and no refunds will be made. Any classes missed by underclassmen after 10:50 a.m. will be unexcused absences.

Rev. Rogliano to be Commencement Speaker



Rev. Joseph Rogliano, pastor of the Parishes of St. Mark and St. Rose of Lima in Buffalo and a 1975 graduate of St. Mary's, will be the guest speaker at this year's Commence-

ment Exercises. The Commencement will be taking place on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Villa Maria College.

Notes for Senior Exams

Here are some notes concerning the Senior Exams (schedule on page 1):

- Students only have to be in school for their scheduled exams and all day May 13.
- The Administration is allowing the Seniors to be in Pride Day Dress for the exams (see Student Handbook for details). If students do not cooperate with this dress code, they will be required to be in Regular Dress Code.
- Students must turn in their textbooks prior to taking their exam. Failure to do so may result in the students/parents being charged for their replacement.
- Buses will pick up students at the usual

- time in the morning and leave at the regular time. (Remember the rest of school will still be in session.)
- Some teachers may offer review sessions at times when students are not taking exams. Students should check with their teachers to see when these review sessions are scheduled.
- If students are at St. Mary's High School
 when they are not scheduled to take
 an exam or in a review session, they
 are required to be in the Library for
 quiet study or the cafeteria.

Questions regarding the Senior Exam guidelines and schedule should be directed to Mrs. Kranz.

Iroquois, Cheektowaga families

Attention families in the Iroquois and Cheektowaga Central districts – these disticts do not have school on Friday, May 27, for an extended Memorial Day Weekend.

Families are still responsible for transporting students that day, as St. Mary's has school that day.

Spring Fling Tuition Thing is quickly approaching

The Spring Fling Tuition Thing is two weeks away, taking place on Saturday, May 14, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the school.

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Remember that

there are two parts to The Fling:

- With a \$100 "Golden Ticket", families will be entered in a drawing for full tuition for the 2016-17 school year.
- With a regular \$50 Fling Ticket, purchasers could win cash prizes, similar to the Bash for Cash held in the fall.

With each ticket sold, two people will be admitted to the Fling on May 14. At this event, in addition to the cash and tuition drawings, guests will be able to:

 Sample food from Frank's Bar & Grille, Bobby J's Italian American Grille, Buffalo's Best Grill, and Brando's Pizzeria. Beer samples from local breweries with pop, water, and wine will also be supplied.

• Enjoy live music performed by Jordan

Hokaj and Victoria Cuva of the Class of 2008 and by Eddy Jagiello of the Class of 2001 with his band "Famous Fred and the Creatures UnKnown"!

Winners do not have to attend the May 14th event to win the prizes.

Congratulations to the early bird winneroe Knopse! His daughter is Ellen Knopse and will be attending St. Mary's High School in the Fall.

For more information or for tickets, contact the Advancement Office at (716) 683-4824, ext. 223 or Julie Wipperman at jwipperman@smhlancers.org.

Work Program Registration – May 16

Many families have contacted St. Mary's regarding the Work Program, in which students can assist with summer projects while earning tuition credit.

This summer, we will have three twoweek work sessions – July 5 to 15, July 18 to 29, and August 1 to 12. Please note that this is a two-week commitment on the student's part; weeks can not be moved around or traded. Registration for the program takes place on-line only. *Please note that applications for this year's program will be available on the St. Mary's website beginning on May 16 at 9 a.m.*

Questions regarding the Work
Program and the application process may
be directed to Mrs. Melanie Adams,
Assistant Enrollment Director for Student
Accounts, at madams@smhlancers.org.

Notes from the Health Office –Did you miss the physicals?

Sports physicals were offered at St. Mary's High School in March. Student athletes who chose not to have a physical at school or were absent on the day of physicals are responsible to have a purple physical form completed by the student's doctor. This form MUST be on file in the Health Office by August 1.

Failure to comply will result in not

being able to start practice with the rest of the team.

Forms are available in the Health Office, the Main Office, and on the school website, www.smhlancers.org.

Those who have any questions should contact Mrs. Murphy, the school nurse, at 683-4824, ext. 220 or bmurphy@smhlancers.org.

Dates for Chromebook distribution set

The Principal's Ad Board recently set the dates for the distribution of Chromebooks for the 2016-17 school year:

- Tuesday, Aug. 16 Class of 2017 and families with multiple students
- Thursday, Aug. 18 Class of 2020
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 Class of 2018
- Thursday, Aug. 25 Class of 2019

Please note that students and parents must attend.

More information will be coming soon.

