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**Lancer Dinner Auction—Feb. 2, 2018**

At \$100 per person, the Lancer Dinner Auction offers the chance to win dozens of silent auction items, a live auction with vacations, sporting events, and unique SMH experiences up for grabs, an open bar, delicious food stations, and great company from St. Mary's families, friends, and supporters.



We promise that it will be a night to remember! So, come join us and support our St. Mary's students and the future of this great school!

Keep an eye out for the February edition of *The Marian Gazette* with a recap of the auction.

**Spirit Week Preview**

**Monday, 2/5**—Dress: Board Game Piece; Activity: Bingo

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**Thursday, 2/8**—Dress: Class Color; Activity: Board Game Competition

**Friday, 2/9**—Dress: Pride Day; Activity: Lancers Got Talent

**Saturday, 2/10**—Spirit Week Dance & Pizza Party 7-10 p.m. (\$5 tickets will be sold in school lunches during Spirit Week). **Dance proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish.**



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**Letter from the Editor**

Dear Readers,

I'm incredibly thankful for the opportunity to continually write to each of you reading *The Marian Gazette*, and I sincerely hope you've been fond of each edition. This being the fourth edition released, it's truly a blessing to be able to frequently work alongside those in charge of and associated with the inner workings of this newsletter. I hope we may proceed to bring you both school news and entertainment, thanks to the talented writers partaking in the Gazette.

It's hard to believe half of the school year has already concluded, as the second semester commenced just a few days ago. Time certainly flies (whether we wish to accept it or not) when countless days and nights are spent completing work, managing other obligations, and hopefully enjoying the lives we are privileged enough to call our own.

As both my mind and senses of reasoning and judgement proceed to age and garner more beliefs, certain facets of life have stuck out to me as rather important tools to guide ourselves and others.

Something I've firmly held in high esteem for quite some time now involves the practice of the "little acts" that can mean the world to someone, despite a minimal amount of vitality exerted into them. In a world where virtual communication is placed on a pedestal, many of us tend to forget just how much a small act of kindness can mean to someone after hiding behind our cell phones for so long.

Life is too short to not show our family, friends, loved ones, and strangers thoughtfulness and compassion, whether through little or grandeur actions. Though many people are at each other's throats for a multitude of reasons nowadays (politics, religion, simply being different, etc.), offering a warm smile or holding open the door for someone can go a long way.

As time continues to fly by (and college decisions are knocking at my door and the doors of my fellow peers), may each of us strive to remember the true importance of stopping to smell the metaphorical roses and deploying kindness to ourselves and others. Our society seems to have forgotten this.

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

### AP Exam Schedule Released

Due to the fact that this year's AP Exam Schedule is one week later than normal, there have been quite a few changes to the May calendar.

Please take a look and take special notice of the days for each subject exam as well as the new dates for the senior retreat and moving up day ceremonies.

<span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">May 2018</span>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Class Meetings <i>Ext. Homeroom Schedule</i>	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 Spring Fling Tuition Thing 6pm
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 Baccalaureate Mass & Senior Family Brunch 10am	21	22	23	24 Graduation Rehearsal 9am Graduation 6:00pm	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	28	29	30	31		

For the entire 2018 school calendar, please log onto [smhlancers.org](http://smhlancers.org), go to "Lancer Info" on the top menu, hover over calendar, and then click complete calendar.

### College 101—A Panel Discussion Sheds Light on Common Admissions Concerns



On January 4th, recent St. Mary's grads came back to SMH to speak about their college experiences and answer questions from current St. Mary's students and their families.

The panel covered a range of topics, from which is more important to the admissions process - SAT and ACT scores or GPA and how to decide on a major to how many schools you should apply to and the big school vs. small school debate.

We had quite the panel join us (pictured from left to right): Leah Meyer '15 from Duke University, Caitlyn Meyer '17 from James Madison, Danielle Hockwater '16 from UB, Brad Berchou '16 from Canisius, Maddie Wnuk from UB, Kendra Ciezki from the University of Alabama, Collin Tytko from RIT, and Erin Hufford from Canisius.

