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Homecoming Week Brings Out Lancer Pride

By: Nicole Gorny

Homecoming week is the time of year in every average school where the students celebrate pride and anticipation for the coming event at the end of the week. Just as the eagerness to celebrate on the dance floor kicked in, so did the challenges that each class had to partake in for the ultimate win.

The week started with a prep-py dress theme. Many people decorated the halls in their upper class outfits, particularly the girls with their plaid, ascots, and broaches along with stylish hairstyles that matched their classy attire.

The main event for the day was the “Randomness Challenge,” where the winners of different events were based purely on luck. Raffle-style drawings and activities ensured an unbiased winner.

As Tuesday rolled in, students were excited for the annual Walk-a-Thon. Students were to walk a mile to Fireman’s Park and spend the day with their friends playing kickball, basketball, or other games. Scrap that—Mother Nature had other plans! Students dressed in American pride attire, walked less than a mile (essentially in a big circle), then spent the day at school

instead. According to the Dean of Academics Mr. Junik, “It would have been too hot for the kids to spend all day at the park.” The options of spending time in the cafeteria, watching a movie in the Gus, and going outside were offered back at school. After these festivities, there was the Lip Sync Battle where, most notably, Jeff Zoyhofski took the stage for a second year in a row. This time, he had a crew with him and wasn’t singing, “Let It Go,” but rather a song by Carrie Underwood where he looked the part in his large tutu, blonde wig, and highly decorative pajama pants. Unfortunately, Jeff did not win. The seniors took first place.

Wednesday was western/cowboy dress. While no one had a fast draw, it certainly looked like one would happen at any given moment. Relay races were the stars of the day. Each class displayed much enthusiasm, even the freshmen. The seniors and sophomores, as they had been all week, were very close in score. Once the water bottle pass with your feet came around, the juniors experienced their fair share of heart-

break, falling one person short of finishing first due to slippery footwear. A personal favorite challenge among the crowd involved spraying one person with whipped cream all over their face, while another threw cheeseballs, trying to get the most to stick within a minute.

Thursday was originally supposed to be beach dress, but was changed due to inappropriate attire concerns. Students were pumped for the Homecoming Dance, which was later that night, so naturally a pep rally ensued. Frank Props ’18 and Matt Ciezki ’18 hosted and the cheerleaders put on a wonderful routine. The powder puff cheerleaders (a group of boys) also put on a routine, dancing to some of the most cliché and “girly” songs one could think of to the audience’s delight!

After the final challenge, it was time for the results. The two classes that had been going back and forth all week were biting their nails and tapping their toes in anticipation. It came down to the sophomores and the seniors for who would win the grand

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

My name is Brianna Propis, and I’m a junior here at St. Mary’s High School. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to take on the role of editor for *The Marian Gazette*. Writing has always been a huge part of my life, so I’m extremely excited to be given this opportunity!

I would like to give quick thank-you shoutouts to Mrs. Roberson and Miss Kawa for allowing me to take on the editor role, and I look forward to working with both of them in order to make *The Marian Gazette* become the best it can be.

We’re always looking for writers who can bring something interesting to *The Marian Gazette* table, so if there’s a story idea you’ve been sitting on for awhile, send it over to me! My email is 19bpropis@student.smhlancers.org and I’d love to read through any possible articles you think should be published. Whether it’s school-related or something that’s happening in the world around us, I’ll definitely try to fit it into one of the monthly editions.

Keep an eye out for contests to win, since being the first to come up with the correct answer can result in winning a prize! All answers can be emailed to me.

Once again, I look forward to reading all of your articles. And remember, we’re always looking for new writers. I’ll leave everyone with an excerpt from the poem “O Me! O Life!” by Walt Whitman.

“What good amid these, O me, O life?”

Answer.

That you are here—that life exists and identity,
That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse.”