Registration for Summer Driver Ed now available

St. Mary's High School offers a Driver Education Program that is open to students from local high schools as well as students from 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 summer session will begin on July 6, and continue through August.

The New York State Education
Department requires that each student
attend 24 hours of classroom instruction.
Also, students must attend 24 hours of incar 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 \$475 per student. Registration materials are available by going to the St. Mary's website, www.smhlancers.org, and clicking on Driver Ed.

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

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- the St. Mary's students in the game development.
- Mr. Paul Meyerhofer, St. Mary's Technology Coordinator, gave a demonstration of the school's 3D printers, allowing the students to see how students come up with a design before printing. The students received a 3D-printed token to take back to their schools.
- Members of the 12th grade Social Justice classes met with the grade-school students for a mini-religious workshop, allowing the students to explore more about their faith in a fun and interactive way. Religion teacher Mrs. Cindy Powers coordinated the workshop which included religious-based crafts and games.

"I love demonstrating 3D capabilities to the students who will possibly be using this technology in their future schooling and in their careers," said Mr. Meyerhofer. "They really enjoy watching the 3D printer."

"I think this was a great experience for our Seniors," said Mrs. Powers. "I think that the 12th graders got as much out of the program as the fourth graders did. I was very proud of my students."



Seniors Sam Horton and Shannon Watson demonstrate a craft to the students from Christ the King School in Snyder.

The responses from the visiting students were universally positive: "My favorite game was the Space Game, but all the games were very impessive." "I want a 3-D printer for our school." "I hope to become a St. Mary's computer genius." "I had so much fun."

STREAM (Science, Technology,

Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) is an initiative to encourage students to explore these academic areas. At St. Mary's, this has resulted in the creation of Sophomore STEAM Challenges, a series of hands-on activities. So far this year, St. Mary's sophomores have completed STEAM Challenges in Egg-o-nauts, Wind Turbines, and Balsa-wood Bridges.

The St. Mary's STEAM Challenge is made possible through a very generous grant from The John R. Oishei Foundation. The John R. Oishei Foundation strives to be a catalyst for change to enhance economic vitality and quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region through grant making, leadership and network building. The Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation.

The Education Collaborative of WNY (EdCo) was established in 1998 and is comprised of the 16 private high schools in Western New York. It provides its unique member schools with opportunities for collaboration, a forum for sharing ideas, and a structure for advocating the values of private education.



Students from St. Mary's Elementary School in Lancaster are mesmerized by the 3-D printer that Mr. Meyerhofer demonstrates.

Students receive CPR / AED Training

Every student to be trained every year

Members of the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps (LVAC) recently were at St. Mary's High School training students in the hands-on procedure of CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and providing basic information on the proper use of an AED (automated external defibrillator) machine.

According to John Adolf, the CPR Coordinator of LVAC and a 1977 graduate of St. Mary's, his organization has been promoting the hands-on procedure to area



Sophomore Heather Gotro practices what she has learned on the patient simulator.

civic and community groups. "The more people who are aware of the procedure, the better the chance of survival" of someone who is having a heart attack, Mr. Adolf said. "We have gone to schools, churches, and other organizations to teach them this procedure that everyone can do."

Mr. Adolf said that they have taught the class to the sophomores at Lancaster High School, but at St. Mary's all students are receiving the training through the Physical Education and Dance classes.

Mark Rzemek, the St. Mary's physical education teacher, reached out to LVAC about bringing the program to St. Mary's.

"The CPR training our students are receiving is something that can benefit them for the rest of their lives," Mr. Rzemek said. "You never know when you will be in a situation where you will have to call on the training you have received. The CPR training our students are receiving is invaluable."

"This came about because of the New York State regulations that all students have to be trained in CPR and AED before they graduate," added Principal Mrs. Rebecca Kranz. "We are going to train all students every year, so that by the time they graduate, they will have received the

training four times."

More information on the hands-on CPR procedure is available by going to www.redcross.com.



John Adolf, the CPR Coordinator of LVAC and a 1977 graduate of St. Mary's, discusses the fundamentals of CPR with the St. Mary's students

Golf Open Monday, June 27 at the Lancaster Country Club For more information and for a registration form

go to www.smhlancers.org

~ A Mission Moment

The mission of St. Mary's High School is the formation of the Christian leaders of tomorrow using a curriculum designed to challenge the intellect, and form the student's character by giving witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Each St. Mary's graduate is prepared with the background and skills to be a faithful disciple of Christ, a productive learner, an effective communicator, and a responsible citizen.