## School News

### Freshmen Registration Night Brings First Glance at Class of 2022

This year's Freshmen Registration Night welcomed in some new Lancer families from the Class of 2022. Parents were able to mix and mingle as well as get some of their questions answered by St. Mary's administration and staff about what lies ahead for their students.

Welcome to Lancerville, Class of 2022! We can't wait for September!

Here's your answer...

You're a Lancer!

Congratulations!

### Presidents' Day Holiday Week—Important Reminders

As many of you already know, St. Mary's does not have a February break, like other Lancaster schools follow. St. Mary's does have Monday, February 19th (Presidents' Day) off and Friday of that week off as well, the 23rd.

However, February 20-22 students are responsible for being in school, even though bussing is not available in their district for these three days. Going to school this week will allow students to have two weeks off at

Easter, beginning March 26th all the way through April 6th.

We appreciate our Lancer parents' patience and cooperation in ensuring their children are in school and on time. Go Lancers!

18	19 NO SCHOOL <i>President's Day</i>	20	21 Fac/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24
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## Faculty Spotlight

### Staff Q & A with Miss Kawa

Last month's "Guess the Teacher" featured a few facts about Miss Kawa so here's a deeper interview with one of SMH's newest staffers:

**Q:** When did you start working at St. Mary's?

**A:** "I graduated from SMH in 2011 and starting working here in April of 2017."

**Q:** Since you attended St. Mary's in the past, what has changed?

**A:** "Students have their own Chrome-books now—that's awesome!"

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

**A:** "My mom. She is the best person I know, and someone everyone should aspire to be more like—kind, compassionate, such a great deal of integrity, hardworking—the list is endless... Oh, and Beyoncé because well, she's Beyoncé."

**Q:** What/who inspires you?

**A:** "So many things, but I guess the biggest one is just a desire to put good into the world—just to make a positive impact, no matter how small or large, every day. I have the privilege of being a part of some amazing organizations and causes that involve people who also inspire me and have taught me not to take anything too

seriously and to be thankful for all of the blessings in my life."

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

**A:** "For those kids who work really hard, look up a little more. I was so focused on academics, college, and all of the details that come with that, but you need to look up to try and decipher the big picture stuff as soon as you can. You can ace everything St. Mary's puts in front of you, but take the time to hang out with your friends and join that club or that team because chances are you won't remember what you got on that one Chem quiz, but you'll definitely remember that one time in lunch, that one trip to states with the team, or that one time Mr. Fay imparted his wisdom on you."

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

**A:** "When you start college, it feels like you have to make this life-altering decision that will set you on the path for what you will be doing for the next 50 years of your life. Most kids are 18 when they start college, and some may know exactly what they want to do and others (or most) will really have no idea or may change their minds later on. That's the whole point of college! You'll take new classes and do internships that will expose you to new things and show you what you may or may not want to do in the future. Academically, try as many things as you can because there are more jobs out there than you can even imagine, and one random one can be the perfect fit for you!"



### Mr. Fay's Corner

How are those resolutions you made 31 days ago working out? Are you exercising more, eating healthier, being more patient and less angry? Or have you given in to past practices and usual behavior?

On February 14, the Christian community celebrates the Feast of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It is time for some spiritual resolutions. The Church offers a triple threat to the demons that plague our faith journey. Fasting, praying, and almsgiving help us to be more aware of our faith relationship. Unlike a New Year's resolution, it's only 40 days.

Coincidentally, Ash Wednesday and Valentines' Day will be celebrated together (can I eat the chocolate heart or not?). The celebrations offer a special opportunity to recall, remember, and rehearse the virtue of love. A time to love God, our neighbor, and oneself. Sound familiar? Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.

### 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!**

- My family once owned a horse and it had the same name as I do. Yes, imagine the mocking I endured for that one!
- I have a daughter named Laurie and a daughter named Laura.
- Interested in leading class retreats? Then, you might get to know this teacher.
- I had to take my driver's test 3 times. The third time is a charm, as they say. I've improved since then.

