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**Bishop Malone Visits St. Mary's**



Bishop Richard Malone presided over Mass at St. Mary's High School on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in celebration of the school's Easter liturgy.

The bishop was joined by four other priests, Father Ryzsard, and Deacon Robb Ciezki, St. Mary's Campus Minister and religion teacher, on the altar. St. Mary's students, faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees, and parents made up the congregation.

St. Mary's students were thrilled to have Bishop Malone

as their special guest at Mass: "Having the bishop actually at our school, celebrating Easter Mass like this, just adds a different level of excitement to the liturgy and really engages the students in the service," said Andrew Wargo, a senior and student leader of the school's Campus Ministry group.

The bishop was impressed with the participation and enthusiasm of the St. Mary's student body in welcoming him and during the liturgy itself. In his homily, Bishop

Malone talked about the importance of today's youth having a meaningful relationship with God, saying, "It is in His [Jesus'] message that we find hope, joy, and courage, and ultimately salvation, you can't find anywhere else."

St. Mary's also presented the bishop and Father Ryzsard with a gift. After Mass, Bishop Malone joined St. Mary's administration and a select group of students for a catered lunch in the school's conference room. Head of

School, Kevin Kelleher, was extremely appreciative to have the opportunity to host the bishop at St. Mary's: "Bishop Malone is the leader of our diocese, so it is always an honor to host him in our home."

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**Letter from the Editor**

Dear Readers,

As *The Marian Gazette's* 2017-18 editions are nearing their conclusion, I'd like to take a brief moment to thank and acknowledge those who contributed their time and effort into some, most, or all of the issues. I'm truly beyond blessed to be able to have this opportunity in as wonderful of an atmosphere and tightly-knit community as St. Mary's!

I'll refrain from chewing your ears off this time around, and I'll save my most sincerest thank-yous for our last edition. To keep it short for now—you all know who you are, and thank you! The hard work, kind words, and dedication I've witnessed and received in the making of these newsletters is remarkable.

I wish the best of luck to those partaking in the upcoming month's exams, and I hope that the entire Lancer community gives it their all during this final stretch before summer vacation!

I'd like to end on a quote, yet again (surprise, surprise). With the weather *finally* putting on its spring mask as our coats are turning into light jackets and our turtlenecks are turning into t-shirts...

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear; nor did I wish to practise resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life..." (Thoreau)

Sincerely yours,  
Brianna Propis

**Calling all writers!**

Do you like to write? Are you passionate about St. Mary's? Do you have a particular interest you'd like to share with an audience?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then come join us at *The Marian Gazette!* We are currently looking for student writers for all of our news sections. If you are interested, please contact Student Editor Brianna Propis, Mrs. Roberson, or Miss Kawa.

## School News

### Third Quarter Rankings Released

Congratulations to all students who made the Dean's List this quarter! Below are the top 5 students ranked in each class as well as an alphabetical listing of the students named to the Dean's List:

**Freshmen:**

1. Alyssa Okon
2. Katelyn Laistner
3. Molly Callahan
4. Brandon Thome
5. Mackenzie Kwilos

Ava Achtyl  
Jillian Bernas  
Adam Bova  
Abby Broderick  
Sean Brown  
Madeline Cole  
Isabelle Comstock  
Grace Dempsey  
Katherine Fahey  
Laura Fontaine  
Benjamin Hadsall  
Camden Hurd  
Jeremy Kandler

Christina Kocol  
Victoria Loniewski  
Madison Meredith  
Lillian Mikula  
Nicole Norton  
Laura O'Brien  
Sydney Ottomano  
Connor Schmitt  
Allison Shepard  
Ryan Slade  
Matthew Snusz  
Benjamin Stegmeier  
Jenna Szymkowski  
Matthew Walter  
Makenna Wanat  
Mekensie Weinholtz

**Sophomores:**

1. Jeffrey Zoyhowski
  2. Rebecca O'Connor
  3. Jillian Szeluga
  4. Madison Nuttle
  5. Carolynn Steffens
- Kayla Bestpitch  
Sara Bojarski  
Jasmine Brundage

Kelly Cleversley  
Allison Cole  
Thomas Haefner  
Grace Haxton  
McKenzie Jensen  
Marguerite Kellner  
Julianna Kladke  
Myla Kline  
Jennamae Lipiarz  
Julia Livingston  
Riley Malicki  
Daniel May  
Wylie Maziol  
Samuel Mickel  
Sarah Moley  
Brendan Murty  
Lauren Nawojski  
Megan O'Brien  
Mary Owczarczak  
David Persico  
Caleigh Pfalzer  
Rachel Pokornowski  
Marie Rhodes