Recently, the St. Mary's Faculty &

Staff were asked to consider the question, "Why St. Mary's?"

Here are two more answers.

"St. Mary's is family: a place for unconditional love, a place to grow in knowledge, faith and acceptance daily; a place to give, share and make connections with faculty, students, peers, etc.; a place to call home." ~ Linda Aures (Science Dept.)

"Because I love it! Strong traditions - great students! I love what I do." ~ Kathy Walh-Henshaw (Science Dept.)

Students elect leaders for next year

The students of St. Mary's High School recently elected their student leaders for the 2016-17 school year:

Student Senate

President – Collin Tytka Vice President – Caitlyn Meyer Treasurer – Emily Bookmiller Secretary – Shannon Murty Chaplain – Andrew Wargo

Senior Class

President - Asia Alexander



Collin Tytka

Vice President – Anna Heerdt

Secretary - Nathan Waley



Caitlyn Meyer



Emily Bookmiller



Shannon Murty



Andrew Wargo

Jordan Hokaj '08 inducted into Performing Arts Hall of Fame



Jordan Rose Hokaj '08 received her Hall of Fame Trophy from Mrs. Kranz.



Jordan performs with her brother Alex, a senior.

Homeroom Representatives – Grace Fuller, Kathryn Vogl, Sydney Zajac, Jill Greene, Stephanie Hossenlopp

Junior Class

Treasurer - Alex Paul

President – Shae Antonicelli Vice President – Ryan Tytka Secretary – Rachel Cichocki Treasurer – Stephanie Baran Homeroom Representatives – Erin DiPirro, Dino Fudoli, Emily Pijacki, Julia Soluri, Matt MacDonald

Sophomore Class

President – Caitlin Bish Vice President – Joshua Weiss Secretary – Susan Romance Treasurer – Julia Hartloff Homeroom Representatives – Emily Renkas, Emily Sierk, Bridget Vogl, Jayden Zajac, Bridget Mazurowski



Home Sweet Home – China

By Mr. Gary Schulenberg Librarian

Have you ever wondered where our SMHS Chinese students come from? I know they come from China, but where specifically?

Insofar as China is the world's third largest country and has similar latitudes as the U.S. (but different longitudes), China's climate types are as varied as ours. As a consequence of China's mountainous, desert, and unarable lands, most of its population is in the eastern third of East

Asia, especially along the coast. Therefore, it is not a surprise that most of our Chinese students come from these populated



The map in the Library shows what part of China the international students are from.

regions.

What is somewhat unexpected is that they live in cities running from the north to

the south – think Maine to Florida. Most of their homes are in major metropolitan areas.

Miss Li, our Assistant
Teacher for the International
Program, and Mr. Schu created a
map of China and identified the
home cities of each of our
international students. It is
exhibited in the Library and has
drawn the attention of many
people. Later renditions of this
will include pictures of their
actual homes and highlights of
the cities.

St. Mary's High School

May 2016

Counseling Corner

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End of school year can be stressful

Your teen has an English test tomorrow. His history paper is due next week. The math teacher just assigned a huge group project. And your teen has a summer job interview this weekend. No wonder he's stressed!

The end of a school year is often a time when students feel overwhelmed. And, since stressed teens are rarely at their best, that can lead them to perform below their capabilities.

The good news is that there are ways you can help your teen deal with any stress that comes this time of the year. You can:

• Listen to him. Sometimes, just giving your teen a chance to let off steam can be helpful. Don't try to "fix" his problems. Just let him talk and

really listen to him.

Encourage him to find solutions. Ask
 questions to help him figure out
 ways to work through the problem.
 Has he created a study schedule? Is
 it possible to reschedule his
 interview? He's more likely to stick
 with a solution if he's the one who

developed it.

Teach him some stress relievers.
 Taking a few deep breaths before an exam or a job interview can make him feel more in control. A brief walk outside can help him regain his focus. Eating a healthy snack (Continued on page 12)

Summer is time to restock "tool box"

A mechanic would never work on a car without a set of tools. Yet some parents send teens into the world without a "toolbox" of life skills.

The summer months are a great time to focus on important skills, such as:

• Responsibility. Give your teen respon-

sibility for a few areas of her life this summer. If she hasn't had experience managing finances, help her set up her own bank account.

• Thinking ahead. Your 17-year-old may (Continued on page 15)

Ryan Tytka wins first Quarto Tournament

By Mr. Paul Meyerhofer

Moderator, Board Gaming & Computer Club

As a member of the Board Gaming and Computer Club, sophomore Jacob Was introduced the group's members to a game called Quarto. It is a game similar to Tic-Tac-Toe, but more difficult to play.

