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From the Principal's Desk

Several weeks back, I wrote here about "Handling Hard Better." If you missed it, the idea revolves around the fact that life doesn't get easier, rather, we learn to handle hard things better as we live life. In this week's note, I thought I would expand a bit.

See, handling hard better doesn't mean "toughen up" or "stop whining and figure it out." To the contrary, handling hard better is a mentality - a shift from running to confronting. Handling hard better is about building a team of support around you. Family, friends, mentors, and others that you can turn to. Handling involves talking through difficult things with someone you trust - trust to hold your confidence, trust that their advice is in your best interest. Handling is finding that tutor when Math class is overwhelming, and you can't do it alone. That person you can complain to because life just stinks right now! Handling is about confronting and figuring out how to move forward. It's about striving to become better!

No one is perfect... but we strive!

No one is always happy... but we strive!

No one lives life without anxiety or fear... but we strive!

Education, both inside and outside the classroom, is about striving to make ourselves better. Striving to handle everything life can throw at us. It is about putting in the work. It's about building your team!

My team includes my wife, my parents, my two best friends, and the people I work with here at St. Mary's.

Who is on your team?

Sincerely,
Mr. Junik

Important Dates

**March 10th - No School
Fac/Staff Day of Caring**

March 13-16th - Spirit Week

March 17th - No School

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE WIZARD of OZ
(RSC VERSION)

MARCH 9TH, 10TH, & 11TH AT 7:30PM
Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the performance.

St. Mary's High School
Gus Galasso Auditorium
142 Laverack Avenue
Lancaster, NY 14086

Scan the QR Code to purchase your tickets!

Spring Musical
March 9-11th
7:30 pm
Tickets at
smhlancers.org

The Week Ahead

Mon. March 6th - C Day

***DRESS DOWN DAY**

Officer Blackchief of the Cheektowaga Police Dept. was recently involved in a horrible accident. With a long road to recovery, we are raising money to aid in that battle. His daughter, Amaya, will also be freshman with us next year.

Dress down will be \$2 as usual, but if you can spare a little more to help a future Lancer family, it would be greatly appreciated.

Tues. March 7th - A Day

***REGULAR DRESS CODE**

Wed. March 8th - B Day

***REGULAR DRESS CODE**

Thurs. March 9th - C Day

***REGULAR DRESS CODE**

Musical 7:30 pm

Fri. March 10th

NO SCHOOL

Fac/Staff Day of Caring

Musical 7:30 pm



Spring Open Gyms

March 7th - **Women's Lacrosse** -
7-9 pm @ St. Mary's

Any girls interested in playing are welcome to come get their sticks going, play some catch, etc.

Pi Day! 3.14.23

Bring in up to 3 full-sized pies or frozen pizzas for extra credit in your math class!

Pizzas are preferred!

All pizzas/pies must be handed in on 3/14/2023 by 8 am in the cafeteria.

NO PIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Only full sized, store-bought and sealed pizzas or pies will be accepted.

Homemade items cannot be accepted.

Please see your favorite math teacher with any questions!



Guidance Corner

Attention Juniors

On **March 15th**, all **Juniors** will be attending the **National College Fair** at the Buffalo Convention Center. We will leave school at 9 a.m. to return around 12 noon.

Please make sure that you and your parents fill out your Trip Permission Slip and return the form to the Counseling Center.

Attention Seniors & Juniors

Representatives from the following colleges will be visiting St. Mary's this month:

- March 9, 12:15 p.m. - University at Buffalo
- March 14, 10:00 a.m. - Brescia University (London, Ontario)
- March 30, 10:00 a.m. - LeMoyne College

If you are interested in meeting with any of these reps, please contact Mr. Kidder to sign up.

Attention Seniors

Please remember to notify the Counseling Center of your **college acceptances** and scholarship awards. We would love to add your name to the wall outside of the Cafeteria!

Attention Juniors & Sophomores

The Counseling Center is excited to announce the return of the **College Tour Program**, where we will lead a group of students on a visit to multiple colleges and universities. This year, we are planning to visit schools between here and **Boston, Mass., over a three-day period.**

Due to sports, exams, performances, and end-of-year celebrations, we are looking to hold the trip the **last week of June or the first week of July.** The cost of the trip will be about **\$500** per person (includes hotel, transportation, and all meals), though this may change depending on the number of people who sign up. Yes, parents are welcome to join us!

More information (including a list of colleges to be visited) will be coming soon.

Happy Birthday, George!



St. Mary's honorary Lancer, George Morgan, celebrated his birthday this past week. There's nothing George would want more than some empty bottles and cans to replenish his stock.

So, if you have some empties, feel free to bring them into the front foyer or just

leave them outside the front doors. We'll know who they're for!

As always, thank you for making George feel so special and for welcoming him to the Lancer Family with open arms.



Spread the Love Can Drive March 1-8th

Accepting peanut butter, jelly, or any other canned goods.

Drop off donations in Mrs. Pautler's room or in the Main Office.

