

CURRENTS

Winter storm forces schedule changes

Note – This is a reprint of the e-mail sent to all families on November 25

Everyone at St. Mary's High School wants to thank the many men and women that worked tirelessly to clean up the Western New York area that was hit so hard by the lake effect storm. We have all heard of many inspirational stories that have come as a result of everyone helping one another in this area. We continue to pray for those who have been impacted severely by the storm's path.

Here at the school, the building was reopened on Tuesday, Nov. 25, after the school had architects and engineers here to ensure that the structure of the building was sound.

Thanks to our Buildings & Grounds crew, along with many faculty & staff volunteers, who put in countless hours to clear sidewalks, rooftops, and parking lots.

On Monday, Nov. 24, the faculty, staff, and leadership met to discuss the current status as well as our plan moving forward. After losing five instructional days, there was a lot to discuss. The following is a list of some of the important developments that have transpired and will



Clearing snow off of the school roof.

require adjustments to the school calendar in the coming months.

- The Senior Class Trip was able to be shifted by 24 hours and left on Saturday, Nov. 22.
- The 8th-Grade Entrance/Scholarship exam was given on Saturday, Nov. 22. Because there were so many families affected by the storm that were unable to attend, we will also be giving the exam on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 8:30 am for those that still need to take it.

Students taking the exam on December 6th will be eligible for all scholarship opportunities.

- The Fall Sports Banquet was rescheduled to Monday, Dec. 1, at 6 pm.
- The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will now take place on Wednesday, Dec. 10.
- Lastly, the Administration, in conjunction with the Curriculum Committee at the school, has determined that we will make adjustments to the January Exam period from January 26-29, in order to make up needed class time as a result of the storm. We feel this is especially important for first semester courses. Separate detailed information regarding the January exam week will be sent out shortly. But to explain it succinctly: all students will have school every day from January 26 through January 29. January 30th will still be for faculty and staff only.

Thank you to all of our families for their patience and understanding as we work our way through this devastating storm. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

The snow brought challenges

It seems that no sooner did summer end and the school year start that we experienced the first major winter storm. And what a storm it was.

As a school we came out of it very well, but it took a lot of time to move nearly six feet of snow. Just to put it in perspective: it took two pay loaders over three days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) nearly 20 hours to



clear the parking lots. Another four hours was spent with a "Bobcat" bulldozer clearing the front sidewalks. Our maintenance crew – Mr. Sapar, Mr. McFadden, and Mr. Jagiello – worked long and hard to make sure all ends of the building were safe and secured. A special thanks

goes out to Mrs. Kranz, Mr. Kelleher, Mr.

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Freshmen elect leaders



Lucas Cousins



Ryan Tytka



Emily Bookmiller



Rachel Cichocki

The Class of 2018 recently elected their officers and homeroom representatives for the 2014-15 school year.

They elected:

- President – Lucas Cousins
- Vice President – Ryan Tytka

- Secretary – Rachel Cichocki
- Treasurer – Emily Bookmiller
- Homeroom Reps – Stephanie Baran, Dino Fudoli, Heather Gotro, Emily Pijacki, Jeffrey Rosner, Shala Wright

Gift Gathering Party on December 18

The Auction Committee will be hosting a Gift Gathering Party for Parents and Friends for this year's Lancer Auction. The party will take place prior to the Christmas Show on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Beginning at 6 p.m., Mrs. Pam Aquino, Special Events Coordinator, along with other members of the

committee will be present in the school library to accept auction gifts. Those who donate items will be invited to enjoy food and refreshments. The Christmas Show begins at 7 p.m.

More information on the Lancer Auction or gift ideas is available by contacting Mrs. Aquino at 683-4824, ext. 223 or at paquino@smhlancers.org.

Christmas decorating



Carrie Kidder, Joelle Cianciosa, Collin Tytka, and Austin Klink put decorations on the Christmas tree in the St. Francis Peace Garden.

Challenges

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Ard, Mr. Kidder, Mr. Moreno, Mr. Greico, and Mr. and Mrs. Junik. As soon as we were able to get into the building, this group assembled and started digging us out. The only casualty that occurred was the loss of a shovel that someone tried to use as a javelin to remove a large snowdrift from the building. No fear – we will retrieve that shovel come April.

Another special thanks to Dan Rosati who was the RA on duty at the international boys' residence. He did a superb job not only helping with the school due to his proximity, but he also went above and beyond the call of duty to help a couple of our seniors make it to their class trip.