Writing is a powerful tool that gives you the chance to contribute your verse. If you’ve got writing in your veins like I do, I highly recommend taking this opportunity. Thank you, and I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Marian Gazette*!

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

St. Mary's Student Athletes Head to Italy

By: Caitlin Bish and Claire Fahey; All photos taken by Misyy Hufford

The softball team's trip to Italy this past August surely made this summer one for the books. We had the opportunity to play five exhibition games, two of which were against the Italian Cadet National softball team, and were able to explore some of the world's most renowned cities, such as Venice and Rome.

Day 1: Travel—We flew out of Toronto on Wednesday, August 2nd and sat through an eight-hour flight. By the time we arrived in Rome, it was the next morning. It was then a five-hour bus ride to our hotel in Forli, but even with the bus ride, we were able to enjoy our first authentic Italian meal, followed by our first taste of gelato. Let us tell you, it was delicious!



Day 2: Forli—We played a doubleheader against the Italian Cadet National Team, which consisted of girls from all over Italy that hoped to one day play on the Olympic team. We exchanged gifts with the other team, which is a tradition when playing teams from another country. They gave us bags of salt that are traditionally given to wish good luck and prosperity. After the doubleheader, the Italian team invited us to stay for dinner. We all had pizza together and met the girls. We taught them American dances and at the end we all exchanged our Instagrams and Snapchats so we could easily stay in touch after we went back home.



Day 3: San Marino—San Marino is a small country with a gorgeous hilltop view and two amazing castles. We climbed the castle steps, and even had to go up a few ladders, but once we got to the top, the view was absolutely breathtaking.



Day 4: Community Service and Games—We worked in groups, cleaning out bedrooms, bathrooms, stairways, and hallways for Caritas Forli, a place in which people in need can stay. It was quite the realization for us that even though we were all fortunate enough to be out shopping, eating, and traveling, there were people just down the street that were not even financially stable enough to provide shelter for themselves. This was quite sad, so we worked very hard to make sure that we could at least help the people living there and maybe make their day just a bit brighter.

Later that day, we played two more softball games, resulting in two more wins. After the games, we were invited to go to a vineyard that sponsors the Italian team, and once there, we ate a six course meal and sat at a lovely table with a stunning view. Between the twinkling lights set up around the fence and the view of the stars from the outdoor table, the night was perfect!



Day 5: Venice—We arrived at a port and got onto a boat, where we had a short ten-minute ride to the beautiful city. Immediately, you could see men steering gondolas, beautiful canals, and amazing architecture. Shortly after stepping onto Venetian ground, many people decided to go for gondola rides in the Venetian Lagoon. Later, we did some shopping in Saint Mark's square.

Day 6: Rome—We started the day by going to the Colosseum. Then, it was off to the Pantheon and to the Trevi Fountain. It was amazing to see all of these landmarks that we had only previously seen in pictures. Of course, we also all threw our three coins into the Trevi Fountain for good luck (We'd like to think that it helped us win our games!). Before another delicious meal, we ended our sight-seeing at the Spanish Steps.

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School News

It's all Treats for Halloween at St. Mary's

By Nicole Kruse

For years, St. Mary's has allowed only the seniors to dress up for Halloween because it was a senior privilege. This year that has changed, as every class will dress up and show their Halloween spirit! In order to keep Halloween special for the Class of 2018, only that class will be judged on the best and most original costumes. It will be very exciting to see all the costumes, and hopefully it puts everyone in the Halloween spirit!



Athletes Meet the Pope

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Day 7: Vatican City—In order to get into the Vatican, you have to go through security, which is much different than what you would probably expect. There were 8,000 people packed together, pushing their way to get into St. Peter's Square. We were lucky enough that when we got to our seats in the auditorium, the Pope passed right by our aisle. No one could believe that we were within a foot of Pope Francis himself, and a couple girls on the team were even able to shake his hand. The moment felt surreal, and it was such an overwhelming and emotional experience for everyone. Later that day, we played a game against the Cali Roma Softball Club. It was amazing to realize that even though we were halfway around the world, softball was still the same game.