**Congrats, Jake Wilk, who guessed last month's teacher correctly!**

## Sports

### Men's Hockey Here to Stay in the Fed

St. Mary's men's hockey team is proving they're for real in the most competitive scholastic hockey league in Western New York. With a 7-4 record (at press time) and wins against big schools like Lockport and Potsdam, it's clear that the team will keep rolling into the rest of the season.



### JV Women's Basketball: A Season for the Record Books

The 2017-18 season has been all Lancers for the St. Mary's JV women's basketball team. The team is currently undefeated, capturing holiday tournaments, and taking down league powerhouses along the way.

In a particularly impressive pair of wins in back-to-back games in early January, the Lancers handed Sacred Heart their first loss in league play in over four years in a convincing 55-40 win. Then, the next day, the St. Mary's defeated power

Cardinal O'Hara 45-35.

The team shows no signs of slowing down, keeping their sites set on bringing a league title to Lancerville!

Come check out the team for yourself at their next home game, February 12th at 5:30 p.m. with varsity to follow around 7:00 p.m.



## Sports

### Men's Basketball Keeps Eye on the Prize

St. Mary's men's basketball team is putting together another impressive campaign. A year after winning it all, the Lancers aren't suffering from any championship hangover. At the time of press, the men's team is 11-4 overall and 5-2 in the Monsignor Martin.

It also hasn't been an easy ride this season by any means for the battle-tested Lancers. The team has been plagued by injury, which only got worse in the Lancers 58-54 victory over league rival, St. Francis. Senior standout Eric Brown collided with another key player, junior Brady O'Brien, causing both players to leave the game. (Brown is expected to need surgery for his injuries.) Instead of folding under these adverse circumstances, role players stepped up in a big way. St. Mary's rallied from 8 points down with 4 minutes to go, to win by 4.

As the Lancers continue to work through a brutal league schedule, where

all of the teams in the Monsignor Martin pose a threat, they don't plan on slowing down: "We're the walking wound right now, but we still have to play," Lancers coach Paul Rath said. "We've run into a rash of injuries . . . we're overcoming a lot but we have to keep going. Some guys that are reserves are getting a lot of time now so that will help."

In order to complete the championship repeat, St. Mary's will have to overcome the injury bug and keep fighting—a tall order, but this team is certainly up to the challenge!

*Quote courtesy of "WNY Athletics"*



### Wrestling Honors Seniors

In the first of many senior winter sports sendoffs, seniors Jake Fay, Joe Flading, and Matt MacDonald wrestled their final matches in the St. Mary's Athletic Center this past week.

In their final home matches, Fay dominated as he has done all season, pinning his opponent in 13 seconds. Flading also had an impressive outing, picking up the pin in under 2 minutes. Unfortunately, Gow had no one to go up against MacDonald in his weight class, but he also enjoyed a win and a moment with his family.

The wrestling team has been on quite the upswing this season, with a full squad for the first time in years. Coach Zach Weiss attributes a great deal of the growth of the program to his seniors: "Jake and Joe have really seen it all when it comes to St. Mary's wrestling. Along with Matt, they have been the cornerstones, great student athletes, and the guys on the team who others are going to have to step up next year to fill their shoes as the leaders," Weiss said.



## The Arts

### Cast List Announced for Spring Musical

The St. Mary's Performing Arts Department has casted this year's spring musical, *Once On This Island*. With a wonderful mix of stage veterans and fresh-faced underclassmen, this year's production is sure to be one of the best St. Mary's has presented. Without further ado, here is who will dazzle the audience March 15-17, 2018!