While most everyone came away with little or no problems, we in a special way send our prayers to the Goldyn family – Chelsea from the class of 2014 and her mom, Sharon Wrobel-Goldyn from the class of 1977. Unfortunately they lost a substantial portion of their house and garage. Thank goodness no one was injured, but please say a prayer that they will be back in their house soon.

Finally, I'd like to thank you and your families for your patience and understanding during the storm.

Please email me if you can correctly identify the author of the following. DO NOT USE A SEARCH ENGINE – first three to correctly identify will win a prize.

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Mr. Mark Tramont '77

President

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Congratulations, First Quarter Honor Roll Students

Top five Seniors



Kayla Murphy, Agatha Milholland, Shelby Strausbaugh, Rebecca Hojna, Alexandra Zelazny

Top five Juniors



Madison Fermo, Carolyn Kidder, Hanna Strek, Kendra Ciezki, Victoria Powell

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| Senior 1st Honors | Strausbaugh, Shelby | Carl, Olivia N | DiPirro, Mitchell D | Vogl, Kathryn G | Laistner, Zackary |
| Bargnesi, Paul A | Szpila, Alexandria B | Cianciosa, Joelle M | Dolegowski, Bailey | Zheng, Sai Frida | May, Sophie |
| Blaszak, Andrew J | Szpila, Zachary M | Ciezki, Kendra N | Fischer, Allyson M | | Murty, Shannon |
| Bowlds, Lonnie J | Troidl, Mariah | Dantonio, Marissa A | Gali, Lisa A | Sophomore 2nd Honors | Norton, Danielle |
| Burkard, Paige A | Tytka, Kaitlyn A | Fermo, Madison M | Gorny, Victoria C | Ando, James A | Okon, Chelsea |
| Cassel, Kayle M | Wierzbicki, Matthew | Gibson, Helen P | Hokaj, Alexander J | Bakeman, Elizabeth | Schaffstall, Kyle |
| Cometto, Theresa V | Wierzbicki, Michael A | Gresham, Christopher | Irish, Maddisen K | Barberio, Joseph A | Slade, Summer |
| Cronmiller, Teresa M | Wilk, Amber M | Gu, Jia Wei Jimmy | Kranz, Jessica L | Bish, Alexander P | Tytka, Ryan |
| DeSanto, Nicolas | Wilson, Sean P | Hamilton, Ann R | MacKay, Kaila M | Connolly, John J | Was, Jacob |
| Drzymala, Ashley R | Yebernetsky, Alyssa | Hathaway, Jack M | Mauro, Gabrielle | Erwin, Jenna M | Was, Madeline |
| Dudzinski, Jennifer | Zelazny, Alexandra L | Herod, Bridget L | Michalski, Erica L | Fontaine, Joshua R | Freshman 2nd Honors |
| Federico, Nicholas J | Ziobro, Alyssa K | Kidder, Carolyn R | Owczarczak, David G | Freeman, Grace A | Allen, Kelsie |
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| Fontaine, Jonathon | Bellet, Emily M | May, Leah L | Ratigan, Jessica S | Greene, Jill | Ciezki, Matthew |
| Grabski, Katie A | Bromund, Seth E | McCartney, Mikala M | Rowe, Jonathan C | Hossenlopp, Stephanie | Cousins, Lucas |
| Gresham, Hannah | Coleman, Joseph | McKeating, Brendan | Rusinski, Allison J | Pufpaff, Hannah E | DiPirro, Erin |
| Guan, Xinyue Chloe | Concannon, Jacob | Netti, Katherine J | Samson, Nicholas J | Seeloff, Andrea E | Duane, Onalee |
| Hapeman, Hannah | Eddy, Mary M | O'Scier, Nina J | Thomas, Emily A | Wachowski, Brittany | English, Blake |
| Hockwater, Danielle | Freeman, Samuel D | Pijacki, Julie H | Van Remmen, Isabel | Waley, Nathan C | Flading, Joseph |
| Hojna, Rebecca L | Giardina, Nicole M | Piskor, Jennifer | Zajac, Genevieve A | Wipperman, Haley N | Hatfield, Daniel W. |
| Ineson, Zachary D | Gorny, Brittany A | Powell, Victoria B | Zaprzal, Evan T | Zajac, Sydney E | Isbrandt, Chloe |
| Kenneweg, Katrina | Hamilton, Joseph R | Prentki, Kayla | Sophomore 1st Honors | Zelazny, Maya A | Kozminski, Jessica |
| Kruse, Michael T | Heigl, Nicholas D | Pyszczyk, Grace A | Alexander, Asia A | Freshman 1st Honors | Kruse, Nicole M. |
| Kwitowski, Victoria A | Jian, Zailiang Eagle | Roetzer, James J | Bristol, Charles E | Antonicelli, Shae | LaPort, Veronica E. |
| Manuel, Magdalene | Klink, Austin W | Rozler, Veronica M | Cress, Daniel J | Baran, Stephanie | Marino, Antonino |
| Martinez, RiverLeigh | Kozminski, Sydney N | Salamone, Andrew | Cronmiller, Mark D | Barczykowski, Kristen | Mazurowski, Benjamin |
| Meyer, Leah M | Lukasik, Nicholas R | Stoj, Joseph Ronald | Fuller, Grace M | Bookmiller, Emily | Pacer, Alicia T. |
| Michalski, Jessica A | Poules, Brianna J | Strek, Hanna | Heerd, Anna R | Brown, Eric | Paradis, Marysia |
| Milholland, Agatha B | Propis, John E | Vogel, Megan A | Jankowski, Victoria | Burkard, Gabrielle | Pijacki, Emily |
| Murphy, Kayla R | Stitt, Anthony L | Weiss, Regan T | Loniewski, Marissa | Camillo, Victoria | Rosner, Jeffrey |
| O'Neill, Marc A | Tobolski, Benjamin | Winiarski, Emma | Meyer, Caitlyn | Cichocki, Rachel | Soluri, Julia |
| Piotrowski, Tia L | Tomaszewski, Jacob | Wnuk, Madeline L | Meyers, Faith V | Fay, Jacob | Syracuse, Jessa |
| Ratajczak, Ryan R | Wang, Qiuyang | Zirnheld, Alyssa M | Meyers, Savannah H | Federico, Christina | Szablewski, Christian |
| Roskopf, William R | Wang, Yu Charlotte | Zolnowski, Kevin | Paul, Alex F | Fontaine, Maria | Vitale, Jillian J. |
| Sacco, Gillian A | Zhang, Zhaoyu Elaine | Junior 2nd Honors | Smith, Kristi A | Gotro, Heather K. | Wagner, Kylie |
| Schneider, Matthew | | Baran, Jennifer N | Stegmeier, Alexander | Jankowski, Ander | Wargo, Andrew |
| Schott, Kaitlyn R | Junior 1st Honors | Berchou, Bradley D | Story, William L | Kandler, John Phillip | Winiarski, Jacob |
| Shepard, Jacob C | Braniecki, Garrett F | DiDomenico, Anna | Tytka, Collin | | Wright, Shala |
| Smith, Mason P | Calkins, Austin T | DiGesare, Joseph | | | |
| Sobczynski, Julie A | | | | | |

