



St. Mary's High School

Our Time is Now!

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Dear SMHS Family,

As one chapter comes to a close, a new and exciting story is waiting to begin! It may be hard to start thinking about next school year already, but as a member of the Lancer Family—one that is rooted in a tradition of academic excellence, a sense of service, and is guided by the Catholic faith—we have a few things to share before the summer rush begins.

To help you get ready for the start of the school year, all of the following information can be found **online at smhlancers.org:**

- Important dates and scheduling information for those looking to get involved in Fall athletics
- Guidelines and paperwork needed from the School Nurse
- Summer reading assignments and school supply information
- Lancer Parent Partnership membership information and back-to-school goodie bag order forms
- The complete 2019-20 school calendar

A message via email will follow this letter with attachments and links to all of the above information.

Here are a few important dates to mark on your calendars that occur before school is officially in session:

| Event | Date | Time |
|--|--|------------------------|
| Freshmen Student Orientation | July 15 th and 16 th | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Freshmen Parent Orientation | August 22 nd | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| “Welcome Home” Lancer Block Party | August 22 nd | 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |
| Fall Sports Begin | August 19 th | Check sports schedules |
| First Day of Classes | September 4 th | Noon Dismissal |

As we get closer to the beginning of the school year, uniforms will undoubtedly become a topic of conversation. St. Mary's uniform skirts and pants can be purchased at local department stores or at McKay's on Abbott Road. Other uniform-approved items, like St. Mary's polos, can be found at the St. Mary's Bookstore. We have created an online store for your convenience, but it will close on Monday, June 24th. The online store can be found at this link: <https://stmaryshsbookstore2019.itemorder.com>. We **strongly** encourage all uniform-approved items be bought using this link.

We wish you a joyous and peaceful summer vacation, filled with lots of time for family, friends, and fun in the sun! We will see you soon!

Kevin Kelleher
Head of School

Andrea Drabik
Dean of Student Life and Enrollment



Hello SMH families,

For both those who I have yet to meet and those with whom I will be reconnecting, I am sincerely looking forward to seeing your son or daughter this coming Fall if they so choose to come out for a Fall sport. The Fall sports season is a great opportunity for students, especially freshmen, to get involved at St. Mary's before the school year starts.

Fall athletics officially start on Monday, August 19th. Tryout dates will be posted online when they become available later this summer. I will also be speaking to Freshmen parents at the Parent Orientation on Thursday, August 22nd to answer any questions you may have about St. Mary's Athletics.

St. Mary's has a great tradition of athletics, with state and league championships, scoring leaders, and great sportsmanship. Thank you for choosing St. Mary's, as we know the sports teams – and the school as a whole – are better off for it.

Go Lancers!

Brittany Heist
Athletic Director



REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

New York State Law requires that all 9th graders, 11th graders, and incoming new students have a physical examination. The physical examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. A physical examination that was completed anytime after September 1, 2018 would fulfill the physical requirement for the 2019-2020 school year. A physical (health examination) form from your child's physician is acceptable.

In addition to this NYS requirement, **physicals are also required for EVERY student that will be participating in a school sport during the 2019-2020 school year.** Student-Athletes must have a current physical on file in the Health Office for each sport, each season, and each year they would like to participate. Sports physicals must be received **PRIOR** to the first day of tryouts for that sport, **no exceptions.** Physicals are valid for one year and through the end of the month of when it was performed. For example: If tryouts for a Fall sport start on August 19, 2019, a physical completed anytime after August 1, 2018 would be considered valid and would allow the athlete to attend tryouts for that particular sport. Of course, a new physical would be required as soon as possible following that expiration date. **A review with the nurse at St. Mary's High School will also need to be completed prior to tryouts. A fully completed Interval Health History Form must be brought to your sports review.**

Dates for nurse reviews for **ALL** Fall Sport candidates are on:

Wednesday, July 24th between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Monday, August 12th between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Tuesday, August 13th between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Monday, August 19th between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

At this July/August nurse review, provided your current physical was received and upon review of your Interval Health History Form, the athlete will be given a yellow **ATHLETIC CARD**, which will need to be presented to the coach at the first day of tryouts. Reviews will be first come, first served to see the nurse, so please come in on one of the above dates at a convenient time for you.

If a copy of your child's current physical was already submitted to the Health Office, there is no need to supply an additional copy.

