

CURRENTS



St. Mary's High School • Lancaster, NY • June 2016

2016 School & Regents Exam Schedule

Mon., June 6	Tues., June 7	Wed., June 8	Thur., June 9	Fri., June 10
Classes Continue	<p>Last Day of Classes!</p> <p>Academic & Special Awards Ceremony 6:30pm <i>(See page 7 for information)</i></p>	<p>Service Awards Ceremony & School Picnic</p> <p>12 noon Dismissal</p> <p>Afternoon off to study</p>	<p>8-10 a.m. English 9 Reg & 9 Hon School Exam English 10 & 10 Hon School Exam Math IVB & Pre-Calculus Final Exam</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Christian Family Living Final Exam</p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Earth Science School Exam Physics School Exam General Chemistry School Exam</p> <p>8-10 a.m. MANDATORY <i>Global Studies Regents Exam Review</i></p> <p>10:30-12 noon MANDATORY <i>English 11 (Common Core) Exam Review</i></p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Geometry School Exam</p>
		Buses 12:00 noon	Buses 2:20 p.m.	Buses 2:20 p.m.
Mon., June 13	Tues., June 14	Wed., June 15	Thur., June 16	Fri., June 17
<p>8-11 a.m. Spanish 3 Checkpoint B Exam French 3 Checkpoint B Exam</p> <p>9-11 a.m. Spanish 1, 2, 2 Hon School Exam French 1, 2 School Exam</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Religion 9 School Exam New Testament School Exam Algebra 2 School Exam</p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Global 9 & 9 Hon School Exam</p> <p>8-11 a.m. Global Studies Regents Exam</p> <p>8-10 a.m. MANDATORY <i>Review for U.S. History Regents Exam</i></p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. English Common Core Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-1:30 p.m. 1:30-3 p.m. MANDATORY <i>Review for Living Environment Regents Exam</i></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Algebra I School Exam (Schaffstall)</p> <p>8-11 a.m. Living Environment Regents Exam</p> <p>10:30-11:30 a.m. MANDATORY <i>Review for Earth Science Regents Exam</i></p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. U.S. History Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. MANDATORY <i>Review for Algebra I Common Core Regents Exam (Hall)</i></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. Algebra 1 Common Core Regents Exam (Hall)</p> <p>8-11 a.m. MANDATORY <i>Review for Algebra 2 / Trig Regents Exam</i></p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Computer Foundations School Exam Business Law School Exam</p>	<p>8-11 a.m. Earth Science Regents Exam Algebra 2/Trig Regents Exam</p> <p>8-11 a.m. MANDATORY <i>Geometry Common Core Regents Review</i></p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Geometry Regents Exam</p>
Buses 2:20 p.m.	Buses 3:15 p.m.	Buses 3:15 p.m.	Buses 2:20 p.m.	Buses 3:15 p.m.
Mon., June 20	Tues., June 21	Wed., June 22	Thur., June 23	Fri., June 24
<p>8-10 a.m. Health Final Exam</p> <p>MANDATORY Chemistry Regents Review <i>8 to 10 a.m. 10 a.m.-12 noon</i></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. Chemistry Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Physics Regents Exam</p>	Rating Day	Rating Day	Have a Great Summer!
Buses 12 noon	Buses 11:30 a.m.	No Buses	No Buses	No Buses

Commencement Exercises 2016



*Andrew Grega, Brendan McKeating, Dylan Braniecki, Braden Bova,
Sam Horton, Ethan Krygier*



*Caliegh Passucci, Jessica Ratigan,
Nina O'Scier*



*Kevin Zolnowski receives his
diploma from Mrs. Kranz.*



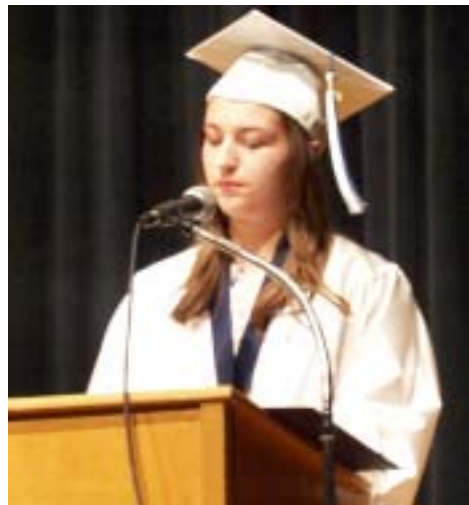
*Class President Julie Pijacki presents gifts
to Mrs. Kranz*



*Mrs. Kranz with Louise Gilano
from the Class of 1956*



*Commencement Speaker
Rev. Joe Rogliano '75*



*Salutatorian
Madison Fermo*



*Valedictorian
Carolyn Kidder*

**EARN FREE SUPPLIES
at OFFICE DEPOT**

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

Joseph Stoj receives the 2016 Marian Award

At the Commencement Ceremonies held on May 25 at Villa Maria College, St. Mary’s High School presented the school’s Marian Award to Depew native Joseph Stoj.

The Marian Award, the highest award presented to a St. Mary’s graduate, recognizes the senior who has shown friendliness to all people, willingness to help others, leadership, and active support of the school. It is the only award presented at Graduation.

Joseph was involved in many activities at St. Mary’s High School: he was a member of the volleyball and basketball teams, Retreat Peer Ministry, and the Recruitment Team. Voted as having the “Most Lancer Spirit” by his classmates,



Mrs. Kranz presents the Marian Award to Joseph Stoj.

Joseph recently starred as the Cat in the Hat in the school’s production of *Seussical the Musical*.

Joseph plans to major in Social Psychology at Wells College in Central New York.

“My mother set an example for me ... and I feel as if this is why I am who I am today,” Joseph wrote in his nomination essay. “She showed me strength, character, positivity, responsibility, and leadership like I’ve never seen before.”