Emma Ridolfi  
Giavanna Sacco  
Destiny Severn  
Jessica Sheffield  
Meadow Slade  
Kayla Sterner  
Kerry Sullivan  
Maxwell Swiatek

**Juniors:**

1. Caitlin Bish
  2. Julia Hartloff
  3. Jacob Wilk
  4. Claire Fahey
  5. Nicholas Pronobis
- Anna Almeter  
Madeline Benzer  
Ashley Cruz  
Alexander Denz  
Emma Dillon  
Madelyn Ellison  
Sarah Filion  
Francesco Gallo

Nicole Gorny  
Kailey Kline  
Athena Mohamed  
Hannah Mulhern  
Olivia Nasternak  
Brianna Propis  
Emily Renkas  
Susan Romance  
Matthew Rosinski  
Payton Stachewicz  
Emma Trapper  
Austin Walsh  
Megan White  
Toriann Wipperman  
Caroline Zanghi

**Seniors:**

1. Chelsea Okon
  2. Zackary Laistner
  3. Ryan Tytka
  4. Shannon Murty
  5. Jacob Fay
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### Father-Daughter Dance was a Blast!



*It was a packed house at the first annual Father-Daughter Dance!*

Following a very successful Mother-Son Dance in the fall, it was the young ladies of St. Mary's turn to take their dads out for a night on the town!

On Friday, April 13th, St. Mary's hosted the first annual Father-Daughter Dance. It was an evening filled with music (thank you to DJ Wargo), dancing, great food (thank you Chef Ryan), and above all else great company!

Thank you to the Lancer Parent Partnership for all of their help in putting on these events! We look

forward to the second annual Father-Daughter and Mother-Son Dances to come in 2019!

## School News

### Four Lancers Inducted Into the Lancaster Youth Bureau Hall of Fame



On May 3, 2018, the Lancaster Youth Bureau Hall of Fame will be flooded by Lancers. Four members of the Class of 2018 received confirmation that they will be inducted into the prestigious organization. St. Mary's sends its sincerest congratulations to: Stephanie Baran, Jake Fay, Joe Flading, and Chelsea Okon on being among the Youth Bureau Hall of Fame's newest members.

Baran is a member of the Marian Chapter of the National Honor Society, Student Senate, participates in the St. Mary's musical and other performing arts, runs track, and challenges herself with many AP courses. Fay is also a member of the National Honor Society, was captain of the wrestling team, also participates in the performing arts, and takes on a challenging course load. The Lancer wrestlers

are well represented in this Hall of Fame class, as Flading was also a senior captain on the team. He also runs Cross Country and takes his academic work very seriously. Okon is consistently at the top of the academic ranks in her class, president of NHS, and very involved in dance inside and outside of St. Mary's.

These four seniors will be greatly missed by the St. Mary's community!

### Senior Dean's List Continued

Zain Ai  
Kelsie Allen  
Shae Antonicelli  
Stephanie Baran  
Kristen Barczykowski  
Patrick Basil  
Libby Benzer  
Mackenzie Bickerstaff  
Emily Bookmiller  
Eric Brown  
Scott Brown  
Gabrielle Burkard  
Marie Caruana  
Rachel Cichocki  
Joshua Ciesielski  
Matthew Ciezki  
Elizabeth D'Andrea  
Blake English  
Christina Federico  
Maria Fontaine  
Heather Gotro

Sarah Hapeman  
Daniel Hatfield  
Annaliese Hirsch  
Chloe Isbrandt  
Jessica Kozminski  
Nicole Kruse  
Veronica LaPort  
Pamelyn Lin  
Antonino Marino  
Sophie May  
Caitlin McCormick  
Danielle Norton  
Alicia Pacer  
Lucas Prince  
Cameron Ruggiero  
Anna Schmitz  
Summer Slade  
Julia Soluri  
Matthew Swiatek  
Jessa Syracuse  
Jillian Vitale

Sally Wan  
Andrew Wargo  
Jacob Was  
Madeline Was  
Jacob Winiarski  
Shala Wright



## Faculty Spotlight

### Faculty Q & A with Mrs. Roberson

Last month's "Guess the Teacher" featured a few facts about Mrs. Roberson, so here's a more in-depth interview with one of SMH's favorite teachers:

**Q:** When did you start working at St. Mary's and what has been your fondest memory?

**A:** "I started teaching at St. Mary's two years ago. In my short time here, I've made so many fond memories. If I had to choose one so far, seeing my very first class of juniors graduate last year was really special because it's something I had never experienced in my past teaching positions."

