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## *From the Principal's Desk*

So, here we are! One week until the end of the third quarter... One week until Spring Break! Although it seems that winter might just never end, we know deep down that spring is right around the corner! The birds are chirping outside my window in the morning. My sunglasses have reentered my car's cup holder! Ah... what a wonderful time to be in Buffalo! What a wonderful time to be alive!

***Let's let that be the theme of the days and weeks to come: A wonderful time to be alive!***

Sure, there will be stress and anxiety revolving around our hectic lives because anything worth doing has that. Instead of dwelling, let's focus on all the beauty that surrounds us! The buds have begun to appear on the trees, the robins are chirping away, the grass is growing slightly greener every day, and before you know it, the smell of spring will be in the air. Ah, the little things!

It is the "little things" though, right? I am going to make a conscious effort over the next two weeks to take five minutes out of my day to walk outside, close my eyes, and soak it all in. No phone, no AirPods, no distractions – just myself, the fresh air, and the sunshine. People say five minutes is all it takes to reset! Well, I am going to! Life moves fast, stress and anxiety are real, so we must find ways to push through and overcome! But at the end of the day, the reason we do – the little things – they make all the difference.

Enjoy,

Mr. Junik

## *Transportation Info*

1) ***Transportation requests/refusals are due to your home district by April 1st!*** That deadline is drawing near. If you do not request transportation by that time, it may be denied.

- Please visit the transportation page of your home district's website for information.
- You will be selecting the non-public transportation forms/documents. Many districts have moved to a Google Form submission.

***This process is required by every family, even if you plan to drive your children to & from school, you will simply check off that no transportation is needed.***

2) Registration with your district: ***Every student must be registered with your home district.*** This process ensures that your child is able to receive textbooks/services etc. Each district's website has info on how to register.

This process should be done when:

- a) your child begins kindergarten
- b) you move into a new district
- c) information **MUST** be updated if you changes schools even if within your same district.

Questions/verifying that this has been done for your child should be done with your district directly.

While St. Mary's does not handle the processing of either of these requirements, if you have any questions, we will do our best to help. Please call the school at (716) 683-4824 for assistance.

# *The Week Ahead*

**Mon. Mar. 27th - A Day**  
**\*REGULAR DRESS CODE**

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**Tues. Mar. 28th - B Day**  
**\*REGULAR DRESS CODE**  
**\*INCOMING FRESHMEN**  
**Q&A NIGHT - 6 PM (NEW DATE)**

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**Wed. Mar. 29th - C Day**  
**\*REGULAR DRESS CODE**

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**Thurs. Mar. 30th - A Day**  
**\*REGULAR DRESS CODE**  
**\*LAST DAY OF ACADEMIES**

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**Fri. March 31st - B Day**  
**\*ST. MARY'S PRIDE DRESS**  
**\*END OF 3RD QUARTER**

## *Important Future Dates*

**April 3rd - 16th: Easter Break**

**April 17th: Easter Liturgy**

**April 27th: Senior Portfolios Due**

**April 28: Moving Up Ceremony & Senior Retreat**



## **Mon. March 27th**

4:30 pm - **Varsity Baseball** @ Clarence  
5 pm - **M. Lacrosse** @ West Seneca East

## **Wed. March 29th**

5 pm - **JV Baseball** @ Clarence  
5 pm - **M. Lacrosse** @ Grand Island

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Please note that given the weather,  
**all games are highly subject to change.**

Stay tuned to announcements and the  
SMHS Athletics Twitter account  
for updates.

## **Mega Raffle!**

St. Mary of the Assumption and our neighbors at St. Mary's Elementary School are hosting their Mega Raffle for a chance to win over \$50,000 in cash prizes!

**Grand Prize is \$35,000!**

Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at [stmarysonthehill.org](http://stmarysonthehill.org) or call (716) 473-7117.

# ***Guidance Corner***

## ***Sophomore Meetings***

Starting after the Easter Break, the Guidance Counselors will be meeting one-on-one with all of the members of the Sophomore Class.

These meetings are designed for the counselors to check in with the students, to see how they are doing emotionally, socially, and academically, and to answer any questions that they may have. Students will receive an email from Mr. Kidder when they are scheduled to meet with their counselor.

**Parents** - If you have anything that you would like the Counselors to talk to your student about, please feel free to share that information with your child's counselor.

Questions regarding these Sophomore Meetings may be sent to Mr. Kidder (kkidder@smhlancers.org).

## ***College Visit***

A representative from LeMoyne College will be visiting St. Mary's on March 30 at 10:00 a.m. Students interested in meeting with this rep should contact Mr. Kidder to sign up.

## ***Welcome, Ms. Jedd***

The Counseling Center is pleased to welcome Ms. Christine Jedd. Ms. Jedd will be substituting for Mrs. Kimpel during her absence. Students and families with last names from N to Z in need of assistance are welcome to contact Ms. Jedd at [cjedd@smhlancers.org](mailto:cjedd@smhlancers.org).

## ***SAT Prep Class***

The course will cover verbal and math skills and help students to navigate the intricacies of the SAT exam.

***The cost of the course is \$90.*** (Review book included). The course will run 4 days a week for 3 consecutive weeks.

\* Note: Registration for the exam is done separately through the College Board website. St. Mary's cannot register individual students for the exam!

### ***Session II - May 6th Exam***

Registration Deadline for the actual exam - April 7th

***Registration deadline for the Prep course - March 31st***

Course Dates:

April 17th – 20th (Monday – Thursday)

April 24th 27th (Monday – Thursday)

May 1st – 4th (Monday – Thursday)

## ***Don't Forget to Register for the 2023-24 School Year!***

***All upperclassmen registration paperwork is due April 1st.***

Please email the completed paperwork to [returningstudent@smhlancers.org](mailto:returningstudent@smhlancers.org).

***Registration fees are also due April 1st.***

All fees will be automatically taken out of your FACTS account if you have them set up to do so on that date.