As a Marian Award recipient, Joseph received a trophy and a special gift from the school’s administration.

The other nominees for this year’s Marian Award included Kendra Ciezki and Madeline Wnuk of Lancaster and Julie Pijacki of Cheektowaga.

What’s next for the Class of 2016?

St. Mary’s High School is extremely proud of the Class of 2016. We are pleased to list all of the colleges to which the graduates plan to attend in the fall.

Good luck, Graduates, with your post-graduation plans:

- Jennifer Baran – SUNY Brockport
- Bradley Berchou – Canisius College
- Benjamin Blackhall – Alfred University
- Braden Bova – D’Youville College
- Garrett Braniecki – SUNY Buffalo State College
- Austin Calkins – Canisius College
- Olivia Carl – Marist College
- Joelle Cianciosa – Mercyhurst University
- Richard Cieslak – SUNY Buffalo State College
- Kendra Ciezki – University of Alabama
- Summer Compton – SUNY Buffalo State College
- Marissa Dantonio – St. Bonaventure University
- Thomas Desiderio – SUNY Erie Community College
- Anna DiDomenico – Nazareth College
- Joseph DiGesare – Medaille College

- Mitchell DiPirro – St. Bonaventure University
- Bailey Dolegowski – Daemen College
- Madison Fermo – Duquesne University
- Allyson Fischer – SUNY Delhi
- Lisa Gali – D’Youville College
- Helen Gibson – D’Youville College

- Victoria Gorny – SUNY University at Buffalo
 - Andrew Grega – Medaille College
 - Christopher Gresham – Clarion University
 - Jia Wei Jimmy Gu – The Ohio State University
 - Ann Hamilton – The Ohio State University
- (Continued on page 4)*

International students receive diplomas



At the Moving Up Ceremony, International Students Alfred Wei, Gary Li, and Jimmy Gu received their diplomas. Alfred and Jimmy returned to China before the Commencement. Ms. Siqi Li assisted with the diploma presentation.

What's next? (Continued from page 3)

Jack Hathaway – Daemen College
 Bridget Herod – St. Mary's College, Notre Dame
 Kayson Hill – SUNY Morrisville State College
 Prentis Hinton – SUNY Erie Community College
 Alexander Hokaj – SUNY Geneseo
 Samuel Horton – SUNY University at Buffalo
 Maddisen Irish – St. John Fisher College
 Ashley Junik – SUNY Erie Community College
 Carolyn Kidder – Rochester Institute of Technology
 Nicholas Kobis – SUNY University at Buffalo
 Jessica Kranz – Daemen College
 Ethan Krygier – Niagara University
 Tianyi Gary Li – Undecided
 Kaila MacKay – Villa Maria College
 Jordan MacKinnon – SUNY Niagara County Community College
 Gabrielle Mauro – Niagara University
 Leah May – Daemen College
 Andrew Maziarz – SUNY Erie Community College
 Mikala McCartney – Alfred University
 Brendan McKeating – SUNY University at Buffalo
 Erica Michalski – SUNY Brockport
 Katherine Netti – SUNY Binghamton University
 Nina O'Scier – SUNY Brockport
 David Owczarczak – Rochester Institute of Technology
 Caliegh Passucci – University of West Florida

Class earns over \$12 million in scholarships

At the Senior Family Brunch, held on May 22 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, it was announced that the 82 members of the Class of 2016 had received scholarships totalling \$12,057,152.

These scholarships were from private organizations, as well as colleges and universities.

At the Brunch, the following special scholarship recipients were announced:

Zyga Memorial Scholarship – Helen Gibson
Fraternal Order of Eagles – Austin Calkins & Samuel Horton
Richard J. Rosche Memorial Scholarship – Joseph DiGesare
The New York State Board of Regents Scholarships for Academic Excellence – Madison Fermo, Carolyn Kidder, Julie Pijacki
Lancer Parent Partnership Scholarship

– Gabrielle Mauro, Helen Gibson
The President's Award for Education Excellence – Carolyn Kidder
The President's Award for Education Achievement – Andrew Grega
The State of New York Office of the State Comptroller Award – Bridget Herod
American Citizenship Award – Jessica Kranz
Community All-Star Award – Joelle Cianciosa
Wegmans Food Markets Employee Scholarship – Helen Gibson, Hanna Streck
Lancaster Historical Society – Carolyn Kidder
Most Improved since Freshman Year – Andrew Grega
Perfect Attendance for Four Years – Bradley Berchou, Helen Gibson, Megan Vogel

Justus Pigford – Niagara University
 Julie Pijacki – SUNY Potsdam
 Jennifer Piskor – SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology
 Victoria Powell – SUNY Buffalo State College
 Kayla Prentki – St. John Fisher College
 Grace Pyszczyk – Mercyhurst University
 Jessica Ratigan – D'Youville College
 James Roetzer – SUNY University at Buffalo
 Jonathan Rowe – Alfred University

Veronica Rozler – Undecided
 Allison Rusinski – SUNY Brockport
 Andrew Salamone – Niagara University
 Nicholas Samson – SUNY Erie Community College
 Andrew Solomon – SUNY Erie Community College
 Zachary Spring – United States Marine Corps
 Joseph Stoj – Wells College
 Hanna Streck – Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Science University
 Emily Thomas – Canisius College
 Isabel Van Remmen – D'Youville College
 Megan Vogel – SUNY Erie Community College
 Shannon Watson – SUNY University at Buffalo
 Haolin Alfred Wei – Oregon State University
 Regan Weiss – St. Bonaventure University
 Emma Winiarski – Paul Smith's College
 Stephen Wisniewski – SUNY Buffalo State

What to do with your St. Mary's stuff

Attention graduates:

As you look around your room getting ready for college, are you asking yourself, "What am I going to do with all of my St. Mary's stuff?"