**Q:** Where did you attend high school?

**A:** "I attended Lancaster High School and graduated in the Class of 1998."

**Q:** Who is your personal hero and why?

**A:** My personal hero is my mom. There is really no explanation needed...she is EVERYTHING to me.

**Q:** What/who inspired you to become a teacher?

**A:** "Honestly, I stumbled upon teaching when I gave up my dream of becoming an interior designer in college. I needed a major and was a good writer, so the only practical option at the time was English education. The thing that inspires me to keep teaching and improving is knowing the multitude of ways you may inspire others each day."

**Q:** Knowing all that you do now, if you could give your high school students any words of wisdom, what would you say?

**A:** "Believe in yourself with endless amounts of confidence. Success, beauty, wealth, intelligence, kindness, and talent are all measured in different ways. Don't let others dictate your happiness."

**Q:** Any piece of advice for students struggling to decide on a college university or major?

**A:** "It **WILL** all work out in the end, so don't stress too much because these decisions are not permanent. There are many paths to take."

**Q:** Anything else you'd like to share with *The Marian Gazette* readers?

**A:** "I hope *The Marian Gazette* really takes off in the future. I would love to see it be a modern-day version of the successful publication it once was."

### Mr. Fay's Corner



How's your music memory? In the 1880s, Ed Haley wrote a song that's still used today in cinema, television, etc. Some of his lyrics may sound familiar: "While strolling through the park one day, in the merry, merry month of May." The Church could adopt these words for the intentions of the upcoming month. "In the Mary, Mary month of May" as we celebrate Jesus' mother as well as our own.

On the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, May 21, the liturgy will focus on a memorial to the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of the Church. The community will recall Mary's role as one who nurtures, protects, empowers, guides, and leads her children, the Christian Church.

It's 1915, and Howard Johnson pens these words: "M" is for the many things she gave me; "O" is for the other times she tried; "T" is for the tears she shed to save me; "H" is for her heart of purist gold; "E" is for her eyes of love, light shining; "R" is right and right she'll always be. Put them all together and they spell "MOTHER," the word that means the world to me. Personified in Mary and our own mothers.

This month, we celebrate, praise, and give thanks to mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, adopted and birth mothers, and all women who have fulfilled that role. Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus. twf+

### Guess the Teacher

Each month, *The Marian Gazette* will feature a different person in our "Guess the Teacher" section. If you think you know who this month's teacher is, submit your guess to Student Editor Brianna Propis at [19bpropis@student.smhlancers.org](mailto:19bpropis@student.smhlancers.org).

Limit one guess per student and the first to submit the correct answer wins. **The winner will receive a Tim Horton's gift card!**

- I grew up in Elma and attended Annunciation School until 6th grade, then transferred to St. Vincent's for 7th and 8th grades.
- I have never been out of the country except for Canada, but have lived in 4 different states beside NY.
- I am the youngest of five children.
- I enjoy traveling to Catholic Universities across the country, and Notre Dame in South Bend, IN is my favorite place to visit.
- I was once a runner up to be the next host of the Nick TV show, *Blue's Clues* in 1998.
- I am an avid *Star Wars* fan.

## Sports

### Baseball and Softball Enjoy Spring Training



The St. Mary's Softball Team arrived at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex ready to get down to business and have some fun!

Over the two-week Spring Break, both the Lancer baseball and softball teams enjoyed some time in the Florida sun. Playing at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex, the teams were able to actually get outside and get some practices in as well as some games against teams from around the country.

The softball team, fresh off of their Monsignor Martin League Championship last season, started off firing on all cylinders, with solid practices and picked up two wins against Pine Plains High School, out of New York.

The baseball team also got some good practices in and worked out the kinks against some very competitive teams.

Some players were commenting on how hot it was in central Florida, but now all of them are wishing for that sunshine to come up north, so they can finally get their seasons off the ground.

During the teams' spare time, they were able to enjoy the best Disney has to offer—hitting the theme parks, relaxing by the resort's pool, and just creating memories to last a lifetime.

### Senior Sound-off: Lancer Sports Pride

By: Lucas Prince

This past hockey season for the Lancers was definitely one to remember. First year back in the Fed, allegedly "last" in Division 3, and doubted all season. We came out on top to win the Catholic School Federation Championship.

No one will doubt the talent and hard work that is in any of the Lancer sports teams' locker rooms any longer.