Top five Sophomores



Victoria Jankowski, Daniel Cress, Marissa Loniewski, Kathryn Vogl, Frida Zheng

Top five Freshmen



Sophie May, Chelsea Okon, Shannon Murty, Ryan Tytko, Emily Bookmiller

Counseling Corner

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Counselor to Classes of 2015 & 2017 Counselor to Classes of 2016 & 2018

Get ready for FAFSA

Many college applications are due in January and February. And even before you know exactly where your teen will go to college, it's time to begin thinking about financial aid.

A large majority of colleges use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine how much federal financial aid each student is eligible for. State and school deadlines for filling out the FAFSA vary, so your best bet is to fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible beginning January 1 of each year.

Take time this December to gather the information your teen will need to fill out the FAFSA.

The FAFSA also takes into consideration your income information, if you claim your child as a dependent on your taxes. For the 2015-2016 school year, your teen will need financial information from 2014.

To complete the FAFSA, your teen will also need:

- His social security number.
- His driver's license (if he has one).
- His 2014 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned (if applicable).
- His 2014 Federal Income Tax Return (if applicable).
- Your 2014 Federal Income Tax Return (if your teen is a dependent).
- His current bank statements (if applicable).
- His current investment information (if applicable).
- His alien registration or permanent resident card (if he is not a U.S. citizen).

For more information, visit the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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Stay on a schedule during Winter Break

It's winter break. Your teen is looking forward to at least a week off from school. He's thinking about sleeping late, staying up late, and generally doing nothing.

However, both you and his teachers are thinking a little bit further ahead – midterms are usually scheduled in January. And spring is fast approaching – which means college application deadlines are closing in.

Support your teen and his school by keeping him on a schedule over the holiday.