Well, here's an idea for you — why not donate all of them back to St.

Mary's! Bring your donation to the Main Office during regular office hours. The current students would appreciate your generosity.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Ard at 683-4824. Thank you for remembering us.

(Continued on page 5)

Baccalaureate Blessing



Members of the Class of 2016 gather around the altar for a blessing from Msgr. James Wall at the Baccalaureate Mass, held May 22 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens,

What's next?

(Continued from page 4)

- College
- Madeline Wnuk – University of Mount Olive
- Genevieve Zajac – Slippery Rock University
- Evan Zaprzal – SUNY Erie Community College
- Alyssa Zirnheld – Mercyhurst University
- Nicholas Zito – SUNY Buffalo State College
- Kevin Zolnowski – SUNY University at Buffalo

Seniors, keep in touch!

For the past four years, you have been a student here at St. Mary's. Even though you have graduated, that does not mean that you are no longer a part of the St. Mary's family.

And as part of the family:

- Please keep us updated on the happenings in your life. When you win awards, graduate, marry, etc., please drop us a note so that we

may share the good news.

- We are going to keep you on our *Currents* distribution list so that you may see all of the great things happening here.

When you have accomplishments to share, or if you don't want to receive *Currents*, please e-mail Mr. Kidder at kkidder@smhlancers.org. Good luck with all of your future endeavors.

~ 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.

* * *

The St. Mary's Faculty & Staff were asked to consider the question, "Why St. Mary's?" Here are more answers.

"I chose St. Mary's because I was

excited to be a part of a community and family that believe that education is not only what you read in books, but also growing in your faith. The faculty & staff are very passionate people who love what they do and are always trying to help." ~ Maria Schaffstall (Math Dept.)

"St. Mary's is a great community that consists of students and teachers that care for each other and the school." ~ Al Derrico (Science Dept.)

"I do not feel like I chose to work at St. Mary's, but rather St. Mary's chose me. I am grateful every day that I get to come to work here." ~ Phil Conner

(Science Dept.)

"I choose to work at St. Mary's because of the relationships I've built here, not only with the faculty & staff, but more importantly, with the students. While I bestow the 'gift' of historical knowledge, they give me a greater gift: their smiles, personalities and wisdom bring life each day to my classroom, and for that, I am forever thankful." ~ Emily Junik (Social Studies Dept.)

"I like being able to have the freedom to tell students that they can pray about something bothering them and to thank God for the blessings in their lives." ~ Beth Murphy (School Nurse)

June exam information / policies

- Students only have to be in school for their scheduled exams/review sessions.
- If students are in school when they are not taking an exam, they should be in the cafeteria or the Library for quiet study (no games or other non-academic pursuits).
- Students are to be in Regular Dress Code for exams, though sneakers or sandals are allowed. Students do not need to be in dress code for review classes.
- Students must turn in their textbooks BEFORE taking their exam. Failure to do so may result in the student/parents being charged for their replacement. Textbooks should be returned to Mr. Kidder.
- Some teachers offer review sessions beyond what is listed in the exam schedule. Students should check with their teachers to see when these review sessions are scheduled.
- No cell phones, iPods, SmartWatches, etc. are allowed in the Exam Room. These items must be checked in with the proctor BEFORE entering the Exam Room. Students having these devices during the exam face cancellation of exam and/or disciplinary action.
- Buses will pick up students at the usual time in the morning. The schedule for afternoon buses is listed on page 1 with the exam schedule with the following notes:
 - Alden will only come at 2:20 every day.
 - On days with 3:15 dismissal, Alden, Depew, Cheektowaga, and
- Williamsville buses will only come at 2:20.
- If students want to leave earlier or later than when buses arrive, they will need to provide their own transportation.
- All students who need bus service home must sign up for their bus in the Main Office BEFORE their exam. St. Mary's calls the districts each day to let them know how many students are taking the bus. If no one signs up, a bus will not be sent.
- No transportation will be provided on Thursday, June 23, for the Freshman/Sophomore Field Trip to Darien Lake. Students must have their own transportation.

School Policies Regarding Course & Exam Failures & Summer School

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

- All students returning to St. Mary's in September must be current in fulfilling graduation requirements for their grade level. Required course and/or Regents exam failures **MUST** be made up before September.
- St. Mary's policy for passing a course – the overall average must be 65 or above and the final exam grade must be 55 or above.
- In order to receive Regents credit, the Regents exam grade must be 65 or above.
- The Counseling Center will mail failure notices on June 24 to all students who fail required courses and/or exams. This information cannot be given out by telephone. Summer school information will also be included with this notification.
- Registration for most summer school programs begins June 27, and classes for most programs begin July 11.
- Some public school districts offer summer school programs. **Parents are advised to contact their local public school district for specific information about the summer school program for their specific district.** Public school summer programs are available without extra fees to all private school students who live in the district.
- For students whose public school system does not offer summer school, or for students who would prefer another program, there are summer school programs that accept students from any school district. These programs charge a fee for each course.
- Occasionally a student seeks a private tutor instead of a summer school program in order to make up a course failure. Please note the following:
 - The tutor must be a teacher certified in that subject area. A copy of the certification must be submitted to St. Mary's Counseling Center.
 - The student must meet with the tutor for a minimum of 24 hours for a full credit course and 12 hours for a half credit course. The tutor needs to submit a log of the hours to the St. Mary's Counseling Center.
- The student must take and pass a final exam (that is provided or approved by St. Mary's) or the appropriate Regents exam. **Those students who need to take a Regents exam must register at their district public school (or another site) to take this exam in August.**
- The tutor should call St. Mary's

(Continued on page 7)

Currents

Published 12 times a year by
St. Mary's High School
142 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086
(716) 683-4824 • www.smhlancers.org

Editor: Keith Kidder '89

Vol. 24, Issue 10

Awards Ceremony is June 7th

Each year, St. Mary's High School recognizes students at every grade level for their achievements both inside and outside of the classroom. For freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, there will be a special awards ceremony that will take place on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gus Galasso Performing Arts Center.