Go Lancers!



## Sports

### Spring Sports Off to a Wet and Snowy Start

In what has been a very trying beginning to the spring sports season, it looks like the snowy, cold, and wet weather pattern may have finally broken! Men's and women's lacrosse, tennis, baseball, softball, and even track and field have had to postpone the majority of the beginning parts of their seasons due to the unseasonable spring weather, but look to get back into action outdoors over the next couple of weeks.

Due to all these changes, please refer to the St. Mary's website, [smhlancers.org](http://smhlancers.org), to stay up to date on when all of your favorite Lancer teams will be in action!



*FunnyMeme.com*

### Eric Brown '18 Named Winter Sport Scholar Athlete

Congratulations are in order for senior basketball player, Eric Brown, who was named a Section VI Scholar Athlete for the winter sports season. Congrats, Eric!



## The Arts

### Java Jive Brings "Coffeehouse Vibes" to the Gus



*Senior performers pose with Mr. Schu after a successful Java Jive.*

St. Mary's High School felt more like the local café on April 20th, when students and some staff members took to the stage to present their best poetry and original songs.

Students' poetry covered a wide range of topics, from Derek Johnson's moving "Diversity" to Julia Soluri's confident and memorable "One Last Message," it was clear students put their hearts and souls into their work.

On the song front, staff member Ed Jagiello performed a beautiful number on the acoustic guitar, and Mr. Schu showed off his range with a song about Salt-

Licking Goats (yes, actual goats) and then offered a poignant look on what can happen to our environment if we continue down a destructive path with "Genesis Lost."

It was surely a night to remember! Kudos to Mrs. Roberson and the entire English Department for their hard work in putting on such a wonderful event!

### Evening of Fine Arts Set for April 26th

The last, major event for the Arts Department will take place Thursday, April 26, 2018. Evening of Fine Arts puts the best of the best on display, including students' remarkable artwork—paintings, ceramics, drawings, photography, and other media.

Aside from an art gallery, students will also perform dance pieces, sing songs, and play various instruments for the audience.

Doors will open for the art gallery viewing at 6:00 p.m., while the performances

will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A couple members of St. Mary's performing arts past will also be honored, with an induction ceremony into the St. Mary's Performing Arts Hall of Fame that evening.

Awards for current student performers honoring their body of work throughout the year will also be presented during the evening by Arts Chairperson, Ms. Ruhland.



## Alumni News & Updates

### St. Mary's Alumni Among Buffalo's Best in Business

Exciting news coming out of *Buffalo Business First* this week for some SMH alumni! In this month's "Best Places to Work" edition, Drescher & Malecki LLP and Thomas Malecki '73 took home the top spot in the "Small Companies" category, and I-Evolve Technology Services and David Meller '91 placed seventh in the same category. In the "Large Companies" category, DiVal Safety Equipment, Inc., led by longtime Lancer family member C.J. Vallone, also placed in the top 10. Congratulations to all the companies, especially those with Lancer ties!



### Grand Reunion Set for June 28 and 29, 2018

Mark your calendars! This year, St. Mary's is doing reunions a little bit differently. If you are a Lancer who graduated in a year ending in a "3" or an "8," this event is for you!

St. Mary's High School	
Reunion Weekend	
Celebrating Alumni Classes:	
1953 • 1958 • 1963 • 1968 • 1973 • 1978 • 1983 • 1988 • 1993 • 1998 • 2003 • 2008 • 2013	
<b>Schedule of Events</b>	 <p>Tell all of your friends and former Lancers that we're celebrating <b>YOU!</b></p> <p>If you're interested in serving on the planning committee for your reunion, please contact Amanda Rebeck at 716-683-4824 ext. 237.</p>
<p><b>Friday:</b> Class celebrations location TBD by class committee</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> Reunion at SMH 4:00 p.m. – Mass 5:00-10:00 p.m. – Food, drinks, and entertainment</p>	
<b>SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 29 &amp; 30, 2018</b>	

### Alumni Updates

Know any alumni who have moved, had a baby, celebrated an engagement, just got a promotion, or experienced another exciting life event?