The Interval Health History form and Health Examination (physical) form are available on the school's website, www.smhlancers.org, under the "Lancer Info" tab, in the list of Health Forms. Copies of both forms are also available for you to pick up in the Main Office.

Please feel free to contact the school nurse, Mrs. Hangen, with any questions at thangen@smhlancers.org or at school 716-683-4824, ext. 220. Please keep in mind that the nurse's office is closed during the summer months with the exception of the dates and hours listed above.



2019 Summer Reading Assignments

St. Mary's requires all students to read various books over the Summer in preparation to be assessed on these books upon their return to school in the Fall.

All students must participate in reading the "Common Read" books, which are quite unique this year. Common reading programs rest on a simple idea - that reading the same book brings people closer together as a community. St. Mary's is proud to partner with Zuiker Press on a new series of graphic novels written by students from across the nation. Zuiker Press was created by Anthony Zuiker, creator of television's *CSI* franchise, serving as executive producer of *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* and *CSI: Cyber* and his wife, Michelle Zuiker, a veteran teacher of 17 years. Zuiker Press' graphic novels focus on different societal issues that high schoolers face on a daily basis.

All students in all grade levels must read *Colorblind: A Story of Racism* by Johnathan Harris and *Click: A Story of Cyberbullying* by Alexandra Philips.

In addition to the "Common Read" books, each grade level must complete the following and the assignment for each book is the same - **an assessment will be given upon return to school on key elements within the books:**

English 9 Regents – Contact Mr. Max Mauro (mmauro@smhlancers.org) with questions

- o *The Boy In the Striped Pajamas* (John Boyne)

English 9 Honors - Contact Mr. Max Mauro (mmauro@smhlancers.org) with questions

- o *The Boy In the Striped Pajamas* (John Boyne) **AND**
- o *Alas Babylon* (Pat Frank)

English 10 Regents – Contact Mr. Nicole Roberson (nroberson@smhlancers.org) with questions

- o *Looking for Alaska* (John Green)

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- o *Death of a Salesman* (Arthur Miller)

English 11 Regents – Contact Mrs. Nicole Roberson (nroberson@smhlancers.org) with questions

- o *The Things They Carried* (Tim O'Brien)

AP English Language & Composition - Contact Mrs. Nicole Roberson (nroberson@smhlancers.org) with questions

- o *On Writing* (Stephen King) **AND**
- o *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (Rebecca Skloot)

College Writing (English 12) – Contact Ms. Diane Jackson (djackson@smhlancers.org) with questions

- o *Fahrenheit 451* (Ray Bradbury)

AP English Literature & Composition - Contact Mr. Max Mauro (mmauro@smhlancers.org) with questions

- o *The Secret Life of Bees* (Sue Monk Kidd) **AND**
- o *Mansfield Park* (Jane Austen)

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In an effort to help families get a head start on their back-to-school shopping, here is a *PARTIAL* list of school supplies students will need for their classes.

***Please note:** Teachers will provide a list of any specific supplies needed the first day of classes.*

English

English 9 Regents & Honors

- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Pens/Pencils
- Firm folder with pockets

English 10 Regents & Honors

- 2 or 3-inch binder

English 12 Regents

- 3-ring binder (any size)
- highlighter

AP English (Language & Literature)

- 3-ring binder (any size)
- highlighter
- post-it flags

Foreign Language

All French & Spanish 1

- Notebook
- Folder
- Loose leaf paper

Spanish 2, 2 Honors & 3

- Notebook
- Folder
- Loose leaf paper

Health

- 1-inch 3-ring binder
- folder

All Math Classes

- T184 plus graphing calculator
- pencils with erasers

Algebra I & Algebra I Honors

- jumbo book cover
- 1.5-inch binder
- graph paper

Geometry & Geometry Honors

- 3-inch binder
- Geometry compass
- TI 84 Graphing Calculator

Algebra II & Algebra Honors

- jumbo book cover
- 2-inch binder
- 100-page spiral notebook
- graph paper
- dividers

Pre-Calculus

- 2-inch binder
- jumbo book cover

Pre-Calculus Honors

- 3 or 5-subject notebook
- folder with prongs OR 2-inch binder
- regular book cover