Students that will be receiving an award that night have been notified by mail, so that families know whether to attend the ceremony. Families should let the Main Office know by Friday, June 3, if they plan to attend.

Service awards will be given out during a ceremony with students during the school day on June 8th.

Failure Policy

(continued from page 6)

Counseling Center to arrange contact between the tutor and the St. Mary's Department Chairperson to discuss curriculum and the exam.

– Please be aware that this is usually much more costly than any summer school program.

- By July 11 the Counseling Center needs to be notified where course/exams will be made up. This can be done by telephone (683-2349) or email.
- Counselors may also be reached at the above number to address any questions or concerns.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING MATH COURSE FAILURES:

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

– Notes from the Health Office – Medication Pick-up Policy, Physicals for Fall Sports

Policy Regarding Medication Pick-Up

If your student was prescribed medication during the 2015-2016 School Year and there is medication in the Health Office, this must be picked up by June 17 or it will be disposed of.

* * *

Fall Sports

Anyone playing sports must have a current physical on file in the Health Office. Students interested in playing a fall sport must complete and turn in the green Interval Health History form that will be mailed home in the late July mailing. This form must be completed **after** August 1. This form must be turned in **on/before** the dates listed below. In addition, every student who

plans on playing a fall sport must have a current physical on file in the Health Office by August 1.

Failure to comply will result in not being able to start practice with the rest of the team. Extra forms will be available in the Main Office and on the school website under the "Parent" section. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Murphy at 683-4824, ext. 220.

Sport	Physical must have been performed on or after this date and be on file in the Health Office	Interval Health History (IHH) must be completed by parent/guardian and returned to the Health Office by this date
All Fall Sports	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2016

Work Program Registration

Applications are still being accepted for the St. Mary's Summer Work Program, in which students can assist with summer projects while earning tuition credit. Registration for the program takes place on-line only.

There will be three two-week work sessions – July 5-15, July 18-29, and August 1-12. Sessions will be 8 a.m. to 1

p.m. Monday through Thursday. *Note – this is a two-week commitment on the student's part; weeks can not be moved around or traded.*

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.

Summer Driver Ed 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 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 \$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.

Counseling Corner

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

Set goals, boundaries this summer

Your teen's need for structure and learning doesn't end on the last day of school.

But without a plan, she may end up just drifting through the summer.

To help your teenager have a productive summer:

- Encourage learning goals. Decades of research show that when teens simply let their brains go on vacation all summer, their achievement tends to slip. So help your teen set some learning goals. Perhaps she wants to learn how to play a musical instrument. Or

maybe she wants to read all the books in a series. Whatever her goal, help her make a plan to achieve it.

- Set boundaries. You may decide to relax some of your family rules. For example, you may push back bedtime if your teen doesn't have to get up for a job or an activity. But don't excuse your teen from all expectations. She should still have to contribute around the house and follow basic rules. She should also stick to recreational screen time limits. No teen should waste the summer staring at a screen.
- Schedule physical activity. Studies show that teens often gain weight over the summer. So schedule a time when your whole family can exercise. Take a walk in a nearby park. Visit a community recreation center and sign up for a summer class.

Reprinted with permission from the May 2016 issue of *Parents Still make the difference!*® (High School Edition) newsletter. Copyright © 2016 The Parent Institute®, a division of NIS, Inc.

Visit colleges this summer

NOW through fall is the time for seniors and their parents to visit the colleges they are considering. Whether home or away, families need to experience the campus and talk about how it will fit their student's needs. This is the most important step in the college selection process and is vital in helping you and your student decide where to apply next fall.

Once you have viewed the website and read all you can about the school, call the admissions office to set up an

appointment.

For suggestions on how to make the most out of the college visit, The College Board (the SAT people) has a check-list. Go to bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide.

Students met several times with their counselors, and each has a list of potential schools. Feel free to call with your questions. Guidance counselors will be available throughout the summer.



Campus Ministry



Seasons' Greetings!

June brings a change of seasons: spring becomes summer, classes become memories, and the liturgical calendar switches to Ordinary Time.

The Gospel readings will not focus on a particular element of Christ's mystery but the entire mystery of Christ's ministry. St. Luke gives us a portrait of Jesus as healer and His concern for the poor, the lonely, the outcast, the sinner, and the afflicted.

Jesus' words and works challenge us today to do likewise. We are called to perform the corporal works of mercy. We can feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead. No one said it would be easy.

In the book, *The Summer of '42*, Herman Raucher closes the story with the line "life is made up of many comings and goings, and for everything we take with us, we must leave something behind."

When Mrs. Kranz retires at the end of this month, I hope she takes with her the love, respect, thanks, and admiration of the faculty. For she leaves with us a legacy of dedication, service, hard-work, perseverance, professionalism, and respect. We pray that the Lord will bless her and keep her; that His face will shine upon her and that He will be gracious to her; that He will look kindly upon her and give her peace. God be with you in this new season of life.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus. twf+

2016-2017 School Year

The St. Mary's Principal's Advisory Board recently approved the calendar for the 2016-17 school year.