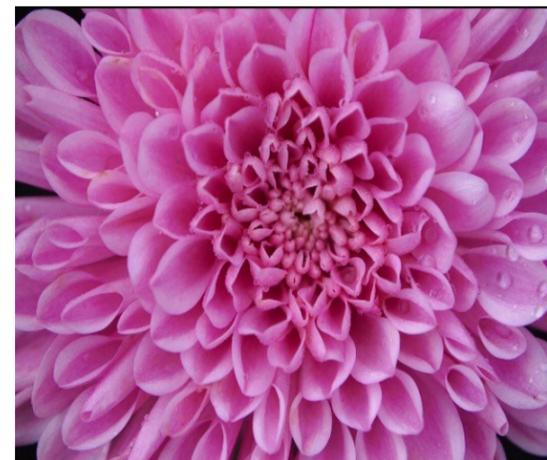
Let us know at [smhlancers.org](http://smhlancers.org) or by contacting Dean of Advancement & Alumni Relations Amanda Rebeck at [arebeck@smhlancer.org](mailto:arebeck@smhlancer.org) or 716-683-4824 ext. 237.

## Student Beat

### Buffalo—Up Close & Personal

Junior Alyssa LaMartina is back to present her gorgeous photography of different landmarks she has shot in and around Buffalo and also to discuss the history associated with these pictures.

This month, Alyssa brings us into spring with a look around the Botanical Gardens.



By: *Alyssa LaMartina*

Have you ever been to the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and witnessed the beautiful display of plants including cacti, flowers, trees, ferns and orchids to name a few? The construction of this building took much planning and hard work to accomplish. Richard Olmstead dreamt of this building as his final project in his Buffalo resurgence. Yes, this is the same Olmstead who built several parks in the city previously! A major inspiration was the Victorian houses utilized by the affluent members of society at the time. They would often use plants and ferns to decorate the space, as well as greenhouses which held fresh fruit and flowers. These would often be popular locations to host some of the most high end parties.

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## Student Beat

### Dear Daisy

*This month, Daisy used her own experience and lessons learned from taking a break from social media and wanted to share them with our readers.*

*Take it away, "Daisy..."*

Hey Lancers,

Whether you're an active user of *Snapchat*, *Instagram*, *Twitter*, *Facebook*, etc., I think it's safe to say that social media has become a huge part of all of our lives—and it's incredibly beneficial! You're able to stay up-to-date with trending topics, receive inspiration from others, express yourself, and the list truly goes on and on. But let's face it... social media may not always be so great. According to *The Washington Post*, teenagers spend time utilizing their phones/media for over a third of their day (nine hours a day on average). Speaking from experience, social media causes a plethora of unnecessary stress and strife. Even something as simple as losing a streak on *Snapchat*, being left on "read," or

obsessing over how many "likes" we receive on a post can make our heads spin. I'm not going to be a hypocrite and say that I've never gotten upset over a person leaving me on "read" after noticing that they watched my recent *Snapchat* story, because I certainly have. But it's a sad realization when we face the fact that our lives are revolved around a virtual world. In my opinion, I prefer face-to-face conversations any day over waiting 10+ minutes just to receive a thoughtless text message response. This may be asking a lot from some people, but what if we just deleted our social media apps for a day? Instead, we can simply ask a friend to hang out *in person*, take a walk and enjoy our surroundings, read a book, spend time with family, mediate—anything to get away from social media! If you can actually make it

through one day, then try two days. Then try three days. Maybe even a week! Even something as simple as trying to habitually turn off your phone every Sunday (or whichever day you please) could do the trick. Imagine how uncomplicated life would be if we didn't have to worry about when somebody texted us back, how many "likes" we got, or what Drake just posted on *Instagram*... especially if you're in high school and therefore have to worry about a nearby SAT exam or project due soon that you most likely haven't started. Putting our phones aside and exerting more focus on schoolwork and our mental states is so essential to achieving a genuinely healthy mindset and lifestyle. Multitudes of people (especially younger generations) turn to "finstas," *Twitter*, or *Snapchat* to blow off

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## Botanical Gardens: Vision Becomes Reality

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Olmstead knew that he needed a strong team of architects and botanists to accomplish his goal. After recruiting a crew of craftsmen, plumbers, glazers, and ironworkers the project was in full swing. The year is 1894. The designers did not want this to be any average building, but rather an innovative and breathtaking design for the city like no other before. To fulfill this idea, a new plan was put into place. Instead of a traditional

roof, a massive tri-domed glass structure was constructed, soaring at 70 feet tall. Today it is known as the "Palm Dome" and is well-known for its tall palm trees circling the room. Many large panes allow ample sunlight to shine on the plants. Rather than typical wooden bars for support, iron bars were placed throughout the facility for a reliable structure.