#### TiMoune

Mackenzie Kwilos

#### Erzulie

Christina Federico

#### Asaka

Shala Wright

#### Mama

Julia Hartloff

#### Andrea

Kerry Sullivan

#### Daniel

Alex Denz

#### Papa Ge

Jeffrey Rosner

#### Agwe

Marten Linnan

#### Tonton

Isaac Stearns

#### Storytellers:

Shannon Murty

Nicole Norton

Julia Soluri

Jillian Vitale

#### Ensemble:

Stephanie Baran

Madeline Benzer

Scott Brown

Molly Callahan

Hannah Carrow

Jake Ciansiosa

Rachel Cichocki

Jashawn Collins

Ashley Cruz

Emma Dillon

Conor Dunne

Bryanna Ely

Claire Fahey

Riley Fay

Sarah Filion

Dino Fudoli

Nicole Gorny

Heather Gotro

Derek Johnson

Kailey Kline

Vincenza Lamagna

Joe Lebron

Victoria Loniewski

Caleb Mangan

Saige Maniscalco

Jaquan Manuel

Madison Meredith

Sara Nicholas

Sam Mickel

Cali Nazzarett

Riley O'malley

Mary Owczarczak

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Brianna Propis

Zachary Ratcliff

Emma Ridolfi

Susan Romance

Ben Stegmeier

Jessa Syracuse

Jillian Szeluga

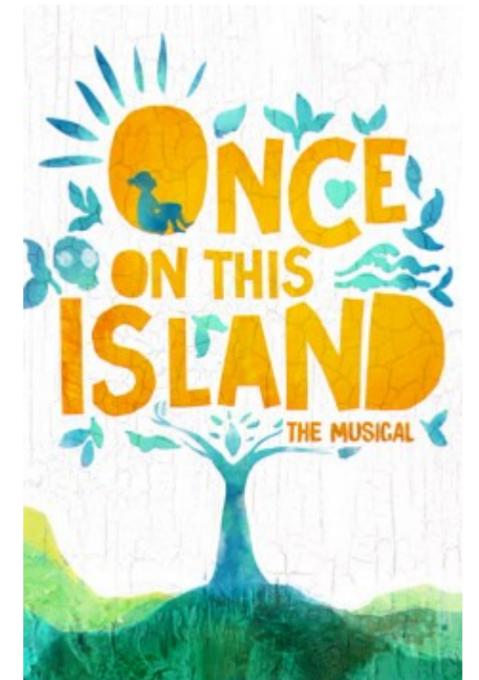
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Kylie Wagner

Matthew Walter

Makenna Wanat

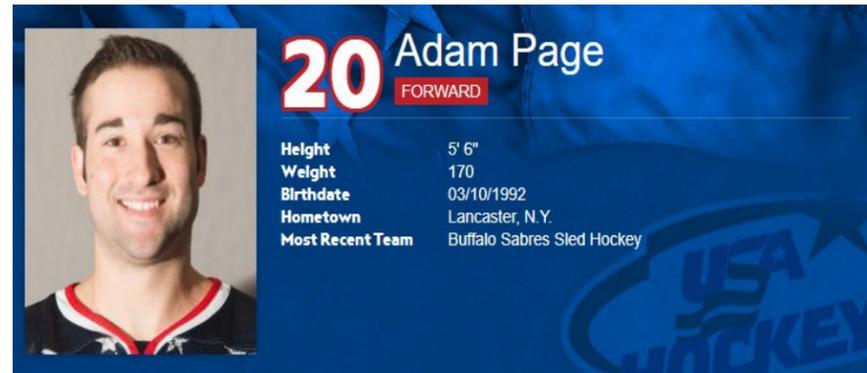
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**Program advertising and ticket sales information will be available soon!**

## Alumni News & Updates

### Class of 2010 Alumnus Joins Team USA... Again!



Adam Page '10 has been named to the Para Olympic Sled Hockey Team for an impressive third time.

Adam will practice and compete with the team in preparation for the 2018 Winter Para Olympics in Pyeong Chang, South Korea. Adam has helped lead Team USA to gold medals in the past two Olympics and hopes to bring a third home this year.

Congratulations, Adam! We couldn't be more proud of you in Lancerville!

#### Alumni Quick Hits

- Members of the Class of 1975 represented the Bills down in Jacksonville for their first playoff game in 17 years. From right to left: Don Nichter, Paul Stefan, and John Kemnitzer (*right*)
- Alex J. Schwartz '05 finished the year in the Top 10 of over 15,000 Under Armour employees for community service hours. Now, that's living out those Franciscan values learned at St. Mary's!