Encourage him to:

- Wake up. Don't let your teen sleep in more than an hour past his normal wake-up time. He'll be less groggy in those early-morning classes when school begins again – for

which both he and his teachers will thank you.

- Work. Ask your teen to do 30 minutes of schoolwork or reading every day. He likely has homework he should be doing, but if not, it will benefit him to pick up a book.
- Write. Enlist your teen in writing your family holiday letter or thank-you notes. He might even consider writing holiday cards to his teachers thanking them for their help so far this year.
- Create. Keep your teen's mind sharp. Ask him to help you in the kitchen – that's a great place to practice science and math.

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Really listen to your teen

A strong relationship with your high schooler begins with good communication. Yet many teens hesitate to bring problems or concerns to their parents. When teens do decide to talk to their parents, parents often respond one of two ways – they either over-listen or under-listen.

When you:

- Over-listen, you're paying attention – to your own reactions. Before your teen even gets the whole problem out of his mouth, you're jumping to the rescue with solutions and ideas. Or you're questioning every bit of his story without letting him finish.

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Please Spread the Word to 8th Grade Students

Second Offering of Admission Exam

December 6 – 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

\$20 test fee

**For more information, contact Mr. Grieco
683-4824 ext. 237 or sgrieco@smhlancers.org**



Lancer Parent Partnership



Save the Date for the Fashion Show

The Lancer Parent Partnership and its Fashion Show Committee are pleased to announce that the annual Spring Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant. The theme of this year's show – *Lights, Camera, Fashion* – was inspired by the glitz and glamour of vintage Hollywood and promises to be an exciting evening!

Several vendors and stores have already committed to the show. Along with perennial favorites Old Navy, TJ Maxx, DEB, and Dress Barn, the committee is working on some new additions.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. for shopping, raffles, and a cash bar, followed by a sit-down dinner and the show.

The committee has months of work

to do in preparation for the event and could use help in many different areas, both behind the scenes and on the night of the show. Volunteers can help coordinate the models back stage, assist with raffles, work at the admissions tables, help with the basket raffle during the spring musical run, and much more. Donations of gift cards and gift baskets are always welcome for the Theme Basket Raffle. Please think of the Fashion Show as you shop the holiday sales!

Model sign up will begin in January, and students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni are all welcome to join in the fun. Stay tuned for more details and updates in upcoming *Currents*.

Future committee meetings will be announced in *Currents* and via SchoolReach e-mail. If you are unable to

attend committee meetings but would still like to help, or if you would like more information about making a donation, please let Sandy Gibson know via e-mail at ekjib15@msn.com. Most importantly, please attend the show and invite family and friends! The Lancer Parent Partnership hopes to see all of our St. Mary's family at this year's edition of the Fashion Show, *Lights, Camera, Fashion!*

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The Lancer Parent Partnership provided dinner and dessert for faculty and staff prior to the first quarter report card distribution on Monday, Nov. 17, (just before the snow) in appreciation for all their commitment and hard work for the students of St. Mary's. Many thanks to our entire dedicated faculty and staff!

Canvas • Cookies • Cocoa

The only thing better than creating a beautiful work of art is doing it with someone you love. St. Mary's High School is offering an evening of guided painting on **Thursday, December 11, from 6 pm - 8 pm** in the Gus Galasso Performing Arts Center. Participants will be guided through a recreating of an established artist's painting by members of the St. Mary's High School Arts Department faculty and art students.



This evening is designed to bring people together for a fun evening of making art, so the spots are sold in pairs

of two for \$40 per pair. It is the perfect opportunity to encourage an aspiring artist by seeing what it is they enjoy so much, or even to just explore painting for the first time in a guided setting. Every person will take their painting home at the end of the evening, and they make spectacular Christmas gifts.

In addition to the painting, Christmas refreshments will be served throughout the session.

Space is limited and is on a first paid basis. Get your \$40 in with this form to reserve your spot. Admission includes all of the supplies and refreshments.

Listen

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- Under-listen, you're discounting what your teen has to say. Instead of your undivided attention, your teen is getting the bit of your attention left over after you pay the bills, set the table, and start to cook dinner. After a while, your teen is likely to stop offering information. Or he may start picking fights, claiming you "never listen" and "don't really know him at all."

Either way, you're not really listening to your teen. If you're an over-listener, take a step back. Let your teen finish a story. You may find out that he wasn't asking for advice after all – he was telling you about how he already solved a problem on his own.

If you're an under-listener, take a step forward. All those other tasks can wait five minutes while you focus on your teen. And the five minutes you spent with him will show him that you think he's important and you care about his opinions.