A worldly variety of plants and flowers filled the space beautifully, and were imported from many different regions of the Earth. After six years of construction the building was finally completed. Today, the gardens are still in full bloom, and harbor an amazing arrangement of nature from far and wide. If you have not yet visited the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, you should as soon as possible! It is a sight to see!



## Student Beat

### Honor Flight Leaves Lasting Impression

St. Mary's very own Campus Minister and religion teacher, Deacon Robb, had quite the whirlwind weekend, April 14-15. He served as the "guardian" for his father, Richard, aboard an Honor Flight, which is a special opportunity afforded to veterans to travel to Washington D.C. for a day to visit several different monuments that honor the very men and women visiting them.

Deacon Robb, his father, and 200 other veterans flew out of Buffalo at 5:00 a.m. after quite the send-off. The Honor Flight, split among six planes, landed in Baltimore to a crowd of nearly 200 people. Deacon Robb said the greeters were genuinely excited to be in the presence of these heroes. A group of men and women currently serving in the military greeted each veteran individually and thanked them for their service, which was certainly the mantra for the entire trip.

A police escort led the three buses of veterans and their guardians from the Baltimore Airport to Washington D.C. Deacon Robb cannot recall seeing anything like that scene on a highway before: "Those cars were splitting like the Red Sea," he said with a laugh. "The red carpet was really rolled out for these deserving men and women."



*Richard Cieżki at the Korean War memorial—a war he in fact served in.*

Once in D.C., the veterans stopped at five monuments, including the Pentagon Memorial, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. For Deacon Robb personally, the Korean War memorial had the most impact, as his father served in the Korean War from 1950-53: "It felt like you were right there. There are life-sized statues of the veterans all headed to one point with freedom as a focus. It was powerful," Deacon Robb said.

What was supposed to be a one-day trip became two when the weather in Buffalo was deemed too hazardous to travel back the same night. So, the veterans and their guardians stayed the night in D.C. at the Sheraton Hotel thanks to Southwest Airlines who sponsored the rooms, and then returned home Sunday to another adoring crowd of supporters.

Deacon Robb's father, Richard, represents the humble and courageous outlook of a generation of veterans, for which they all should be honored: "...I do not consider myself a hero," he said. "I just did the job I was supposed to do."

Deacon Robb was honored beyond words to take this remarkable journey with his father: "I spend a lot of time with my dad, but this was different. I could cater to him, and I like doing that," he said. "There were several times where I asked myself, 'What am I doing here? I don't deserve to be here! I didn't fight in wars!' But to experience this with my dad was a memory I will never forget."

Deacon Robb encourages anyone who has the opportunity to take an Honor Flight to go! In fact, you can volunteer to be a guardian for those veterans without family or friends to accompany them. Visit [honorflightnetwrk.org](http://honorflightnetwrk.org) for more information.

*Deacon Robb (left) with his father, Richard (right).*



## 7 Reasons You Should Watch... Philip DeFranco

Junior Nicole Gorney is back to give her take on why you should give YouTuber Philip DeFranco a watch!

By: *Nicole Gorney*

### 1. Different Point of View

Philip DeFranco has been creating content online for quite a while. He's one of the earliest "YouTubers" to date, since he began his YouTube career in 2006 and continues uploading videos to this day. Today, he is worth over \$4 million dollars! Even though he's currently very successful, he endured many hardships during his childhood.

On April 10th, 2013, DeFranco posted a "Draw My Life" video in which he discussed the hard times he faced during adolescence, including his parent's divorce and how he then lived with his mom in North Carolina. When his grandfather (whom he wasn't close with) died, DeFranco said, "I made myself cry even though I wasn't sad. I made myself do it because everyone else was, even though it wasn't a genuine emotion." As the video progresses, he talks about his mother's many boyfriends— one was a drug dealer, and another abused him. DeFranco eventually moved in with his father years later, but under one condition: he had to attend college. DeFranco did so for a while, but his heart was set on making video content. When his dad discovered this secret passion, DeFranco was kicked out.

Fast forward to today. DeFranco is a straightforward guy who eloquently expresses and elaborates his opinions, and even draws from his own experiences when talking about certain topics. Many important lessons can be derived from the perspectives and stories he shares, such as the fact that having so-called "good times" in an abusive relationship should never override the abuse.

### 2. Unbiased Source

DeFranco shares his personal opinions with viewers, but he makes sure that it doesn't get in the way of the content he shares. He always gives his opinion after sharing a story to ensure it wouldn't affect the way someone initially thinks. While a plethora of news networks are solely based around Republican or Democratic ideas, DeFranco refuses to favor one party over the other. He'll mention what's happening on either side of the spectrum in regards to current events, but he doesn't favor a party based on its attached beliefs or ideals. With so many biased sources out there, DeFranco proves to be a neutral, yet reliable one.