Each playing piece must be described using four characteristics: Black/White, Short/Tall, Round/Square, and Dimpled/Flat.

The playing surface is 4x4, and you win by getting the same characteristics either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. For example, you could win by having four flat pieces horizontally and they do not need to all be the same color, height, or shape.

A round-robin tournament was started in December 2015 with 11 players compet-



Ryan Tytka makes a move in his Quarto game against Nick Kobis as Mr. Meyerhofer and Austin Calkins look on.

ing. After a few months, the top eight players began a single-elimination tournament.

The eventual champion was Ryan

Tytka, whose only blemish to a perfect record was a tie game against Nick Kobis. Congratulations to all members who competed.



Campus Ministry



What does Pente-Cost?

Unlike Julius Caesar who was warned to beware of the "Ides of March," we don't have to fear the "Ides of May."

On May 15th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, an end and a beginning. Pentecost marks the formal end of the Easter season and the beginning of the Church. It is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. When the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, their lives changed. The fearful, dejected, and depressed followers of Christ became brave, inspired, and "fiery" proclaimers of the "good news."

We are blessed and graced by this same Spirit. The sacrament of Confirmation formally celebrates this "personnel pentecost." In Baptism, the community asks that the child be given the gift of faith and accepts the responsibility and challenge to teach, by word and deed, what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Confirmation reinforces and empowers this learning. Those who are confirmed acknowledge that they have experienced the presence of the Trinity. They commit to being responsible for their own growth and maturity in a life of faith.

Many important stages in life are marked with gifts, and Confirmation is no different. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) are bestowed on the individual, as on that first Pentecost. It takes a lifetime to unwrap, appreciate, and share them.

What does Pente—cost? It costs a personnel decision to be open to the Holy Spirit, His presence, and His presents. When the Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of one being confirmed, he prays, "Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit." It's a new beginning.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus. twf+

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Members of the St. Mary's community are invited to join us for the following masses in May:

- Thursday, May 5, 1 p.m. Ascension Thursday (at Our Lady of Pompeii Church)
- Thursday, May 19, 7:30 a.m.

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Every time you give our School ID number when buying qualifying school supplies, St. Mary's receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for Free Supplies!

The School ID for St. Mary's High School is 70073221

Congratulations, Third Quarter Honor Roll Students

Top five Seniors



Ciezki



Kidder





Hathaway



Madison Fermo



Victoria Jankowski



Daniel Cress



Marissa Loniewski

Top five Juniors



Kathryn Vogl



Anna Heerdt

Senior 1st Honors

Garrett Braniecki **Austin Calkins** Olivia Carl Joelle Cianciosa Kendra Ciezki Bailey Dolegowski Madison Fermo Lisa Gali Helen Gibson Victoria Gorny Christopher Gresham Jia Wei Jimmy Gu Ann Hamilton Jack Hathaway **Bridget Herod** Ashley Junik Carolyn Kidder Nicholas Kobis Jessica Kranz Gabrielle Mauro Leah May Mikala McCartney Erica Michalski Katherine Netti Caliegh Passucci Julie Pijacki Jennifer Piskor Victoria Powell Kayla Prentki Grace Pyszczek Jessica Ratigan James Roetzer Jonathan Rowe Allison Rusinski Andrew Salamone Hanna Strek Megan Vogel Regan Weiss

Emma Winiarski Madeline Wnuk Alyssa Zirnheld

Strek

Senior 2nd Honors

Jennifer Baran Bradley Berchou Anna DiDomenico Mitchell DiPirro Allyson Fischer Alexander Hokaj Samuel Horton Maddisen Irish Ethan Krygier Tianyi Gary Li Kaila MacKay Brendan McKeating Nina O'Scier Joseph Stoj Isabel Van Remmen Genevieve Zajac Evan Zaprzal Nicholas Zito Kevin Zolnowski

Junior 1st Honors

James Ando Alexander Bish Orion Bonghi Charles Bristol Daniel Cress Mark Cronmiller Joshua Fontaine Grace Freeman Grace Fuller Anna Heerdt Stephanie Hossenlopp Victoria Jankowski Marissa Loniewski

Caitlyn Meyer Faith Meyers Savannah Meyers Alex Paul Andrea Seeloff Alexander Stegmeier William Story Collin Tytka Kathryn Vogl Brittany Wachowski Sydney Zajac Sai Frida Zheng