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Yes, we want to attend Canvas • Cookies • Cocoa

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please return this form and payment (checks made out to St. Mary's High School) to the Main Office. Remember – Space is limited!

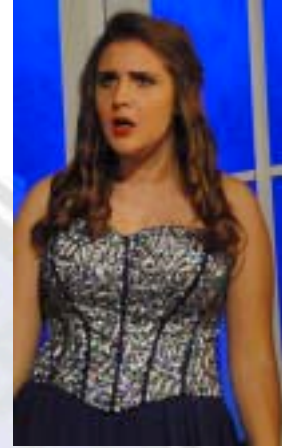
St. Mary's Theater Department presents 13 Past Midnight



Aggie Milholland and Anna Heerdt



Austin Klink and Jessica Michalski



Kayla Murphy



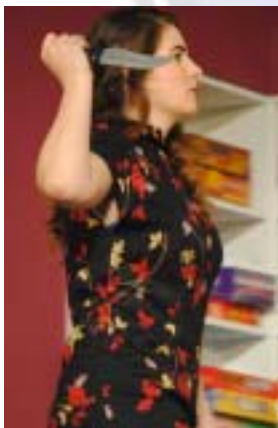
Matt Ciezki



Alex Zelazny and Alex Hokaj



Jackson Sperduti, Alex Hokaj, Hannah Hapeman, and Christina Federico



Mary Eddy



Shannon Murty



Zach Szpila



Jake Concannon



David Owczarczak

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Campus Ministry

Advent – the new year begins

On Monday, Nov. 17, as the snow began to fall, many students prayed for a snow day. An old adage reminds us to be careful what you pray for, you may get it. Fortunately and unfortunately, they got an answer to prayer: the students had five snow days. We are thankful that the St. Mary's community survived and was able to "weather the storm."

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the new Church year. This is the second of the three-year cycle for liturgy. During this time the Sunday readings will be taken from the gospels of Mark and John, and the weekday readings will follow Pattern I.

On the secular calendar, the new year is celebrated with many festivities, football, and the formulation of resolutions. Perhaps we can celebrate the new liturgical year by formulating one or two spiritual resolutions. For example, we can make an effort to attend Mass more often, or prepare for Mass by becoming familiar with the Sunday readings, or receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas, or praying the Rosary (see the October *Currents* for suggestions how). Any action we take will remind us that Advent is the preparation for the Feast of the Incarnation, Jesus, Son of God, becoming man; a.k.a. Christmas.

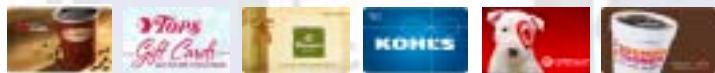
At St. Mary's there are two upcoming "liturgies" to help us prepare. On Wednesday, Dec. 3, the community will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday, Dec. 8, the school community will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Because the feast honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the patroness of our school, it holds special meaning.

From the St. Mary's family to your family, may you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.
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Christmas is Coming!

Here are some gift ideas from St. Mary's High School



**Are You Giving Gift Cards?
How about shopping with Gift Cards?**

Order them through the Scrip Program
at St. Mary's High School

Proceeds from the sale of Scrip cards
go directly to you and to St. Mary's!

Place Your Order On-line OR
Cards may also be purchased:

- During lunches from December 8 to 12
- On December 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon
- On December 18 from 6 to 7 p.m.
(before the Christmas Show)



How about St. Mary's Apparel?

Check out the new & improved
St. Mary's Book Store

(Located in the New Wing
Open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Short sleeve & long sleeve t-shirts
Quarter-zip fleeces • Hats • Caps
Hoodies • Lanyards

Many items available in Navy, White, Gray, Carolina Blue

Book Store will be open
on December 18 from 6 to 7 p.m.,
before the Christmas Show

Lady Lancers win 14th State Title

Congratulations to the St. Mary's Varsity Volleyball Team as they won their 14th New York State Catholic High School State Championship.

The Lady Lancers swept the tournament, not losing a single set, defeating teams from St. Anthony High School, Maria Regina Academy, and Fontbonne Hall.

After beating Fontbonne Hall in the semifinals, the Lady Lancers faced the very tough St. Anthony Friars. St. Mary's came out on top 25-15, 25-22, and 25-23 to win the championship.

As the season closed, the Lady Lancers finished as the #1 volleyball team in New York State and #20 in the entire country.

Way to go, Lady Lancers and Coaches!