Day 8: Journey Home—The next morning, we left for the airport to start our journey back home. No one wanted to leave, but we felt that we had done more than we could have ever imagined just within that one week. We are so grateful to have had such an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience and have made memories together that we are sure we will never forget!

And the Homecoming Week Winners Are...

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prize of a free dress down day and pizza party! When the envelope was opened, it was evident by the shock on Mr. Junik's face who had won this week of challenges - the sophomores! The Class of 2020 erupted in cheers, as the rest of the school was stunned. It was all fair though, according to those that counted the tallies.

When everyone left at the end of the day, there was a time crunch to get ready for the big dance.

The dance started off a little awkwardly, as they all do. As the night grew, so did the interaction among people. It was amazing to see different social groups come together, dancing

and singing with one another as the songs beat in their heads and in their hearts. One of the songs that was a real showstopper was "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus (aka Hannah Montana), which seems to have been uniting teenagers since the beginning of time.

Homecoming Week is a time where the school's students can unite as one. Between dressing up in odd outfits, complimenting others who you may not talk to normally on their style, and cheering on your classmates on and off the field, school spirit is alive and well in Lancerville!



Faculty Spotlight

Faculty Q & A with Mr. Fay

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

A: "I started teaching in September of 1979, and my fondest memory has been seeing students who come back and say that I've helped them in their lifewalk."

Q: Where did you attend high school and what year did you graduate?

A: "St. Joe's Collegiate in 1963."

Q: Who is your personal hero and why?

A: "Thomas Moore because he fought the established values and stood for what was morally right and good. He had a hope for a better world."

Q: What/who inspires you?

A: "My father because he always told us that if you think you can do something try, and if it doesn't work out, you know you tried. When I was going into the seminary, he told me the door swings both ways: you don't gain any respect for going in, and you don't lose any respect for going out."

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

A: "Listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and make certain your prayer life is in order. I'm a big advocate of the Holy Spirit leading you to do the right thing— your gut feeling."

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

A: "I would ask them what's their dream school and major, and if the money doesn't become an issue, then is that something you could do? If those three things match up—go for it; if not, see how close you can come to that."

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

A: "I had a solo at Radio City Music Hall. I was with the seniors in New York with Miss Ru and we were on a tour with Radio City. I was separated with the tour and found a rehearsal hall with several of the Rockettes, so I asked for directions to the main foyer but then asked if I could sing for the four of them there. I sang 'Daddy's Little Girl' because I've done that at weddings and one of the girls cried and said they needed to call their father."



Mr. Fay's Corner

November, the month of saints (Nov. 1) and sinners (Nov. 2), politicians (Nov. 7) and veterans (Nov. 11), and those thankful for God's blessings (Nov. 23). It is during this time that we are more aware of community, family, and friends.

The Catholic Community, perhaps better known as the Communion of Saints, prays as one voice to give thanks, to request, to ask forgiveness, and to give praise to God. This communion, those in heaven, in purgatory and on earth speak as one

assembly with intercessory prayer. When we pray, singularly or collectively, we ask the body of Christ to join us. We request intercession from various saints to be with us, i.e., St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Scholastica for students or St. Sebastian for athletes. We gather, we pray, we believe.

In unison with the saints, may the St. Mary's family have a prayerful, and peaceful Thanksgiving. 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. *Limit one guess per student and the first to submit the correct answer wins. The winner will receive a Tim Horton's gift card!*

- This teacher grew up in Lancaster.
- Buffalo, NY has been their hometown their whole life.
- As a child, this teacher fell off of a 30-foot bridge.
- Their father and brother were both judges.
- They have one cat.
- Their classroom number is even.