- Justine Pazderski '10 and Brittany Gorny '15 have gone from SMH coach and cheerleader to Buffalo Bandettes—dancers for the Buffalo Bandits, our professional lacrosse team! (*below*)



#### 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

### A Christmas Trip to Remember

By: *Pamelyn Lin*

From Dec. 22 through Dec. 31, 2017, Jenny Huang and I went to Disney and Universal by plane for Christmas break.

This trip was meaningful, not only because this was my first time in the United States that I traveled truly for fun, but I also had a good time with Jenny as well. We spent two days in the Magic Kingdom, two days in Epcot, and one day in Disney Springs. Every park had a huge Christmas tree, and it was crowded in the parks. People from all around the world gathered and celebrated this almost worldwide holiday.

We met a lot of people from different countries, and they were all friendly. Different rides made different memories for me. I appreciate this opportunity that I had the chance to go

somewhere without guidance and spent time with my friend. I collected 10 countries' stamps in the showcase of Epcot and had some drawings from them too. I put them on a stuffed bear's back and a special passport.

At Universal, the most memorable thing was the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. I rode on the Escape from Gringotts attraction, even though it was short, it was fun and seemed real! We also bought a wand that can cast spells in the park. The Butter Beer was not as good as I thought, but the frozen one was delicious, and I could drink hundreds of them! We also went on a ride in Islands of Adventure, which is called Hulk, a green ride, where you appear to be thrown out of the ride by the Hulk. It was not that scary because the ride was actually full of turns as opposed to hills that would make people sick.

We took a lot of pictures to help us remember the trip we had in these fun places. You can see some of them below!



*Christmas tree inside Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge*



*Hogwarts at Universal's Wizarding World of Harry Potter*



*Nighttime in Epcot*



*Cinderella Castle decked out for Christmas in the Magic Kingdom*

## Student Beat

### 7 Reasons You Should Watch...

Junior Nicole Gorney is back to give us her take on what makes *Dead Poets Society* such a classic...

By: *Nicole Gorney*

#### 1. **Robin Williams and the cast**

A new movie premiering with Robin Williams seems like such a distant memory. On August 11th, 2014, he tragically passed away after having battled depression for numerous years. To many of us, his most memorable portrayal is the inspirational and unforgettable Mr. Keating in *Dead Poets Society*.

In the movie, Mr. Keating is the new English teacher at a strict all-boys boarding school and has unorthodox lessons up his sleeve. In each of their other classes, the students are made known of the strict expectations and standards they're expected to uphold (such as one point off their overall average if they hand in a late homework assignment or receiving twenty questions in a workbook for homework on the first day of school). Mr. Keating decides to take a different approach for his own classroom methods—he challenges the boys to question their methods of thinking and to make their own decisions, rather than always do as they're told. He shone light on the phrase, which, according to the American Film Institute, is the ninety-fifth greatest movie quote, "Carpe Diem. Seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary."

Not only does Williams' acting stand out as exemplary, but the actors who play Keating's students constantly steal the scene and capture the audience's hearts. Neil Perry (Robert Sean Leonard), Todd Anderson (Ethan Hawke), Charlie Dalton (Gale Hansen), Knox Overstreet (Josh Charles), Gerard

Pitts (James Waterston), Steven Meeks (Allelon Ruggiero), and Richard Cameron (Dylan Kussman) each come from different backgrounds and have their own hopes and dreams.

Despite the majority of the actors being in their late teens or early twenties, they're able to provide unique and powerful performances in the film, encapsulating the soul of their characters within each line of dialogue spoken. The role of any actor is to make the audience forget that they're watching a person portray a character, which definitely sums up every performance found in this film.

#### 2. **Adolescence is genuinely displayed**

With so many contentious situations occurring in the world around them, most children are forced to grow up far too quickly. *Dead Poets Society*, though filmed almost thirty years ago, contains themes that are still relevant in our modern society because they recognize this unfortunate matter-of-fact and touch upon it numerous times.

