ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

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ISSUE #10 // WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2026

GO LANCERS!

✉ FROM THE DESK OF MR. JUNIK

PRIORITY MAIL · READ ME FIRST



MR. KEITH JUNIK, PRINCIPAL

SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY
11/24

⚠ PARENTS, NOTE:
NO cafeteria breakfast or lunch on Tue. 11/24. Plan accordingly… and save room for the feast!

THE LANCER THANKSGIVING FEAST

TUE. NOV. 24 · 450 LANCERS · ONE GIANT FAMILY DINNER

Hey there Lancers,

Grab your stretchy pants, because the Lancer Thanksgiving Feast is coming! All year long, we work hard to take care of each other, give back, and say thank you. And what better way to celebrate all of that than with one giant family dinner? It's time to come together, break bread, and celebrate the best in all of us!

On **Tuesday, November 24**, 450 students, faculty, and staff will pull up a chair for our Thanksgiving Feast! We'll sit together, pray together, eat together, and celebrate together.

And the best part? Our students are running the show! Table assignments, food and drinks, decorations… the whole thing is in the hands of our Lancers. That's compassionate leadership, global citizenship, and service in action… with a side of mashed potatoes!

Food: Homemade, store-bought, DoorDashed… it all counts! Crockpots are more than welcome. Just one rule: please do **NOT** bring anything that needs to be cooked. We won't have an oven, microwave, or toaster available.

Decorations: Bring on the centerpieces, decorations, nameplates, and all the Thanksgiving vibes. Make your table the one everyone is talking about. Get creative!

Tables: Tables will be assigned and managed through your academy.

★ CONTESTS	★ RAFFLE + SWAG
Best Overall Table · Best Pie · Best Dessert (other than pie) · Best Side Dish	Raffle to benefit the Food Bank of WNY, plus SWAG giveaways!

GO LANCERS!

Mr. Junik

THIS WEEK

MON 11/9 A-DAY	TUE 11/10 B-DAY	WED 11/11 NO SCHOOL	THU 11/12 C-DAY	FRI 11/13 A-DAY
Regular schedule	Academy schedule	**No school**	Academy schedule	Regular schedule
Regular dress code	Regular dress code	—	Regular dress code	Regular dress code
— nothing —	**Absence notes due, 10 a.m.** **Financial Aid Night, 6 p.m.**	**Report cards out** **Senior Class Trip begins**	**Senior Class Trip · no senior classes**	**Senior Class Trip · no senior classes**

⚠ **DEADLINE ALERT**

Have a note for an excused absence? Turn it in to the main office by Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. Report cards come out Wednesday, so nothing can be changed after that point.

STATE CHAMPS WEEKEND

3 SHOTS AT STATE!

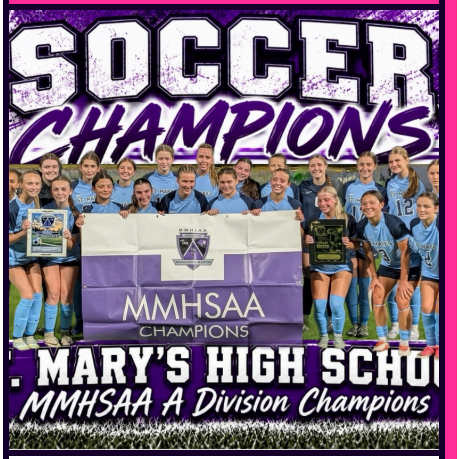
1UP · SWIMMING



EMME GRACE TARGIA AT STATES

Emme Grace is headed to Long Island this weekend to swim at the State Championships! Send her some Lancer love before she dives in. **Swim fast!**

2UP · SOCCER



WOMEN'S SOCCER PLAYS FOR STATE

Fresh off their MMHSAA A Division title, our women's soccer team is playing for a state championship this weekend! Let's show them the Lancer family is behind them.

3UP · VOLLEYBALL



VOLLEYBALL PLAYS FOR STATE

Our MMHSAA champion volleyball team is also playing for a state championship this weekend! Wear your blue, cheer loud, and help bring another title home.