Sports

Lancers Football: Not Last Year's Team

By: *Derek Johnson*

St. Mary's Football won their season opener against Bishop Timon St. Jude. The Lancers pulled off an impressive win, with a 33-0 final score. The Lancers are bouncing back from a tough season last year with a record of 1-9. This year the Lancers showed improvements and proved to the league that they aren't the same team as they were last year.

The Lancers have a few freshmen on the team who can definitely play their hearts out. The underclassmen are

showing that they can step up to the plate and prove to anyone how great they truly can be.

The Lancers begin playoffs on Saturday November 4.



Photo courtesy of Ms. Heist

JV Women's Soccer's Historic Inaugural Season



This season marked the first in St. Mary's history for a JV Women's Soccer program. With a roster of 15 girls, the team played a schedule of scrimmages, totaling 7 games in all.

"As far as we are aware, this is the first year of JV Women's Soccer at St. Mary's" said the school's Athletic Director and Women's Varsity Soccer Head Coach Brittany

Heist. "The first of a many many years. We are so excited about the direction the entire soccer program is heading in, an we can't wait to see what the future holds for our men's and women's JV and Varsity programs."

Golf Takes Home Division B Title

The Lancers really tore up the golf course all season, capping an 8-0 season with a Division B title.

This title is the first of many all Lancer programs are hoping to bring home in the 2017-18 season.

Take a look at some of the sweet new hardware to add to the trophy case (*right*).



Photo courtesy of Ms. Heist

Sports

St. Mary's Has 4 Fall-Sport Athletes of the Week



Left to right: Sophomore D'Jae Perry (football); Senior Jill Vitale (volleyball); Senior Libby Benzer (cross country); Sophomore Noah Winiarski (soccer)

Photos courtesy of The Buffalo News and St. Mary's High School

It's been quite the first couple months of the school's fall sports season for the Lancers! D'Jae Perry '20, Jill Vitale '18, Libby Benzer '18, and Noah Winiarski '20 have all been named Athletes of the Week by *The Buffalo News*.

D'Jae earned the honor after helping the Lancers to victory over reigning Section V Class C champion Bishop Kearney. He rushed 10 times for 243 yards and scored four touchdowns. On defense, he also made eight tackles.

Lancers Football Falls Short in OT

By: Frank Propis

This past weekend, the St. Mary's football team went on the road to Cardinal O'Hara in their traditional Week 9 rivalry matchup. It was a cold one, to say the least, and that sure showed in the game as the final was 6-0, as the Lancers fell short in double overtime. Our defense was absolutely stout, as it has been all season long, and we held it down all game and forced a few turnovers as well.

Jill's Athlete of the Week title came after quite the week for the volleyball team. They beat the No. 1 large school in Williamsville East and league rival Sacred Heart that week, while Jill herself had 32 assists against Will East, 37 against Sacred Heart, and totaled 95 more in a tournament in Rochester.

Libby has had quite the cross country season. Libby is coming off of a fourth place finish, out of 340 runners, in the McQuaid Invitational, with a time of 19:06. Libby is widely regarded as one of the best runners in Western New York, placing first out of all the small school runners in the West Seneca Invitational.

Noah earned his Athlete of the Week title after helping the Lancers to an undefeated record 13 games into the season. Noah also had 30 (yes, 30!) saves against Fredonia in a 1-0 Lancer victory.

The offense just couldn't seem to break off a score all day, even though they came so close on multiple occasions, including one play when Derek Johnson ran it all the way down to the one-yard line. From there, the Lancers couldn't punch it in, and it really killed the vibe of winning that game. The winning TD came on a one-yard run by O'Hara on fourth down, capping off one of the biggest defensive battles in all of WNY this season. The Lancers now head to Kenmore to take on St. Joe's at 2 pm Saturday in the MMA quarter-finals.

Winter Sports Start November 6th!



Calling all basketball and hockey players, bowlers, indoor track runners, and wrestlers!

Winter sports start on November 6, 2017. Make sure you have an updated physical and IHH form on file and receive your participant card before the first day of tryouts in order to participate!