Junior 2nd Honors Campbell Amatura

Gina Appenheimer Elizabeth Bakeman Joseph Barberio Alexandra Bielli Alexandria Deguire Amaya Devers Jenna Erwin Samantha Grabski Jill Greene Tianjingjing Karen He Erin Hufford Kaitlyn Kowalewski Yifei Peter Li Jack Mulcaire Stephanie Nemmer Zachery Penksa Kristi Smith Haley Wipperman

Sophomores 1st Honors

Kelsie Allen

Kristen Barczykowski Sarah Hapeman **Emily Bookmiller** Daniel Hatfield Eric Brown Annaliese Hirsch Gabrielle Burkard Chloe Isbrandt Rachel Cichocki John Kandler Onalee Duane Jessica Kozminski Blake English Antonino Marino Jacob Fay Danielle Norton Christina Federico Alicia Pacer Kyle Schaffstall Maria Fontaine Kylie Wagner Heather Gotro Jacob Winiarski Ander Jankowski Nicole Kruse Shala Wright Zackary Laistner

Freshmen 1st Veronica LaPort Sophie May Benjamin Mazurowski

Shannon Murty

Marysia Paradis

Chelsea Okon

Summer Slade

Jessa Syracuse

Yixuan Sally Wan

Andrew Wargo

Madeline Was

Sophomores 2nd

Honors

Joshua Ciesielski

Matthew Ciezki

Lucas Cousins

Joseph Flading

Erin DiPirro

Ziyao Zain Ai

Scott Brown

Julia Soluri

Ryan Tytka

Jillian Vitale

Jacob Was

Anna Almeter Caitlin Bish Ethan Craddock Ashley Cruz Carilyn Duke Madelyn Ellison Sarah Filion Hongru Jerry Guo Julia Hartloff Joyce Hunziker Saige Maniscalco Bridget Mazurowski Athena Mohamed **Emily Molnar** Hannah Mulhern Brady O'Brien Nicholas Pronobis Brianna Propis **Emily Renkas** Olivia Rivarola

Honors

Madelynn Stearns Alyssa Strimple Emersyn Szczesniak Emma Trapper Matthew Vallone Bridget Vogl Austin Walsh Tara Wanat Jacob Wilk Toriann Wipperman Caroline Zanghi

Freshmen 2nd Honors

Alexander Bellet Raeanne Conrad Alexander Denz Conor Dunne Francesco Gallo Nicole Gorny Alyssa LaMartina Cole Laskowski Ryan Lent Santo Lima Cole Murray Arianna Palmer Sarah Rickettson Olivia Rodriguez **Emily Sierk** Arielle Tyrpak Joshua Weiss Jayden Zajac Nicole Ziolkowski

Shae Antonicelli Stephanie Baran

Top five Sophomores



Chelsea Okon



Shannon Murty



Rvan **Tvtka**



Rachel Cichocki



Jillian Vitale

Caitlin Bish



Julia Hartloff



Susan Romance

Matthew Rosinski

Payton Stachewicz

Top five Freshmen



Hannah Mulhern



Sarah Filion



Matthew Rosinski

Guest speakers visit Mrs. Connelly's classes







Mrs. Connelly's senior classes has had several guest speakers visiting this past month including Officer Mark DiPirro from the Lancaster Police Department, Mr. Christopher Gresham, Assistant District Attorney in Erie County, and Mrs. Lisa Florczak, owner and operator of Ice Bikes and Water Bikes of Buffalo.



Lancer Parent Partnership



Denim & Diamonds - Fashion Show 2016















A lot is happening at St. Mary's



Kaila MacKay reads her poetry to classmates during a Poetry Breakfast provided by Mr. Mauro.



Representatives from CleanSlate and 43 North talk to Mr. Herr's Leadership Class about the startup community in Buffalo.



The AP Goverment students in front of the White House during their weekend trip to Washington, D.C.



Carrie Kidder, Joelle Cianciosa, and Kendra Ciezki dissecting a shark in AP Biology.



Mrs. Junik, Mr. Junik, Mr. Conner, and Mr. Ard won the Lancaster Foundation Trivia Contest with the question "What director was nominated for the most Oscars?" St. Mary's graduate Matt Walter was the emcee of the contest. (Answer: John Ford.)



Father Jerome Sullivan recently spoke to Mrs.

Battaglia's New Testament class about the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Four sign Letters of Intent



Christopher Greshman commits to play baseball at Clarion University.



Alyssa Zirnheld signs a Letter of Commitment to play volleyball at Mercyhurst University.