In a plethora of television shows and movies, children and teenagers aren't accurately portrayed. Most of the time they're mere stereotypes and tropes, which leaves audiences to wonder if the writers even know what kids are actually like. Though a pensive and deep atmosphere is found frequently throughout the film, immaturity is still present among the boys' friend group because, after all, they're still high school boys. For example, during one of the scenes Neil grabs an important paper from Todd's hands and starts running around the room with it and jumping on the beds to prevent Todd from retrieving it—the same Neil who eventually spearheads the "Dead Poets Society" revival. Certain aspects of teenage behaviors are far too prev-

alent to ignore in order to genuinely portray them on camera.

#### 3. **Empathy**

Empathy, in the simplest of terms, is the ability to understand and share the feelings of one another. Throughout the course of the film, each of the characters are brought closer together through their shared love of poetry and lust for life. Though a sorrowful outcome comes about towards the end of the film, it provides the opportunity for each of the characters to react in their own personal (and genuine) ways, which brings many of them closer together through a sense of unity. Because of the way their grieving processes are portrayed, the loss is able to be felt deeply by viewers.

#### 4. **Friendship**

Like any great film that's able to stand the test of time, strong friendship is found within the core of *Dead Poets Society*. Both the friendship between the boys and Mr. Keating and the boys with each other are the heart and soul of this film. The ideas of trustworthiness and loyalty within a friend group are explored numerous times, which are two circumstances practically everyone can relate to. Through poetry and friendship, the boys are able to discover an ambiguous beauty found in adolescence and attempt to seize the day in every way possible.

#### 5. **Boarding School**

The environment chosen for the film is an all-boys boarding school, "Welton Academy." This is a clever choice on the screenwriters' parts, as a boarding school is a form of isolation which adds to the boys' yearn for rebellion. The majority of the film takes place within "Welton," in which the administrators and faculty control practically every aspect of the students' lives, so a great significance is found within the boys traveling to other locations. The *Dead Poets Society* meetings, for example, are held in

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## Student Beat

### Leadership Classes Put Theory Into Practice

St. Mary's High School leadership classes completed acts of service this semester to help better the community. Students were tasked with coming up with a cause or finding an organization that could use a helping hand to demonstrate the kind of positive impact young people can have in their communities.

The first class organized a supply and toy drive for the SPCA of Erie County, collecting pet toys and blankets from the St. Mary's student body as well as hand-making 30 blankets for the cause. The second class contacted Bowmansville Volunteer Fire Association to see if they could use any help around the station. The class hosed down the fire trucks, mopped the floors, and did other little, odds-and-ends jobs that really

impressed those at the fire hall. While the organizations surely benefitted from the students' hard work, the Lancers from St. Mary's say they also received more than they gave: "To know you're helping out someone else and making a difference, that's really a life-changing thing and makes you want to continue to give back more," said St. Mary's senior, Andrew Wargo.

St. Mary's has made leadership a mandatory class for all students, alongside other classes like public speaking and personal finance, as components of a new life major curriculum, which better prepares students for life beyond the classroom: "We have really begun to implement a curriculum at St. Mary's

that focuses on more than just the usual subjects," said Keith Junik, Dean of Academics and Curriculum. "Learning key leadership skills and the importance of public service will be incredibly beneficial to our students in college and beyond, and that is what St. Mary's is all about."

Special thank you to senior Shala Wright for the pictures!



Seniors Heather Gotro, Libby Benzer, and Jake Fay



Seniors Ben Mazurowski, Matt Ciezki, Pat Basil, and Christian Szablewski



Ben Mazurowski scrubs one of the trucks squeaky clean

Seniors make blankets for the animals served by the SPCA of Erie County



## Lent is Coming... Get Your Fish Fry

Support the Class of 2019's upcoming senior trip to Walt Disney World with a fish fry on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, right in the St. Mary's cafeteria from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available pre-sale for only \$12. Start of Lent on the right "fin!"



## Movies Teach Us About Life

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the old Indian cave in the woods. This provides a different location than the school and gives the boys an atmosphere which is entirely their own world to profess their poetry.