Here are dates which students and families should be aware of:

- Sept. 7 – First Day for all Students (Noon dismissal)
- Sept. 12 – Meet the Teacher Night
- Oct. 10 – Columbus Day
- Oct. 19 – Standardized Testing Day (12 noon dismissal); Senior College Visitation Day
- Nov. 4 & 5 – Fall Play
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 23 (half day), 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 23 to Jan. 2 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 16 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 24-27 – January Exams

- Feb. 3 – Faculty/Staff Inservice / Auction
- Feb. 20 – Patriots' Day
- Feb. 24 – Faculty / Staff Retreat
- March 17 – Faculty / Staff Inservice
- March 23-25 – Spring Musical
- April 3-17 – Spring / Easter Break
- May 18 – Junior/Senior Prom
- May 19 – Administrators Day
- May 21 – Baccalaureate Mass / Senior Family Brunch
- May 24 – Graduation
- May 29 – Memorial Day
- June 6 – Last Day of Classes
- June 8-21 – June/Regents Exams

A complete calendar for the 2016-17 school year will be mailed home to all families as part of the August mailout. The calendar will also be on the St. Mary's website soon.

Dates for Chromebook distribution set

The Principal's Ad Board recently set the dates for the distribution of Chromebooks:

- 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 the Distribution date. Also, families who have not paid their Technology Fee will not receive the Chromebook.

Spring Fling is a successful thing

Congratulations to the Brown family! They had the "Golden Ticket" and were the winners of the FREE tuition at St. Mary's High School! The "Spring Fling Tuition Thing" was a great evening, with delicious food, great samplings of beverages, and amazing entertainment by Jordan Hokaj and Vicky Cuva, (Class of 2008) & Eddy Jagiello (Class of 2001) and his band, Famous Fred and the Creatures Unknown! We also congratulate the many other cash prize winners that evening!

A special thank you is extended to these area vendors for their generous

donations: Frank's Bar & Grille, Buffalo's Best Grill, Bobby J's Italian American Restaurant, Brando's Pizzeria, Empire, Southerntier, Ellicottville and Hamburg Brewing Companies, Renee's Bakery, Panera Bread, Market in the Square, Adam's Landscape and Design, Adam's Nursery, and Petals to Please. Please continue to support these businesses as they have so generously supported St. Mary's High School!



Dave Brown holds his winning token with Julie Wipperman and Kevin Kelleher.



Vicky Cuva '08 and Jordan Hokaj '08 perform.

An additional thank you is extended to the committee of the "Spring Fling Tuition Thing"! Thank you to April Hartloff, Joe Lent, Ginny Stolarski, Tracey Gallo, and Cleo Weiss. The event was so successful because of their planning and dedication to making this event an enjoyable evening for all in

attendance!

Thank you to the workers that evening: Linda O'Brien, Jackie & Jerry Owczarczak, Colleen LeVe, Cathy Zanghi, Renee Okon, Darcie Fudoli, Onalee Flading, Beck O'Connor, Bernie Wipperman, and Michelle Jankowski, as well as the Hartloff, Jankowski, and Wipperman family members that gave their time that evening to help in many areas at the event!

A final thank you is extended to Kevin Kelleher for his dedication to St. Mary's and for making the "Spring Fling Tuition Thing" become an annual event!

2016 Summer Reading Assignment

English 9 – Regents and Honors

All freshmen **must read** *Night*, by Elie Weisel.

In addition to this book, **9 Regents** must read **one** book from the following list; **9 Honors** must read **two** books from the following list:

Alas, Babylon (Pat Frank) – A story about civilization and life after nuclear war.

The Declaration (Gemma Malley) – The world it features is a dystopian reality in the 22nd century in which humanity has cured all illness and aspires to eternal life and children are an abomination.

Summer of My German Soldier (Bette Greene) – During WWII, a young American girl falls in love with a German prisoner of war as she helps him to escape.

Ten Little Indians, also titled *And Then There Were None* (Agatha Christie) – Mystery story of the murder of 10 strangers trapped on an island.

The Boys of Winter (Wayne Coffey) – Non-fiction account of the 1980 “Miracle on Ice” U.S. Hockey Olympic Gold Medal team.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book**; include each word’s definition, part of speech, and **an original sentence** properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 13.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be given on Tuesday, Sept. 13, on *Night*; a second in-class writing assignment will be given on Wednesday, Sept. 14, on your second book choice; English 9 Honors will write a third in-class assignment on Thursday, Sept. 15, on your third book choice. It would be beneficial to take notes on

theme, setting, characterization, and mood while reading.

English 10 – Regents and Honors

All sophomores **must read** *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding.

In addition to this book, **10 Regents** must read **one** book from the following list; **10 Honors** must read **two** books from the following list:

In the Middle of the Night (Robert Cormier) – Years before Denny was born, his father was involved in a tragic accident. The family doesn’t talk about it, but the tragedy continues to haunt the family. When Denny decides to learn more about the accident, he becomes entangled in its web.

A Night to Remember (Walter Lord) – The author recounts the last hours of the *Titanic* from the perspectives of many of the ship’s passengers.

Rebecca (Daphne du Maurier) – The classic story of the second Mrs. DeWinter, who followed the man she loved from Monte Carlo to his lavish country estate, Manderly. There, she is drawn into the brooding passions of

a romance dead but not forgotten – for always, everywhere, is the evil, eternal presence of ... Rebecca!

Briar Rose (Jane Yolen) – The story of Briar Rose (Sleeping Beauty) is linked to the Holocaust when a young woman promises her dying grandmother that she will return to Poland and discover the truth about her past.

House (Frank Peretti and Ted Dekker) – A supernatural thriller by this famous pair of Christian writers that gives new meaning to the phrase “haunted house.”

Fahrenheit 451 (Ray Bradbury) – Bradbury’s classic science fiction novel of censorship and defiance.

Castaway Kid (R.B. Mitchell) – The true story of an abandoned kid who was one of the last “lifers” in an American orphanage.