Bailey Dolegowski and Jessica Kranz sign to play volleyball at Daemen College.

Students/Teacher of the Month of March



Jennifer Piskor



Campbell Amatura



Onalee Duane



Susan Romance



Ms. Heather Ruhland

Stressful

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will give him energy to keep going. But he should avoid high-caffeine energy drinks. They will only make him feel more agitated.

Make sure he gets plenty of sleep. Your teen needs sleep in order to be at his best. A lack of it only heightens the effects of stress.

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Charles Planz named new girls' Cross Country / Track coach

The St. Mary's Athletic Department is pleased to announce that Charles Planz has been named the new Girls' Cross Country / Track Coach at the school.

Mr. Planz has 45 years of experience coaching cross country and track on a high school level. For 37 years he coached in the William Floyd School District on Long Island, leading teams to championships in Suffolk County and top finishes in the New York State Championship Meet (fourth in 2001 and eighth in 2000).

For the past eight years he has coached at Immaculata Academy in Hamburg. His teams have won the Msgr. Martin Track and Field Championship the last six years and the Cross Country Championship in five of the last six years. In addition, nine of his athletes have received scholarships to attend Division I colleges.

Mr. Planz and his wife Geraldine live in Derby. They have three children: Kristin,

Informational meeting May 11

There will be an Informational Meeting regarding Girls' Cross Country on Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the school Cafeteria.

This meeting is for anyone interested or curious about running. Please

come and ask your parents to come and meet the Coach, ask questions, and meet other experienced runners.

For more information, contact Mr. Kelleher at 683-4824, ext. 249 or kkelleher@smhlancers.org.

Kieran, and Kevin.

"I am excited to be resurrecting a Cross Country Program at St. Mary's," Coach Planz said. "Although the process of starting from the ground up is a little overwhelming, I look forward to watching the development of the program, as well as the individual development of our athletes. I am hopeful that I will be able to mimic the program I established at Immaculata Academy and bring the same stories of success to St. Mary's.

"I am both anxious and excited to begin this program," he continued. "I look forward to developing these young ladies into strong, dedicated, and motivated individuals both on and off the course. I am truly thankful to be given this opportunity."

Coach Planz said the quote for his team and himself is, "You have to believe."

"We are very excited that Coach Planz will be joining the Lancer athletic program," said Steven Grieco, St. Mary's athletic director. "His experience, his enthusiasm, and his dedication to Cross Country and girls' Track are sure to help the St. Mary's programs grow."

2015-16 Spring Sports Schedules

Varsity Softball

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

Tues, May 3 vs. Nardin Fri, May 6 @ Sacred Heart (Shoshone) Tues, May 10, 4:30pm @ Eden

Wed, May 11 @ Immaculata (Hilbert)

Fri, May 13 vs. Nichols Sat, May 21 – Quarterfinals Mon, May 23 – Semifinals Wed, May 25 – Finals Tuesday, May 31 – States

JV Baseball

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted.

Wed, May 4 vs. Canisius Gold Thur, May 5 vs. St. Joe's Maroon Fri, May 6, 4:30pm @ St. Joe's White Mon, May 9 @ Niag Catholic Tues, May 10 @ Canisius Gold Fri, May 13, vs. St. Francis White Tues, May 17 vs. O'Hara Wed, May 18 vs St. Joe's White Fri, May 20 vs. Canisius Blue Mon, May 23 @ O'Hara Tues, May 24 vs. Niag Catholic

Girls' Lacrosse

All games begin at 4:15pm. Home games are played at Westwood Park

Mon, May 2 @ Mt. Mercy (Pierce Field)

Tue, May 3, 4:30pm @ Springville

Wed, May 4 @ Mount St. Mary's (Phillip Sheridan) Thur, May 5 vs. Mt. Mercy

Fri, May 6, vs. Immaculata
Tue, May 10, 4pm @ Nardin
(Pierce Field)

Mon, May 16 vs. Sacred Heart Wed, May 18 vs. Buff Seminary Tues, May 24 – Semifinals

Thur, May 26 - Finals

JV Softball

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

Mon, May 2 @ Christian Central Tues, May 3 vs. Nardin Fri, May 6 @ Sacred Heart (Shoshone)

Mon, May 9 vs. Christian Central Fri, May 13 @ Mt. St. Mary's (Northtown)

Varsity Baseball

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted

Mon, May 2 vs. Timon Wed, May 4 @ Timon Fri, May 6 vs. O'Hara Sat, May 7, 12 noon vs. Frewsburg Mon, May 9 @ O'Hara Wed, May 11 vs. St. Joe's Fri, May 13, 4:30pm @ St. Joe's Thurs, May 19, 4:30pm — Quarterfinals