See our Athletic Director Ms. Hesit with any questions or concerns.



The Arts

Fall Play Announced: *Arsenic and Old Lace*

By: Brianna Propis

On the outside, the Brewster sisters may seem like the sweetest and most charming ladies around, but little does their town or family know about the dark secret these sisters have been hiding for quite a while. When Mortimer, their neurotic nephew, discovers a dead body hidden in their window seat, all madness ensues as the other multitude of secrets about the Brewsters are unveiled. Join the Brewster sisters, their three polar opposite nephews, a crazed doctor,

and many more amusing characters in *Arsenic and Old Lace* this Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the Gus.

The cast has been working extremely hard on their roles almost everyday after school since the beginning of September, so come support the directors and the entire cast of the fall play by attending one of the performances of this "killer" comedy! Tickets are available in the main office for \$5, or they can be purchased at the door for the same price.

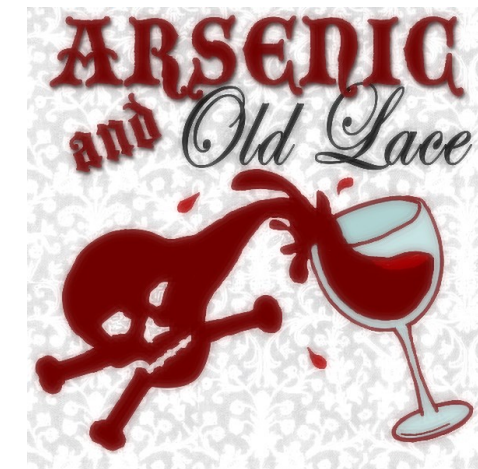


Photo courtesy of StageAgent.com

Cast List

Abby Brewster.....	Riley O'Malley
Teddy Brewster.....	Scott Brown
Martha Brewster.....	Molly Callahan
Officer Brophy.....	Andrew Domros
Mr. Gibbs.....	Jacob Fay
Mortimer Brewster.....	Joe Flading
Officer Kline.....	Julia Hartloff
Elaine Harper.....	Mackenzie Kwilos
Dr. Einstein.....	Vincenza LaMagna
Rev. Dr. Harper.....	Joe Lebron
Mrs. Witherspoon...	Stephanie Baran
Officer O'Hara.....	Kylie Wagner
Jonathan Brewster...	Matthew Walter
Lieutenant Rooney....	Jeff Zoyhofski

Student Assistant Directors

Brianna Propis '19

Madison Meredith '21

Logo Competition

Are you an aspiring graphic designer who would like to see his or her work published for all of our readers to see?

The Marian Gazette is looking to cement its place in school newspaper history with an awesome logo! Have any ideas on how to create a distinct look?

Please send all artwork as a jpeg, png, PDF, or a hand-drawn piece to Miss Kawa at akawa@smhlancers.org or leave a copy for her in the Main Office.



Photo courtesy of What's Up

Alumni News & Updates

Homecoming and Reunions Recap

This month, the classes of 1977 and 2007 celebrated their 25 and 10-year reunions respectively.

The Class of 1977 took part in St. Mary's Homecoming Weekend with a night out at Frank's Grille in Lancaster on Friday and then had a dinner at the school on Saturday.

The Class of 2007 also took part in St. Mary's Homecoming Weekend, with their Friday gathering at Bobby J's and a Saturday afternoon at the Lancer football game.

The Class of 2007



The Class of 1977

Alumni Quick Hits

- Dean of Advancement & Alumni Relations Amanda Rebeck visited Colleen Helak '03 at her new place of employment, M&T Bank Stadium, where Colleen is the Baltimore Ravens Guest Experience Manager.
- Hayley Lampart '12 will be a part of the *Kinky Boots National Tour*, playing Nicoletta. You can catch Hayley here in Buffalo at Shea's on November 17, 2017!