Jacob Shepard named Fall Scholar Athlete

Congratulations to varsity football player Jacob Shepard who was named a *Buffalo News* Scholar Athlete for the fall sports season.

Every sports season, *The Buffalo News* recognizes seniors as Scholar Athletes. These students have made significant contributions to their teams while meeting high academic standards.

Jacob's picture will appear in an upcoming issue of *The Buffalo News*.

In addition, the following St. Mary's athletes received Honorable Mention recognition:



- Football – Paul Bargnesi, Jacob Concannon, Marc O'Neill, and Sean Wilson
- Girls' Soccer – Teresa Cronmiller, Rebecca Hojna, Tia Piotrowski, Julie Sobczynski, Alexandria Szpila, and Mariah Troidl
- Girls' Volleyball – Ashley Drzymala, Leah Meyer, and Shelby Strausbaugh
- Boys' Soccer – Joseph Hamilton, Michael Kruse, Ryan Ratajczak, William Roskopf, Zachary Szpila, and Jacob Tomaszewski
- Boys' Volleyball – Austin Klink

Two seniors sign letters of commitment



Leah Meyer, under the watchful eye of her father Michael and mother Tracy, signed her letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Duke University. Looking on are her sister Caitlyn and her coach Don Pieczynski



Matthew Schneider signs his letter to attend Mercyhurst where he will be playing baseball. Looking on are his parents Robert and Laura along with Principal Rebecca Kranz and Vice President Kevin Kelleher.

Thank you, Mr. Rera

Mr. Joe Rera, who has been the St. Mary's Athletic Director for the past two year, recently resigned to pursue other opportunities.

In addition to his position as director, Mr. Rera was also a part of athletics when he was a student here. He also interened in the department under former Athletic Director, Mr. Dan Gill.

Everyone at St. Mary's wishes to thank Mr. Rera for his service to St. Mary's and our student athletes; the Athletic Department benefited from his leadership. We wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

All-Catholics announced

The Msgr. Martin Athletic Association recently announced All-Catholic Selections for Girls' and Boys' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer:

Girls' Soccer

First Team – Hannah Pufpaff

Second Team – Rebecca Hojna,
Alexandra Szpila

Girls' Volleyball

MVP – Leah Meyer

First Team – Ashley Drzymala and Bailey Dolegowski

Second Team – Shelby Strausbaugh

Boys' Volleyball

Second Team – Alex Hokaj

Boys' Soccer

First Team – Joseph Hamilton, Chris Nowak, Ryan Ratajczak, Zachary Szpila, and Jacob Tomaszewski

Second Team – Michael Kruse and William Roskopf

Football

Second Team – Takal Molson (quarterback), Sean Wilson (offensive line) Tony Robinson (wide receiver), Cameron Dunning (defensive back), Anthony Stitt (line backer)

2014-15 Winter Sports Schedules

Due to the weather and the Athletic Director transition, work continues to update the schedules for Bowling and Boys' Basketball. See the website next week for the latest schedules.

Hockey

Mon. Dec. 1, 8:45pm, @ N.Tonawanda (Hyde Park)
Sat. Dec. 6, 12pm, @ Amherst (Northtown)
Sun. Dec. 7, 3pm, vs. Lew Port (Buffalo State)
Sun. Dec. 14, 3pm, vs. Timon (Buffalo State)
Mon. Dec. 15, 8:45pm, @ Niagara Falls (Hyde Park)
Sun. Dec. 21, 1pm, @ St. Francis (Buffalo State)
Sun. Dec. 28, 4pm, @ Sweet Home (Northtown)
Sun. Jan. 4, 4pm, vs. Lockport (Northtown)
Tues. Jan. 6, 4pm, @ Canisius (Buffalo State)
Fri. Jan. 16, 7:30pm, @ Lockport, (Lockport)
Sat. Jan. 17, 3pm, vs. Amherst (Northtown)
Mon. Jan. 19, 8:45pm, vs. N. Tonawanda (Hyde Park)
Fri. Jan. 23, 8pm, vs. Niagara Falls (HarborCenter)
Sun. Jan. 25, 5pm, @ Lew-Port (Buffalo State)
Fri. Jan. 30, 8pm, vs. St. Francis (Harbor Center)
Sun. Feb. 2, 7:50pm, @ West Seneca East (West Seneca)
Wed. Feb. 5, 9pm, vs. Sweet Home (Northtown)
Fri. Feb. 7, 1:45pm, @ St. Joe's (Brighton Park)
Fri. Feb. 14, 5:30pm, vs. West Seneca West (Northtown)