Sat, May 21, 1pm – Semifinals Game 1

Sun, May 22, 1pm – Semifinals Game 2

Mon, May 23, 4:30pm – Semifinals Game 3 (if necessary) Thur, May 26, 4pm – Finals

Game 1 (Coca-Cola Field)
Fri, May 27, 4pm – Finals Game 2
(Coca-Cola Field)

Sat, May 28, 4pm – Finals Game 3 (if necessary) (Coca-Cola Field)

Track

Boys – Wed, May 4, 4:30pm, vs.
Canisius / Timon (Canisius)
Girls – Wed, May 4, TBD vs. Sacred Heart / Mt. Mercy (TBD)
Boys & Girls – Wed, May 11,
TBD vs. O'Hara (TBD)
Boys & Girls – Mon, May 16, 5pm
– All-Catholics (St. Francis)
Boys & Girls – Tue, May 17, 5pm
– All-Catholics (St. Francis)
Boys & Girls – Sat, May 28,

9am-CHSAA Qualifier

(Icahn Stadium, NYC)

Tennis

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted. Home matches are played at Como Park Tue, May 3 vs. Nardin

Thur, May 5 vs. Niagara Catholic Tue, May 10 @ Park May 14 & 15 – All-Catholics (time and location TBD)

Sports Boosters Lottery Raffle for June, July & August!

More information coming soon!



May 2016 Menus

Chef Manager – Tristan Hall

(Please note – menus are subject to change)



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 3 5 2 6 Breakfast Sandwich Bacon, Egg & Breakfast Flatbread Ham & Egg on French Toast Sticks Cheese Bagel (wg) Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) with Syrup (v/wg) Tator Tots (v) Brioche Fruit Cup (v) Assorted Muffins, Hash Brown Patty (v) Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Bagels, Fruit (v) *10* Sausage & Egg Breakfast Pizza French Toast Sticks Breakfast Sandwich Sausage, Egg & Breakfast Cheese Bagel Biscuit Tater Tots (v) with Syrup (v/wg) Hash Brown Patty (v) Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Fresh Fruit (v) Fresh Fruit (v) Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Bagels, Fruit (v) Bacon & Egg Biscuit Fresh Fruit (v) Breakfast Burrito Breakfast Sandwich Sausage, Egg & No School Cheese Muffin Homefries (v) Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) 23 24 27 25 Ham, Egg & Cheese Flatbread Sausage, Egg & Cheese Ham, Egg & Cheese Bacon, Egg & CHeese French Toast Sticks on Kaiser Roll Muffin with Syrup (v/wg) on Brioche (v/wg) Homefries (v) Hash Brown Patty (v) Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins, Fresh Fruit (v) Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v) 30 31 Breakfast Pizza, No School Sasusage Links Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)

Monday Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Beef Mac & Cheese Seasoned Broccoli (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	*Chicken Fiesta Wrap with Cilantro & Sour Cream Tortilla Chips with Salsa (v) Mexican Rice (v)	Assorted Meat Deli Bar (Turkey, Ham, *Tuna, *Egg Salad) Potato Chips Vegetable Medley (v)	5 Spaghetti & Meatballs in *Marinara Sauce (whole grain pasta available) Bread Stick (v) Italian Vegetables (v)	*Chicken Souvlaki on Flatbread Veggies with Hummus (v) Fruit Cup (v)	
Chicken Fingers Glazed Carrots (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	Savory Beef Fajitas (whole grain tortilla available) Fiesta Rice (v) Mexican Corn (v)	*Deluxe Chicken Caesar Salad Bar Prince Edward Vegetables (v) Fruit Cup (v)	Bacon Cheeseburger (whole grain bun available) Steak Fries (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	*Fish Sandwich on a Bun with Tartar Sauce (whole grain roll available) Coleslaw (v) Fruit Cup (v)	
Pulled Pork Sandwich on whole grain roll with Coleslaw Baked Beans (v) Marinated Vegetables (v)	I 7 Taco Tuesday – Beef or Chicken Tacos Tortilla Chips with Salsa (v) Garden Salad (v)	*Creamy Chicken Alfredo Bread Stick (v) Vegetable Medley (v)	Assorted Pizza (Cheese & Pepperoni or Vegetable) Tater Tots (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	No School	
23 Cheesy Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup Potato Chips Mixed Vegetables (v)	24 St. Mary's Taco Salad with Beef or *Chicken Mexican Rice (v) Roasted Vegetables (v)	*Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Seasoned Green Beans (v) Rice Pilaf (v)	*Chicken Patty (whole grain buns available) Tater Tots (v) Roasted Broccoli (v)	*BBQ Chicken Wild Rice (v/wg) Vegetable Medley (v)	
No School 30	Fiesta Dinner Spanish Rice (v) Southwestern Vegetables (v)				