### 6. Awards and Nominations

If films were measured by their nominations and awards alone, then *Dead Poets Society* would definitely be near the top. The film won an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay and was nominated for three other categories at the 1990's Oscars. At the BAFTA Awards, the film won Best Film and Best Original Film Score along with being nominated for four other categories. The movie went on to win and receive nominations for awards in

other countries, as well.

### 7. The Lessons and Quotes

Mr. Keating is definitely the type of teacher every student would love to have. "Rip out that page. You know what? Rip out that entire section! It's not the Bible, you're not going to hell for this!" He decides to teach his own curriculum that doesn't involve memorizing incoherent technicalities of poetry, such as the Pritchard Scale. Rather, Keating focuses on finding oneself and using that as an advantage to write poetry. During one of the scenes, Mr. Keating brought shy and timid Todd to the front of the classroom in order to get him out of his shell and use his own fears to verbally create a beautiful



poem on the spot.

Overall, there are so many wonderful lessons and memorable quotes from this '80s classic that still holds up today. The movie is currently on Netflix. I highly recommend this incredible movie to anyone, especially if you're looking to become inspired. Enjoy!

## Spirit Week Dance—Feb. 10, 2018

Keep the feeling of Spirit Week going with our very first "Lancer Dance!" Sponsored by St. Mary's National Honor Society, we're paying it forward by donating all the proceeds from the dance to Make-A-Wish WNY to help provide wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses right in our own backyards.

Starting next week, tickets will be sold by NHS members during lunch periods, so make sure you get yours for the social event of the season, and show that St. Mary's pride!

Oh yeah... and there will be free pizza!

# The Lancer Dance

Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

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Dress Code: St. Mary's pride / blue & white

FREE PIZZA, plus drinks and baked goods for sale in cafeteria

Tickets: \$5 presale or \$8 at the door

See your favorite NHS member during lunches to get yours!

All proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish WNY

Music presented by Ultimate Event

Professional DJ Services



*For even more SMH photos, make sure to follow us on Facebook (St. Mary's High School, Lancaster NY)! We post a weekly photo album of all the exciting things happening at our school!*

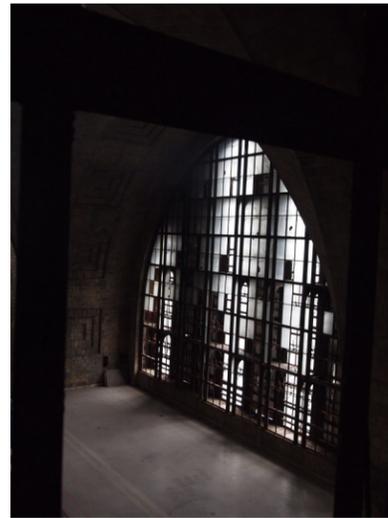
## Buffalo—Up Close and Personal

In *The Marian Gazette's* newest monthly section, junior Alyssa LaMartina will present her gorgeous photography of different landmarks she has shot in and around Buffalo and then also discuss the history associated with the pictures. Please welcome Alyssa to *The Marian Gazette* team!

This month, Alyssa takes us to Buffalo's historic Central Terminal...



Buffalo Central Terminal—Exterior



Main concourse window



Main concourse clock

Ticket Booth



Not far from the Broadway Market on Buffalo's East Side, there is a 271-foot iconic building from the 1930s called the Buffalo Central Terminal. The Buffalo Central Terminal once saw over 200 trains and 10,000 passengers every day. However, this 17-story art-deco masterpiece took time and hard work to build. This massive terminal property covered 61 acres and cost \$14 million to build. (That is equivalent to \$202 million in today's dollars.) It has features such as huge arching windows, baggage check points, several ticket booths, shops, a restaurant and a parking garage. The facility employed 1,500 people. The Buffalo Central Terminal immediately flourished, and stayed bustling even through rough times during the Great Depression and the post war eras.