Wrestling

Sat. Dec. 6, time TBA, @ Depew Duels
Fri. Dec. 17, 6pm, @ Canisius
Sat. Dec. 20, time TBA, @ North Tonawanda Tournament
Mon. Dec. 29 & Tues. Dec. 30, time TBA, @ Akron Tournament
Tues. Jan. 6, 6pm, @ St. Joe's
Fri. Jan. 9 & Sat. Jan 10, time TBA, @ Alden State Bank Duels (Alden HS)
Tues. Feb. 3, 6pm, vs. Gow
Sun. Feb. 8, time TBA, All-Catholic Tournament (St. Mary's)
Sat. Feb. 14 & Sun. Feb. 15, time TBA, State Tournament, location TBA

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Games begin at 7:30pm, unless noted

Fri. Nov. 28, 5pm, vs. Pembroke (Alden)
Sat. Nov. 29, 1:30 or 3pm, vs. Alden/Olmsted (Alden)
Wed. Dec. 3, 7pm, @ Lewport
Thur. Dec. 4, 7:30pm, @ Maryvale Tournament
Sat. Dec. 6, 2 or 4:30pm, @ Maryvale Tournament
Tues. Dec. 9, vs. Springville
Mon. Dec. 15, 6:30pm, vs. Franklinville
Wed. Dec. 17, 6:30pm, @ Niagara Catholic
Mon. Dec. 22, 6pm, vs. Buffalo Science
Sat. Dec. 27, 3pm @ Depew Tournament
Fri. Dec. 26, 6 or 7:30pm @ Depew Tournament
Mon. Jan. 5, 6pm, @ Nichols
Fri. Jan. 9, vs. Park
Sat. Jan. 10, 6pm, @ Fredonia
Mon. Jan. 12, 5:30pm, @ Buffalo Science (Daemen)
Wed. Jan. 14, 6pm, @ Nardin
Sat. January 17, 4pm, vs. Christian Central
Wed. Jan. 21, 6pm, @ Sacred Heart (Villa Maria)
Fri. Jan. 23, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
Tues. Jan. 28 vs. Niagara Catholic
Thurs. Jan. 30, vs. Mt. Mercy
Wed. Feb. 4, 6pm, @ O'Hara
Mon. Feb. 9, @ Buffalo Seminary
Fri. Feb. 13, vs. Immaculata
TBA vs. Niagara Catholic

Girls' JV Basketball

Games begin at 6pm unless noted

Fri. Nov. 28th, 5pm, vs. Pembroke (Alden)
Sat. Nov. 29th, 1:30 or 3pm, vs. Alden / Olmsted (Alden)
Wed. Dec. 3rd, 5pm, @ Lewport
Fri. Dec. 5th, @ Maryvale Tournament
Sat. Dec. 6th, 10 or 11:30am, @ Maryvale Tournament
Tues. Dec. 9th, vs. Springville
Mon. Dec. 15th, 5pm, vs. Franklinville
Wed. Dec. 17th, 5pm, @ Niagara Catholic
Sat. Dec. 27th, 11am, @ Depew Tournament
Mon. Dec. 29, 2:30 or 4:30pm @ Depew Tournament
Mon. Jan. 5th, @ Nichols
Sat. Jan. 10th, 12pm, @ Fredonia
Wed. Jan. 14th, 4:30pm, @ Nardin (Villa Maria)
Wed. Jan. 21st 4:30pm, @ Sacred Heart
Fri. Jan. 23, vs. Mt. St Mary's
Tues. Jan. 28 vs. Niagara Catholic
Thurs. Jan. 30th, vs. Mt. Mercy
Fri. Feb. 13th, vs. Immaculata
TBA, vs. Niagara Catholic

Celebrating Halloween at St. Mary's



Super Heroes Brianna Poules, Brittany Gorny, Paige Burkard, and Danielle Hockwater.



Nick Federico takes a treat provided by Campus Ministry.



Ebola doctors Austin Klink and Jackson Sperduti.



Napoleon Dynamite characters Mason Smith and Zachary Ineson.



From Blue's Clues, Kaitlyn Schott as Magenta, Mary Eddy as Blue.