5	Personal
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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 or
Vitamin Water\$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	
Intense Milk	.\$1.50
Milk 1/2 pint	\$.75
Orange Juice	.\$1.50
Vitamin Water	
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

Lunch a la Carte:	
Fresh Baked Cookie	\$.55
	2 for \$1.00
Nachos	\$1.75
Bag of Chips	\$1.25

Symbols:

(v) = vegetarian (wg) = whole grain = Better Choice Healthy Entrees (choosemyplate.gov)

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).

May 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 - F Day AP Chemistry Exam (AM) Student Senate 2:30pm VarBB vs. Timon JVSB @ Christian Central GLax @ Mt. Mercy	3 - A Day	4 - B Day Pride Day VarBB @ Timon JVSB vs. Immaculata BTrack vs. Timon/ Canisius GTrack vs. Sacred Heart / Mt. Mercy GLax @ Mt. St. Mary's JVBB vs. Canisius	5 - C Day PM Liturgy Schedule (Ascension Thursday)	6 - D Day	7 SAT Testing Day (Redesigned Test) VarBB vs. Frewsburg
8	9 - E Day AP Biology Exam	10 - F Day AP American	11- A Day AP English Language		13 - C Day Special Schedule	14 Spring Fling Tuition
	(AM) Senior Exams Student Senate 2:30pm	Government Exam (AM) Senior Exams NHS 2:30pm	Exam (AM) Senior Exams Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm	Exam (AM) AP Statistics (PM) Senior Exams NHS Tutoring 2:30pm	(Moving Up Ceremony) Senior Retreat 9am- 3 pm	Thing 6-10pm Tennis – All- Catholics
	VarBB @ O'Hara JVSB vs. Christian Central JVBB @ Niag Cath	VarSB @ Eden GLax @ Nardin JVBB @ Canisius Tennis @ Park	VarBB vs. St. Joe's SB @ Immaculata Track vs. O'Hara	Math Club 2:30pm	VarBB @ St. Joe's VarSB vs. Nichols JVBB vs. St. Francis	
15	16 - D Day	17 - E Day	18 - F Day	19 - A Day	20	21
Tennis – All- Catholics	Student Senate 2:30pm	Track – All-Catholics JVBB vs. O'Hara	Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	Morning Mass 7:30am	No School Administrative Day	Chris Griswold Memorial Run/
cumones	Track – All-Catholics GLax vs. Sacred Heart	SV BB VS. O Hara	GLax vs. Buff Sem JVBB vs. St. Joe's	Campus Ministry 2:30pm Prom 6:30-11pm	JVBB vs. Canisius	Walk - Fun Run/Walk 10am - 5K Run 10:30am
	neuri			VarBB – Quarterfinals	No School	VarBB – Semifinals Game I VarSB – Ouarterfinals
22	23 - B Day	24 - C Day	25 - D Day	26 - E Day	27 - F Day	28
Baccalaureate Mass	Student Senate	GLax – Semifinals	Graduation Rehearsal	NHS Tutoring	VarBB – Finals	VarBB – Finals
& Senior Family Brunch 10am at	2:30pm	JVBB vs. Niag Cath	9am Graduation 6:30pm	2:30pm	Game 2	Game 3 (if necessary)
Salvatore's VarBB – Semifinals Game 2	VarBB — Semifinals Game 3 (if necessary) VarSB — Semifinals JVBB @ O'Hara		VarSB – Finals	VarBB – Finals Game I GLax – Finals		Track – CHSAA Qualifier
29	30	31 - A Day	1 - B Day	2 - C Day	3 - D Day	4
	No School Memorial Day	Curriculum Committee 2:30pm	Algebra II Common Core Exam Principal's Ad Board	NHS Tutoring 2:30pm		SAT Testing Day (Redesigned Test)
	No School	VarSB – States	2:30pm			

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not know what she wants to do as an adult. But a summer job (even if it's unpaid) can help her figure it out.

• Self-reliance. Some kids come home from

college with a month's worth of laundry. Be sure your teen knows how to care for her clothes. Also teach her to prepare simple meals.

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