Saving Juliet (Suzanne Selfers) – A modern-day teenage girl goes back to Shakespeare’s Verona in an attempt to prevent the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet from happening.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies**

(Continued on page 11)

Three inducted into Lancaster Hall of Fame

The Youth Bureau of the Town of Lancaster recently held its annual Youth Hall of Fame Induction.

Congratulations to seniors Joelle Cianciosa and Madeline

Wnuk and junior Daniel Cress who were inducted into the Hall.



Joelle Cianciosa



Madeline Wnuk



Daniel Cress

Twenty youths and two adults were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the ceremony.

Summer Reading (continued from page 10)

accepted) a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book** you read; include each **word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence** properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 13.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 13 and 14, on your summer reading books. English 10 Honors students will spend September 15 writing on their third book choice. It would be beneficial to take notes on theme, setting, characterization, and mood while reading.

English 11 Regents

All English 11 R students **must read** *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry.

In addition to this play, **English 11 Regents** must read **a second book** from the following list:

Black Boy (Richard Wright) – A sensitive and rebellious African American youth survives a life of poverty, familial strife, and Southern bigotry to pursue

his goal of becoming a writer in the North.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Betty Smith) – A classic! Francie Nolan lives in turn of the century Brooklyn, New York. She struggles against all odds to survive and thrive.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Mark Haddon) – This is the story of an autistic boy's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog.

Into Thin Air (Jan Krakauer) – A first-person account of an expedition to Mt. Everest that turned from dream climb to nightmare.

Catch 22 (Joseph Heller) – A classic! In this satirical novel, Captain Yossarian confronts the hypocrisy of war and bureaucracy as he frantically attempts to survive.

What Happened (Peter Johnson) – This novel, written by a Canisius High School graduate and set in an all-boys Buffalo high school, is an account of a car accident that unfolds slowly from the voice of an unnamed narrator.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book**; include each **word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence** properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 13.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on **Tuesday, Sept. 13**, for the play *A Raisin in the Sun*. A second in-class writing assignment will be done on **Wednesday, Sept. 14**, for the second book you chose to read. It would be beneficial for you to take notes on the following literary elements found in each book: setting, characterization, conflict, and theme.

AP English Language and Composition (Grade 11)

Part I – All AP Language students must read *Eats, Shoots, & Leaves*, by Lynne Truss; a punctuation test based on the punctuation rules discussed in the book will be given in class on **Tuesday, Sept. 13.**

Part II – All AP Language students **must** read *On Writing*, by Stephen King; this memoir will be used as our first in-class rhetorical analysis essay, to be written on Wednesday, **Sept. 14** (this type of essay will be discussed and explained before the 14th).

Part III – All AP Language students **must** choose **one** of the following to read: ***Farewell to Arms*** (Ernest Hemingway) – Set in Italy, this is a poignant love story taking place against the backdrop of WWI. A classic!

The Bell Jar (Sylvia Plath) – Sylvia Plath's only novel tells the story of college student Esther Greenwood – her nervous breakdown and fight to regain her sanity and her life. A classic!

Native Son (Richard Wright) – For Bigger

(Continued on page 12)

Mrs. Tytka named Teacher of Year



Math teacher Mrs. Lynn Tytka was recently named the National Honor Society Teacher of the Year. The presentation was part of the school's Moving Up Ceremony on May 13. Mrs. Tytka received a special gift from NHS officers, Secretary Julie Pijacki, Treasurer Regan Weiss, Vice President Jennifer Piskor, Administrative Assistant Joelle Cianciosa, and President Carolyn Kidder.

Summer Reading (continued from page 11)

Thomas, an African American man accused of a crime in the white man's world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations, and only death.

In Cold Blood (Truman Capote) – The documentary account of a 1959 murder in a small Kansas town.

ASSIGNMENT:

This book of choice will be used as our second in-class rhetorical analysis essay, to be **written on Thursday, Sept. 15.**

It would be beneficial for you to take notes on rhetorical elements used by King and the author of your third book; rhetorical elements include tone, diction, syntax, irony, symbolism, ambiguity, allusion, arrangement, structure, connotation, figures of speech, style, repetition, etc.

FYI – you must discuss 3 rhetorical elements in a rhetorical analysis essay.

English 12 Regents

All English 12 Regents students

MUST read *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte. In addition to this novel, English 12

Regents **MUST** read a second book from the following list:

Bleachers (John Grisham) – As their football coach hovers between life and death, his former players gather at their high school field to recollect the good and bad times of their lives and high school football careers.

Farewell to Arms (Ernest Hemingway) – Set in Italy, this is a poignant love story taking place against the backdrop of WWI. A classic!

The Bell Jar (Sylvia Plath) – Sylvia Plath's only novel tells the story of college student Esther Greenwood – her nervous breakdown and fight to regain both her sanity and her life. A classic!

Native Son (Richard Wright) – For Bigger Thomas, an African American man accused of a crime in the white man's world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations, and only death.

In Cold Blood (Truman Capote) – The documentary account of a 1959 murder in a small Kansas town.

The Things They Carried (Tim O'Brien) – These stories follow a platoon of

American soldiers through a variety of personal and military encounters during the Vietnam War.

Ophelia (Lisa M. Klein) – A retelling of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* through the voice of Ophelia.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown vocabulary words found in each book; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 13.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on **Tuesday, Sept. 13**, for the novel *Jane Eyre*. A second in-class writing assignment will be done on **Wednesday, Sept. 14**, for the second book you chose to read. It would be beneficial for you to take notes on the following literary elements found in each book: setting, characterization, conflict, and theme.

AP English Literature and Composition (Grade 12)

Part I – All AP Literature students must read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon (Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted autistic 15-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.). There will be a multiple choice test upon returning to school based on this book, as well as a short answer essay to express full comprehension of this novel.