Ms. Rebeck with Colleen Helak '03

- Jeremy Banas '09 participated in the Empire State Ride this summer and helped raise over \$50,000 for cancer research.
- Alumni Peter P. Kamsyz '46 made a generous donation to the school and will have the new Finance Room named in his honor.
- High school sweethearts, Michelle Jezuit '11 and Danny Hamilton '11, got engaged this summer. Best wishes to the happy couple!

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 or by contacting Dean of Advancement & Alumni Relations Amanda Rebeck at arebeck@smhlancer.org or 716-683-4824 ext. 237.

Student Beat

The History and Meaning of Halloween

By: Ben Kosianski

The popularity of Halloween is growing exponentially. According to *Bibleinfo.com*, Americans spend over \$5 billion dollars annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday. In addition, a quarter of all annual candy sales occur during the Halloween season in the United States. But what is the meaning of Halloween and what does the name stand for?

The origin of Halloween as we know it, began around 1900 years ago in England, Ireland and Northern France.

It's original name was Samhaid, which was celebrated on November 1.

As the Celtic celebration of the new year, Samhaid/Halloween was the biggest holiday of the year and bonfires were large aspects of the holiday. Also, it represented the time when the souls of the dead could mingle with the living. Samhain remained popular until St. Patrick and other Christian missionaries arrived in the area. As the population began to convert to Christianity, the holiday began to lose its popularity. However, instead of eradicating pagan practices

such as "Halloween" or Samhain, the church instead used these holidays with a Christian twist to bring paganism and Christianity together.

The word "Halloween" literally means the evening before All Hallows Day or All Saint's Day, celebrated on November 1. Halloween is also the shortened name of Allhalloween, All Hallows' Evening, and All Saint's Eve, which is celebrated on October 31. The origin and meaning of Halloween is derived from ancient Celtic harvest festivals, but more recently we think of Halloween as a night filled with candy, trick-or-treating, pumpkins, and ghosts.

Opinion: Change Isn't Always for the Best

By: Elizabeth D'Andrea

Ever since I can remember cheerleaders have ALWAYS been in charge of Homecoming, and somehow, for whatever reason, that changed this year, and the cheerleaders were no longer in charge. I'm not going to lie, the cheerleaders weren't very happy about this decision. The cheerleaders had one thing that they got to enjoy and plan together for the school. Cheerleaders are usually underappreciated at this school, but when it came to homecoming we always got the utmost respect for putting together an awesome homecoming for everyone.

Putting together Homecoming made the cheerleaders feel like, for once, they had an important role in the school. This year for homecoming, we didn't have a powderpuff routine put together in time because no one asked us to put one together until a week before. We weren't asked to do a routine ourselves either, so we didn't get to plan an awesome routine because we had no time. As a senior, I was very upset that I didn't get to plan my senior Homecoming.

A lot of other sports have a role within the school for fundraising. For example, teams get to fundraise and do things to raise money for their sport. Our fundraiser had always been Homecoming, and we got to put something together that was fun for our school. Getting Homecoming taken away from us made us feel like we weren't trusted, and it was a huge let down. Despite what may have happened in the past, our group was never given a chance to prove ourselves.

The point of this article is to give Homecoming back to the cheerleaders next year. Although I'll be gone, when I get asked about my best memories of high school, they will forever be planning homecoming with my team, staying up late the night before homecoming to make everything perfect, laughing with my team, the pizza, and of course the moment when I look at everything we put together to realize how proud I am of my team.

Student Beat

Lancers Win School Pride Food Drive

Like “The Little Engine that Could,” St. Mary’s High School came out on top of the Village of Depew and Tops Friendly Markets School Pride Food Drive.

The food drive, which ran from September 11 through October 13, involved three area schools – Lancaster High School, Depew High School, and St. Mary’s High School – in an effort to donate non-perishable food items to three food pantries located in Depew – Tri-Community Food Pantry, St. Martha’s Food Pantry, and Trinity Food Pantry.