### 3. A Good Platform

While DeFranco himself is certainly up-to-date and dependable, he also attempts to inspire his viewers to become politically active and educate themselves by watching their local news. His channel is also a great starting point for someone looking to become more active in what's going on because he's lively, energetic, and finds a clever, yet enjoyable way to interest people in finding their voice and advocating for their beliefs. The underlying factor (which is a prominent theme in many of his videos) is to educate yourself on current and relevant topics. After all, people can't expect change to happen if they're unaware of the issue's details and not educating themselves.

### 4. Movie and Entertainment Updates

Though DeFranco frequently discusses political and economical issues, he also keeps viewers updated on current celebrity news. Whether it's a controversial story that blew up on social media or exciting new releases of video games, trailers, T.V. shows, movies, etc., DeFranco is excellent on divulging into these issues for viewers to completely understand and enjoy.

### 5. Become Informed

One of the first YouTubers to talk about the relevant topic of "Net Neutrality" was Philip DeFranco. He talked in depth about the issue and even provided website links for people to contact their state senators and sign petitions against it. Because of people like DeFranco (who receives millions of views per video), many people contacted their senators and state representatives which, in the grand-scheme of things, helped unite American citizens over an influential shared belief.

### 6. Likeable Guy

Plenty of "regular" news anchors are arguably bland and impersonal—almost like they're just robots reading off of a script. DeFranco, on the other hand, is upbeat, energetic, and always full of life on camera. He especially makes sure to prevent his voice from growing monotonous. His personality jumps off the screen: DeFranco is sarcastic and uncomplicated. By accumulating millions of views per video, it becomes evident that he definitely leaves an appealing and lasting impression on his audiences.



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## Dear Daisy Continued...

steam when they're angry. Do we really need to share every miniscule detail about our daily lives with people we're not even that close with on social media? Nothing is wrong with documenting feelings of anger or disappointment, but writing it down on paper for yourself is far more effective than blasting it all over something as public as a social media account. I challenge everyone to put their phones down and take a break. You'll realize how great it can actually feel to live in the "real world" and enjoy life— not a virtual life— for all its worth. "Social media demands a lot of us on top of our already demanding lives. So let's disconnect as we need to and renew our interests and ourselves." -Simon Mainwaring

YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE.  
MAKE SURE YOU SPEND  
15 HOURS ON THE INTERNET DAILY,  
SEEKING VALIDATION FROM STRANGERS

## DeFranco Makes Your Opinion Count

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### 7. Wants to Hear Your Opinion

It has become somewhat of a tradition for DeFranco to end every video with "As always, I want to hear your opinions down below..." He refrains from deleting any comments—unless they're incredibly inappropriate—and he goes as far to reference differing comments in his Friday shows. DeFranco posts every weekday, but he does things a little differently on Fridays by discussing topics that he didn't have time to discuss the week prior, reading through the

comments on videos from the previous days that week, and so forth. Overall, Philip DeFranco's diverse range of video topics are both entertaining and influential, so I highly recommend checking out his YouTube channel for yourself...you won't regret it!



# Photo Page—St. Mary's Fashion Show



For more photos from the Fashion Show and other events from St. Mary's, check out our Facebook page!

# School Calendars - May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Class Meetings Ext. Homeroom Schedule	3 Last day of classes for seniors Registration deadline for 6/2 SAT	4 Moving Up Ceremony Senior Retreat Registration deadline for 6/9 ACT	5 SAT Exam
6	7 AP Exams Begin AP Chem - AM	8	9 AP English Lit - AM	10 Ascension Liturgy AP US Gov. - AM	11 AP US History - AM	12
13	14 AP Bio - AM	15 AP Calc - AM AP Computer Science - PM	16 AP English Lang - AM Fac/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	17 AP World - AM AP Stats - PM AP Exams End	18 NO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DAY Prom 6:30 - 11pm	19 Chris Griswold Memorial Run/Walk -Fun Run/Walk 10am -5K Run 10:30am
20	21 Baccalaureate Mass & Senior Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm	22	23	24 Graduation Rehearsal 9am Graduation 6:00pm	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	29	30	31 Earth Science Lab Practical		

## ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

### MAY 2017

Menu is subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <b>TACO TUESDAY!</b> <b>TACO IN A BAG</b> <small>Mexican Style Corn Cilantro Lime Rice</small>	<b>CHICKEN PARMESAN</b> <small>Penne Pasta in Red Sauce Side Salad</small>	<b>Build Your Own WAFFLE BAR</b> <small>Assorted Toppings Sausage Links Hash Brown Patty</small>	<b>National Hoagie Day</b> <b>PHILLY CHEESESTEAK HOAGIE</b> <small>French Fries</small>	
<b>POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL</b> <small>(Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, and Gravy) Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Roasted Apples</small>	<b>TACO TUESDAY!</b> <b>SOFT SHELL TWIN TACOS</b> <small>Nacho Chips &amp; Salsa Fiesta Rice</small>	<b>CHICKEN ALFREDO</b> <small>Side Salad Roasted Cauliflower</small>	<b>National Hamburger Month</b> <b>Build Your Own BURGER BAR</b> <small>Assorted Toppings French Fries Apple Cobbler</small>	<b>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b> <small>Balsamic Roasted Vegetables Pears</small>
<b>TERYAKI CHICKEN</b> <small>Vegetable Lo Mein Lemon Ginger Peas</small>	<b>TACO TUESDAY!</b> <b>GRILLED CHICKEN TACO</b> <small>Cajun Corn Salad Mexican Style Slaw</small>	<b>National Barbeque Month</b> <b>BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH</b> <small>Potato Chips Apple Sauce</small>	<b>Build Your Own CHICKEN FAJITA</b> <small>Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Pineapple Cup</small>	<b>ADMINSTRATIVE DAY</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>SEASAME CHICKEN</b> <small>Vegetable Fried Rice Butter &amp; Garlic Broccoli</small>	<small>National Vanilla Pudding Day</small> <b>TACO TUESDAY!</b> <b>LOADED NACHOS</b> <small>Cilantro Lime Rice Vanilla Pudding Cup</small>	<b>BUTTER &amp; GARLIC TORTELLINI WITH GARLIC BREAD</b> <small>Caesar Salad Italian Baked Vegetables</small>	<b>GRADUATION</b> <b>Build Your Own GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH</b> <small>Assorted Toppings Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges</small>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>TACO TUESDAY!</b> <b>TACO IN A BAG</b> <small>Spicy Corn Nacho Chips &amp; Salsa</small>	<b>BAKED PENNE MARINARA WITH CHICKEN OR STRAWBERRY CHICKEN SALAD</b> <small>Side Salad Lemon &amp; Garlic Green Beans</small>	<b>National Salad Month</b> <b>Build Your Own CHICKEN SOUVLAKI SALAD</b> <small>Assorted Toppings Pita Bread Greek Roasted Potatoes</small>	<b>Congratulations Class of 2018!</b>

**Personal Touch Food Service**  
**Chef Manager:**  
**Ryan Covelli**

**SERVED DAILY:**

- Entrees.....\$ 3.50
- Salad - Large V.....\$ 3.25
- Salad - Small V.....\$ 2.15
- Fresh made Soup.....\$ 1.30
- Cold Sub, Wrap.....\$ 3.50
- Intense Milk.....\$ 1.75
- Milk 1/2 pint.....\$ .75
- Juice Cup.....\$ .60
- Bottle Water.....\$ 1.00
- Pizza, all varieties.....\$ 2.75

**BREAKFAST A LA CARTE**

- Breakfast Combo.....\$ 3.50
- Breakfast Sandwich.....\$ 3.30
- Breakfast Burrito.....\$ 3.25
- Bagel with Butter.....\$ 1.25
- Cream Cheese.....\$ .60
- Hash Brown Patty.....\$ .75
- French Toast Sticks (5).....\$ 1.95
- Greek Yogurt.....\$ 1.75
- Fresh Fruit Cup.....\$ 1.95
- Cereal with Milk.....\$ 1.40

**LUNCH A LA CARTE**

- Fresh Baked Jumbo Cookie.....\$ 1.50
- Nachos.....\$ 1.75
- Bag of Chips.....\$ 1.25
- Hot Pretzel.....\$ 1.35
- Fresh Fruit.....\$ 1.25
- Vegetable of the Day.....\$ 1.15

**Complete Lunch Includes:**  
**1 Entrée**  
 (Hot Entrée, Pizza Slice, Sub or Wrap)  
**Choice of Side**  
 Milk or Bottled Water  
**\$4.30**  
 WG = Whole Grain  
 V = Vegetarian\*  
 \*Allows egg and milk

For the latest school calendar updates, please visit [smblanders.org](http://smblanders.org).