Part II – All AP Literature students must read *The Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst (Linguist Paul Iverson, desperate to learn the truth about his

(Continued on page 17)

Prom Court 2016



Collin Tytka and Jenna Erwin were Prince and Princess while Ben Blackhall and Jennifer Piskor were King and Queen at this year's Prom, held May 19 at The Statler.

Start thinking “service hours”


Summer is the perfect time to start working on your service hours for the 2016-17 school year.

Remember – here are the service hour requirements:


- Freshmen – 10 hours
- Sophomores – 20 hours

- Juniors – 30 hours (half not for St. Mary’s)
 - Seniors – 40 hours (half not for St. Mary’s)
- St. Mary’s High School has the following events at which volunteers are needed:
- Golf Tournament – June 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Car Show & Chicken Dinner – August 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shift times are flexible.

For information or to sign up, contact Mrs. Julie Wipperman at 683-4824, ext. 223 or jwipperman@smhlancers.org. Anyone who has other service opportunities that they wish to share should send them to Mr. Kidder at 683-4824 ext. 215 or kkidder@smhlancers.org.



Lancer Parent Partnership



End-of-Year Report

Executive Committee
Sandy Gibson, Sandee Grega, Kim Marino, Rebecca Kranz, Keith Kidder.

2016 Fashion Show Committee:
Mary Beth Burkard, Joy Cianciosa, Emily Gibson, Sandy Gibson, Sharon Goldyn, Sandee Grega, Rebecca Kranz, Theresa Kruse, Jean LaRosa, Kim Marino, Lisa Nemmer, Robert Nemmer, Joanna Norton, Debbie Seeloff, Mike Seeloff, Ginny Stolarski, and Susan Szpila.

Parent Events

- Sponsored Freshmen Parents Mixer in conjunction with Freshmen Student Mixer; included icebreaker, St. Mary’s Trivia, student panel, ice cream social, and raffles. There were fifty-four (54) parents in attendance, representing thirty-nine (39) freshmen families. One lucky freshman took home a new FitBit that was raffled off to attendees.
- Presented an overview of the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partnership at Freshmen Orientation and Meet the Teacher Night.
- Annual Fashion Show, *Denim & Diamonds*, April 21 at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens Restaurant.

Faculty/Staff Events

- Dinner provided prior to first quarter

report card distribution on November 18, 2015.

- Holiday gifts to all faculty and staff.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon May 3, 2016.

Accomplishments

- The spring Fashion Show was another successful show, and included participation of 50 student models from all grade levels and one faculty member. There were 115 attendees at the event.
- Awarded \$900 in departmental scholarships to members of the Class of 2016 and an additional \$200 each to Helen Gibson and Gabrielle Mauro for strong leadership and extraordinary community service beyond that required through St. Mary’s.
- Continued communication and awareness of the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partnership through regular articles in *Currents*, as well as frequent e-mail reminders and updates via SchoolMessenger.
- Parent representative of the Lancer Parent Partnership Council is an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Trustees and is in attendance during each general session of the Board meeting.

Goals for 2016-2017

- Continue to communicate the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partner-

ship Council through *Currents* and SchoolMessenger.

- Continue Lancer Parent Partnership support of St. Mary’s school events.
- Continue established scholarship awards and increase dollar amounts awarded if fundraising is successful.
- Continue established Faculty/Staff Appreciation events.
- Increase fundraising.
- Increase parent participation in Lancer Parent Partnership-sponsored events.
- Increase Executive Committee membership.

A very special thank you is extended to Sandee Grega for four years of service and dedication to the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partnership Council. Her commitment was instrumental in helping to establish many of the new events that continue to grow in success and participation each year. The Lancer Parent Partnership wishes Sandee well in her future endeavors.

The Administration also wishes to thank Sandra Gibson for her leadership of the Lancer Parent Partnership for these many years. Words alone cannot express all of the gratitude we have for Mrs. Gibson for her hard work, her dedication, her love of St. Mary’s. You will be greatly missed!



St. Mary's High School's Athletics Department



presents the

2016 Summer Athletic Camp Series

Includes guest speakers, expert instruction, T-shirt, & more

Boys' Basketball

Ages 7-13 • July 11-15
9 a.m. to 12 noon • Cost – \$75

Girls' Basketball

Ages 7-13 • July 18-22
9 a.m. to 12 noon • Cost – \$75

Football

Ages 7-13 • July 18-22 – 9 to 11 a.m. •
Cost – \$75

Girls' Volleyball

With St. Mary's Coaches Don Pieczynski & Rocco Lucci

Middle School Students • July 25-29 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost – \$160

High School Students • Aug. 8-12 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost – \$190

More Information

(716) 683-4824, ext. 235 or sgrieco@smhlancers.org

Summer Athletic Camp 2016 Registration Form

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Present School _____ Grade _____

E-Mail Address _____ T-Shirt Size (Adult) S M L XL

Camp: Boys' Basketball _____ Girls' Basketball _____ Football _____

Volleyball (Middle School) _____ Volleyball (High School) _____

Volleyball Experience: beginner; modified; jv; varsity

club – team _____

Please mail to: Steven Grieco, St. Mary's High School, 142 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086

Make checks payable to St. Mary's High School

Two more sign Letters of Intent



Braden Bova signs a Letter of Commitment to play baseball at D'Youville Colege.



Bridget Herod signs her Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

TLC at the Towers



Members of The Lancer Club (TLC), under the leadership of Sister Rose and Mrs. Battaglia, recently visited the Towers in Lancaster where they made flowers with the residents.

Seven qualify for State Track Meet *Vogl, Rowe move on to the Feds*

Seven members of the St. Mary's High School Track Teams recently qualified for the New York State Catholic High School Track Meet after great finishes at the All-Catholic Meet.