AP Calculus

- 1.5-inch binder
- dividers
- regular book cover

AP Statistics

- 2.5-inch binder
- dividers
- regular book cover

Religion

Freshmen

- No special supplies necessary

Sophomores

- 1-inch 3-ring binder
- Bible at home (if student does not have a Bible at home, the school will supply one)

Juniors & Seniors

- 1-inch 3-ring binder

Science

Earth Science & Earth Science A

- 2-inch 3-ring binder
- dividers (5)
- highlighter
- 1-2-pocket folder
- multicolored ink pen (at least 4 different colors)
- graph paper
- ruler
- calculator (4-function calculator or scientific calculator)
- pencil bag that clips into 3-ring binder

Living Environment B

- 2-inch 3-ring binder
- dividers
- multicolored pen
- colored pencils
- highlighter
- 2-pocket folder
- calculator (4-function calculator or scientific calculator)
- pencil case that clips into 3-ring binder

Living Environment A

- 2-inch binder
- colored pencils
- highlighter
- calculator (4-function calculator or scientific calculator)
- 2-pocket folder

General Chemistry

- 2-inch 3-ring binder
- dividers (at least 4)
- calculator (4-function calculator or graphing calculator)
- two 2-pocket folders
- 3x5 index cards

Regents Chemistry & Regents Chemistry Honors

- two 2-inch 3-ring binders with dividers
- calculator (non-graphing calculator is required for Regents Exams)
- graph paper
- 3x5 index cards
- 2-pocket folder

Physics

- 3-5 subject spiral bound notebook
- 2-pocket folder OR 3-ring binder for handouts
- protractor
- ruler
- graph paper
- calculator (graphing calculator used in Math class)

Environmental Science

- 2-pocket folder
- colored pencils
- AP Biology
- 3-inch binder
- dividers
- multicolored pen
- highlighter
- calculator (4-function only)

AP Chemistry

- two 2-inch 3-ring binders with dividers
- graph paper
- composition notebook

Forensics

- 2-inch binder

Social Studies

- No special supplies needed

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CUSTOMIZED SCHOOL SUPPLIES JUST FOR YOU!!



Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the new school year we will be offering prepackaged school supplies for each grade available from AbbaDoo & DylanToo. Simply visit the website listed below and click on St. Mary's School followed by your child's grade level. Orders will begin July 1st. Simplify your school year by allowing us to do the shopping for you. In addition, your school receives a percentage back from every purchased kit. Happy Shopping!! AbbaDooandDylanToo.com

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Dear SMHS Family,

The SMHS Lancer Parent Partnership welcomes you to another school year and looks forward to having you as part of the Lancer Family. The LPP is a group of parents dedicated to **enhancing** the overall experience for both the students and the families of our school community. Our group meets once a month to share ideas and coordinate our efforts. This past year, we accomplished so much. Our small efforts made a big impact throughout the school year. This year will be even better! The saying “many hands make light work” is very true here. To make the 2019 -2020 school year a success, we need your help! If you are looking for a way to jump in, help out and meet some SMHS parents, join us!

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30pm. At this meeting, you will also have the chance to meet our Director of Development, Mark Dantonio.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month, so if you can't make this one, join us for another! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Nawojski
Lancer Parent Partnership

Mark Dantonio
Director of Development

Any questions –

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Lancer Parent Partnership Membership Drive

Please support the Lancer Parent Partnership's membership drive. Your support will fund student scholarships and several events during the 2019-2020 school year.

The cost is only \$10 which goes toward programs for the students, teacher appreciation and much more!

Please fill in the form below and return it to the school – Attention LPP Membership Drive

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a
child's success is the positive involvement of parents"

-Jane D. Hall

YES! I would like to join the Lancer Parent Partnership!

Family Name _____

Student(s) and Grade:

_____ **It's okay to list our family name as LPP Members.**



Dear Parents –

Why not start your student's school year off with some love from home!? This year, the Lancer Parent Partnership is happy to sponsor the "First Day of School Goodie Bag". Send your SMHS student a message and some goodies to let them know how proud you are of them and wish them the best for a successful 2019-2020 school year!

How do you participate? It's simple, fill out the message below and send a check for \$15.00 payable to St. Mary's High School - Attention LPP - 142 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086. We will do the rest! Goodie bags and messages will be passed out the first day of school!

PLEASE return this form no later than August 16th!

Students Name: _____

Grade: _____

Message:

Best of luck for a successful school year!