A feature perhaps even more well

known than the terminal itself is the 14-foot tall, four-sided clock that was located in the main concourse. This beacon was a common place for people to congregate. People meeting incoming travelers would simply say "meet me at the clock." The clock was eventually sold as the terminal became unused. It was later discovered in a Chicago antique shop. A public fundraising effort brought the clock back to its home in Buffalo, where it was restored back to its original grandeur. Rail transportation was at an all-time high, and stayed strong until the 1950s when an increase in automobile and air travel combined with a loss of profit sent the terminal into its downfall.

The year is 1997. The Buffalo

Central Terminal enters into a restoration phase which is still ongoing today. Its future use is uncertain. Rumor has it, paranormal events occur frequently and the eerie halls and vast space makes it a popular destination for paranormal hunters and ghost tours.

However, there is one thing for certain about the Buffalo Central Terminal for any generation: as soon as you enter it, that nostalgic 1920s atmosphere is still there with you today.

## School Calendars - February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 NO SCHOOL Lancer Auction 6pm	3
4 Spirit Week	5	6	7 Class Meetings Ext. Homeroom Schedule	8	9 Registration deadline for 3/10 SAT	10
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Liturgy	15	16	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL President's Day	20	21 Fac/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28			



### ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2018

Menu is subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 5 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH v CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Tomato Soup v Mandarin Oranges v	 6 TACO TUESDAY! TACO IN A BAG Spicy Mexican Rice v Refried Beans v	 7 National Fettucine Alfredo Day! FETTUCINE ALFREDO v Side Salad v Garlic Bread v	 8 SUPER BOWL 52 CELEBRATION LOADED NACHOS w/ HOT DOGS HAMBURGERS Build Your Own BURGER BAR Assorted Toppings French Fries v Peaches v	 9 NO SCHOOL LANCER AUCTION National Pizza Day! CHEESE & PEPPERONI PIZZA or VEGETABLE PIZZA v Potato Chips v Fresh Fruit Cup v
 12 MEATBALL BOMBERS Steak Fries v Pears v	 13 MARDI GRAS! JAMBALAYA Red Beans & Rice v Side Salad v	 14 ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY or BAKED TILAPIA Coleslaw v Macaroni Salad v	 15 Build Your Own BAKED POTATO (Idaho or Sweet Potato) Assorted Toppings Seasoned Corn v Dinner Roll v	 16 MACARONI & CHEESE v Caesar Salad Cauliflower Gratin v
 19 NO SCHOOL President's Day	 20 TACO TUESDAY! SHREDDED CHICKEN TACO Tortilla Chips & Salsa v/w/ Seasoned Vegetable Blend v	 21 TORTELLINI with RED SAUCE v Caesar Salad Dinner Roll v	 22 Build Your Own FAJITA BAR Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice v Pineapple v	 23 NO SCHOOL
 26 BREADED PORK CHOPS Roasted Broccoli v Mashed Potatoes v w/ Gravy Applesauce v	 27 TACO TUESDAY! TACO SALAD Seasoned Corn v Tropical Fruit Cup v	 28 GARLIC & BROCCOLI PENNE PASTA v Side Salad v Seasoned Green Beans v	 28	 28

**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 v ..... \$ 1.75
- Milk & pint ..... \$ .80
- Juice Cup v ..... \$ .60
- Bottle Water v ..... \$ 1.00
- Pizza, all varieties ..... \$ 2.75

**BREAKFAST A LA CARTE**

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

**LUNCH A LA CARTE**

- Fresh Baked Cookie v ..... \$ .55 or 2/\$1.00
- Bag of Chips v ..... \$ 1.25
- Hot Pretzel v ..... \$ 1.35
- Fresh Fruit v ..... \$ 1.25
- Vegetable of the Day v ..... \$ 1.15

**Complete Lunch Includes:**

- 1 Entrée
- Choice of Side
- Milk or Bottled Water
- \$4.30
- With Intense Milk
- \$5.00

WG = Whole Grain  
 V = Vegetarian\*  
 \*Allows egg and milk  
 Alyssa's Better Choice Healthy Entrees

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