The qualifying athletes were:

- Senior Anna DiDomenico
- Senior Annie Hamilton
- Junior Erin Hufford
- Senior Mikala McCartney
- Senior Jonathan Rowe
- Junior Kathryn Vogl
- Junior Haley Wipperman

The State Track Meet took place on May 28 and 29 at Icahn Stadium in New York City.

Congratulations to Kathryn Vogl (triple jump) and Jon Rowe (hurdles) who have now qualified for the Federation Meet, taking place June 10 and 11 at Cicero-North Syracuse.



Haley Wipperman competes in the shot-put at the All-Catholics.

Don't forget to return your Sports Boosters Lottery Raffle Tickets for June, July & August! For more information, contact the Athletic Office



June 2016 Menus

Chef Manager – Tristan Hall

(Please note – menus are subject to change)



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 \$3.25
- Intense Milk \$1.50
- Milk 1/2 pint \$.75
- Orange Juice \$1.50
- Vitamin Water \$1.75
- 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

Breakfast	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Breakfast Flatbread (wg) Fruit Yogurt (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	2 Ham & Egg on Brioche Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	3 French Toast Sticks with Syrup (v/wg) Tator Tots (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)
	6 Sausage & Egg Biscuit Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	7 Breakfast Pizza Tator Tots (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	8 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Bagel Fresh Fruit (v) Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit (v)	9 Continental Breakfast Available	10 Continental Breakfast Available
	13 Continental Breakfast Available	14 Continental Breakfast Available	15 Continental Breakfast Available	Have a Great Summer!	

Lunch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Chef's choice Assorted Vegetables (v) Fruit Cup (v)	2 St. Mary's Chef's Choice Italian Mixed Vegetables (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	3 St. Mary's Teachers Chef's Choice Assorted Vegetables (v) Fruit Cup (v)
	6 Classic Chef's Choice Glazed Carrots (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	7 Chef's Choice Taco Tuesday Fiesta Rice (v/wg) Mexican Corn (v)	8 End-of-Year Picnic	9 Simple Lunch Available	10 Simple Lunch Available
	13 Simple Lunch Available	14 Simple Lunch Available	15 Simple Lunch Available	Have a Great Summer!	

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).



17th Annual Golf Tournament

**Monday, June 27
Lancaster Country Club**

\$150 per golfer

**includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, drinks, gift
Packages also available**

**For more information, contact
Kevin Kelleher or Pam Aquino at 683-4824**

June 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 - B Day Algebra II Common Core Exam Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm	2 - C Day NHS Tutoring 2:30pm	3 - D Day	4 SAT Testing Day (Redesigned Test)
5	6 - E Day Student Senate 2:30pm	7 - F Day Last Day of Classes Academic & Special Awards Ceremony 6:30pm	8 Service Awards End-of-Year Picnic Noon Dismissal (Afternoon for Student Study) 12 noon Dismissal	9 School Exams (Schedule on page 1)	10 School Exams (Schedule on page 1)	11 ACT Testing Day
12	13 School Exams (Schedule on page 1)	14 School / Regents Exams (Schedule on page 1)	15 School / Regents Exams (Schedule on page 1)	16 School / Regents Exams (Schedule on page 1)	17 School / Regents Exams (Schedule on page 1)	18
19	20 School / Regents Exams (Schedule on page 1)	21 School / Regents Exams (Schedule on page 1)	22 Rating Day Spring Sports Awards Banquet 6pm	23 Rating Day End of Fourth Quarter Freshman & Sophomore Field Trip to Darien Lake	24	25
26	27 Offices Open 8am-1pm Golf Tournament	28 Offices Open 8am-1pm	29 Offices Open 8am-1pm	30 Offices Open 8am-1pm	1 Offices Closed	2

Summer Reading (continued from page 12)

wife Lexy's death, sets out to teach their dog, the only witness to Lexy's supposed fall from a tree, to speak and give an account of the incident.) There will be a required preparation class for a round table discussion/assessment and rhetorical analysis of this novel.

Part III – All AP Literature students must choose one of the following to read:

The Bell Jar (Sylvia Plath) – the story of a college student Esther Greenwood – her nervous breakdown and fight to regain her sanity and her life.

On The Road (Jack Kerouac) – this presents a thinly fictionalized autobiography of Jack Kerouac's cross-country adventure across North America on a quest for self-knowledge as experienced by his alter-ego, Sal Paradise, and Sal's friend Dean

Moriarty.

A Streetcar Named Desire (Tennessee Williams) – Blanche DuBois, a haggard and fragile southern beauty, finds her pathetic last grasp at happiness cruelly destroyed in large part by her brother-in-law Stanley Kowalski.

The Picture of Dorian Gray (Oscar Wilde)

– Written in his distinctively dazzling manner, Oscar Wilde's story of a fashionable young man who sells his soul for eternal youth.

An in-class writing assignment will conclude Part III where the student will express their knowledge of their choice book with a "Questions Only Essay."

Students/Teacher of the Month of April



Ann Hamilton



Alex Paul



Annaliese Hirsch



Caroline Zanghi



Mr. Kevin Kelleher

In the June issue of *Currents*

- *June Exam Schedule / Policies*
- *Pictures from Commencement Exercises*
- *Joe Stoj receives Marian Award*
- *Spring Fling is a successful thing*
- *Summer Reading Assignment*
- *And much more!*

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



St. Mary's High School
Lancaster NY



stmaryslancers



stmaryslancers

Spread the Light of Love and Friendship



Bailey Dolegowski (right) lights the candles of Victoria Powell and Alex Hokaj as part of St. Mary's High School's Moving Up Ceremony, held on Friday, May 13.

Preparing young men and women for college and beyond

LANCASTER, NY 14086-1849
142 LAVERACK AVENUE

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