Lunch Menu – December 1 to January 9

Student Lunches: \$4

Please note: You may prepay for student lunches by sending checks made out to "St. Mary's High School" to Mrs. Skalski, Cafeteria Manager.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick | 2 Beef stir fry | 3 Polish Platter | 4 Shepherd's Pie | 5 African Stew (chicken with vegetables) |
| 8 | Hawaiian chicken with rice | 9 Tacos in a bag | 10 Specialty pizza | 11 Cheeseburger, mashed potatoes, gravy | 12 Specialty Mac & Cheese (Buffalo chicken finger) |
| 15 | Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick | 16 Pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, soup | 17 Specialty pizza | 18* Baked ziti, meat sauce, bread sticks, salad | 19 Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing |
| 5 | Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick | 6 Steak quesadillas, salad | 7 Specialty pizza | 8 Chicken breast sandwich, pasta salad | 9 Buffalo Best Pizza (barbecue chicken) |

*** As a Thank You, lunch is FREE on December 18, courtesy of Frank's Grille**

Lunches provided by:



D'Avolio Kitchens

December 2014 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| SEEK Week → | 1-A Day Student Senate (Christmas Decorating) 2:30pm Sports Banquet 6pm Hockey @ North Tonawanda 8:45pm | 2-B Day SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm MBowl vs. Canisius 3:35pm WBowl vs. Mt. St. Mary's 3:35pm | 3-C Day Special Schedule (Advent Reconciliation / Assembly) Campus Ministry 7:30am SEEK 2:30pm WBB @ Lew-Port 5, 7pm | 4-D Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm MBowl vs. St. Joe's 3:35pm WBowl vs. Mt. Mercy 3:35pm WVarBB @ Maryvale 7:30pm | 5-E Day Pride Day Scholars Time 2:30pm Snowball Dance 8-11pm WJVBB @ Maryvale Tourney 6pm Pride Day | 6 SAT Testing Day Hockey @ Amherst 12 noon WVarBB @ Maryvale Tourney 2 or 3:30pm WJVBB @ Maryvale Tourney 10 or 11:30am Wrestling @ Depew Duels |
| 7 Hockey vs. Lew-Port 3pm | 8-F Day Ext HR / PM Liturgy Schedule (Class Meetings / Immaculate Conception Liturgy) Student Senate 2:30pm Liturgy Dress Code | 9-A Day NHS 2:30pm Campus Ministry 7:30am MBowl vs. O'Hara 3:35pm WBowl vs. Nardin 3:35pm WBB vs. Springville 6, 7:30pm | 10-B Day Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm NHS Induction Ceremony 7pm | 11-C Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Math Club 2:30pm MBowl vs. Timon 3:35pm WBowl vs. Sacred Heart 3:35pm | 12-D Day Eucharistic Adoration | 13 ACT Testing Day |
| 14 Hockey vs. Timon 3pm | 15-E Day Student Senate (Christmas Party) 2:30pm WBB vs. Franklinville 5, 6:30pm Hockey @ Niagara Falls 8:45pm | 16-F Day SOUL 7:20am MBowl vs. Christian Central 3:35pm WBowl vs. Buffalo Seminary 3:35pm | 17-A Day Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm WBB @ Niagara-Catholic 5, 6:30pm Wrestling @ Canisius 6pm | 18-B Day Jeans Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Family Gift Gathering Party 6pm Christmas Show 7pm MBowl vs. Park 3:35pm WBowl vs. O'Hara 3:35pm Jeans Day | 19-C Day Special Schedule (Christmas Liturgy / Christmas Show) | 20 Wrestling @ North Tonawanda Tourney |
| 21 Hockey @ St. Francis 1pm | 22 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-1pm WVar vs. Buffalo Science 6:30pm Offices Open 8am-1pm | 23 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-1pm Offices Open 8am-1pm | 24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Closed Offices Closed | 25 Christmas Day Merry Christmas | 26 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Closed Grammar School Basketball Tournament Offices Closed | 27 Grammar School Basketball Tournament WJVBB @ Depew Tourney 11am WVarBB @ Depew Tourney 3pm |
| 28 Grammar School Basketball Tournament Hockey @ Sweet Home 4pm | 29 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-1pm Grammar School Basketball Tournament Wrestling @ Akron Tourney WJVBB @ Depew Tourney 2:30 or 4:30pm WVarBB @ Depew Tourney 6 or 7:30pm Offices Open 8am-1pm | 30 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-1pm Grammar School Basketball Tournament Wrestling @ Akron Tourney Offices Open 8am-1pm | 31 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Closed Offices Closed | 1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Closed Happy New Year | 2 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-1pm Offices Open 8am-1pm | 3 |

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Let It Snow



Ms. James' Art Classes took advantage of all of the snow around the St. Mary's campus to build a series of snowmen. Unfortunately, with the warmer weather, the snowmen didn't last too long.

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