Game times and updates at smhlancers.org. **GO LANCERS!**

COUNSELOR ZONE

INSERT COIN TO CONTINUE ▸

— PLAYER SELECT —

P1 · SENIORS · CLASS OF 2027
Mrs. Jamie Whitwood
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P2 · SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS
Ms. Megan Erway
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P3 · FRESHMEN · CLASS OF 2030
Mrs. Saima Horab
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FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Tue., Nov. 10 · 6 p.m. · Welcome Center

Dear Senior Parents, paying for college is one of the biggest questions on a family's mind this year, and we'd love to help you feel confident about the process. We're delighted to welcome **Ms. Katie Kocsis, Director of Financial Aid at Niagara University**, who will walk families through:

SENIOR PARENTS RSVP!

- ▸ FAFSA
- ▸ NYS TAP
- ▸ Grants & loans
- ▸ Repayment plan options
- ▸ Recent changes to federal aid

The presentation will last about one hour, with time for your questions at the end. We strongly encourage you to attend. It's a great chance to hear directly from a financial aid expert!

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT RSVP
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SENIORS

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Every senior has met individually with the Counseling Center to discuss and review their college applications. Students are always encouraged and welcome to stop by the Counseling Center with any questions or for support.

★ GOT IN? TELL US!
Let the Counseling Center know when you're accepted so we can add you to the **accepted wall** outside the cafeteria.

JUNIORS

PSAT SCORES ARE COMING

PSAT scores should post to your College Board account sometime next week! Take time to review how you did. We'll come to class soon to go over your scores and next steps.

LOADING SCORES…

MEET THE ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

— PLAYER SELECT —



L TO R: HORAB · DERRICO · ARD · JUNIK

Say hello to the team leading academics at St. Mary's! Questions about classes, scheduling or college planning? Our academic leadership team is here to help every Lancer grow.

P1 Mrs. Saima Horab
Counseling Center Director

P2 Mr. Albert Derrico
Associate Dean of Academics

P3 Mr. Matthew Ard
Assistant Principal

P4 Mr. Keith Junik
Principal / Dean of Curriculum & Academic Affairs

THE MIXTAPE

TRACK		UPCOMING EVENTS · DO NOT ERASE
01	THIS WEEKEND	State Champs Weekend: swimming, soccer & volleyball
02	NOV 10	Excused absence notes due to the main office by 10 a.m.
03	NOV 10	Financial Aid Night for senior families, 6 p.m., Welcome Center
04	NOV 11	No school · 1st quarter report cards come out
05	NOV 11 – 14	Senior Class Trip · no senior classes Thu. & Fri.
06	NOV 14	SME Fall Craft Show, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
07	NOV 23	NHS Induction
08	**NOV 24**	**Lancer Thanksgiving Feast · no cafeteria breakfast or lunch**
09	DEC 9	Night in the Village, 5–8 p.m., Village of Lancaster
10	JAN 16, 2027	Bash for Cash (virtual) · $10,000 grand prize

The Scoop Mix · Vol. 10
SIDE A · Feast · This Week · State Champs
SIDE B · Counselors · Leadership · Bash



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Full calendar at smhlancers.org. Dates subject to change.

★ HIGH SCORE ALERT ★

BASH FOR CASH

GRAND PRIZE
$10,000

SAT., JANUARY 16, 2027 | **VIRTUAL**

St. Mary's High School's **only student-run fundraiser**, investing directly in our students and their campus experience. Get your shot at a **$10,000 grand prize**, plus additional cash prizes up to $10,000!

ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZES — **PLAYER 1 READY**

$4,000	$2,500	$1,000	$500	$100
× 1 PRIZE	× 1 PRIZE	× 1 PRIZE	× 4 PRIZES	× 5 PRIZES

LANCERS NIGHT OUT

NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE

WEDNESDAY
DEC 9
5–8 P.M.

Spend a night in the Village of Lancaster with fellow Lancers and enjoy **special discounts** at local shops, restaurants, and more.

SHOP | SIP | SAVOR **…around the Village!**