In addition to donating as much food as possible, there was a competition within the drive to see which school could bring in the most donated food items. Given the sheer size difference among the public school giants Lancaster and

Depew and the small, private St. Mary’s, the Lancers knew the uphill battle they faced, so the school got right to work devising plans on how to best get the entire student body involved: “We held an inner-school competition, offering the class that brought in the greatest amount of food a free dress down day, so all of the students really got into it,” said Amy Kawa, Director of Marketing and Communications. “We really promoted the food drive through in-school announcements, in our weekly newsletters and emails to parents, through our social media channels, and we held a dress down day on the last day of the drive, asking students to bring in at least one canned good for a final push.”

A press conference was held on October 14 to announce the winner of the School Pride Food Drive. Student representatives from each school were present to hear the announcement.

Depew Trustee and the organizer of the entire food drive, Audrey Hamernik, declared St. Mary’s the winner of the drive, awarding the school a beautiful, wooden plaque to display in the school for one year and a sponsored dance at a to-be-determined date.

St. Mary’s senior, Chelsea Okon was one of the student representatives at the press conference and was thrilled to be a part of the whole day: “Thank you to the Village of Depew and Tops for affording us the chance to participate in such a wonderful cause. I know I speak for all Lancers when I say what a great feeling we’ve had over the last month,” Okon said. “To see the culmination of all of our donations, knowing we have helped provide meals for people in need that we might see on a daily basis – that’s the real prize. The whole process has been so rewarding.”



Alyssa Okon '21, Chelsea Okon '18, Andrew Wargo '18, and Emma Ridolfi '20 pose with winning plaque.

College Consortium Gets Students Thinking About Future

Earlier this month, about 12 colleges from across New York State came to St. Mary’s to provide information and answer any questions students may have about the college application process. St. Mary’s knows that the college selection process can be a

stressful time, whether you’re a student in any grade or a parent, so the school tries to plan things, like this event as often as possible to try and take more and more of the unknown out of the equation.



Student Beat

Rare September Heatwave Breaks Old Records



By: Matthew Swiatek

There was an unusual heatwave in late September, and people treated it as if it were summer. Records have been broken with this uncommon heatwave. June 27 was 89 degrees, which was originally the highest temperature of 2017, until the following week, in which we had back-to-back temperatures of 90 degrees. That was September’s second-longest streak of 80+ degree days on record in Buffalo. Prior to that, it reached 80 degrees for 13 straight days from Sept. 3 to Sept. 15, 1947.

Everyone is now wondering what these heat waves that late in September could possibly

mean for us during winter time. Some have blamed global warming for this unusual change of weather, though some disputed that these temperatures have been in other Septembers.

Most Buffalonians do not care about the cause of the weather, but are using it to their advantage and having fun. Canalside has been packed lately, along with Woodlawn Beach, where people hang out and stick their toes in the water. Unfortunately, it is starting to look like cooler temperatures are here to stay.

Freshmen Retreat Brings Class Together

The Class of 2021 went on retreat this month to grow closer to God and together as a class. The students had a wonderful day, thanks to the planning of the seniors on Retreat Peer Ministry, Religion Department Chair Mrs. Powers, and Campus Minister Deacon Robb Ciezki. Thank you to Our Lady of Pompeii for hosting all of the festivities.

Here is to a memorable 4 years ahead for our freshmen!



Photo courtesy of Mr. Weiss

Summer Music Breakdown

By: Shala Wright

This past summer welcomed many head boppers. With new artists and new genres, this summer’s playlist was definitely a lit one. Out with the old and in with the new—throwing out the Taylor Swift bandwagon and Jason Derulo autotune, and disregard tired old rapper Nicki Minaj. We welcomed the new wave of Cardi B. and a wider Bruno Mars fan fave. Cardi B. broke

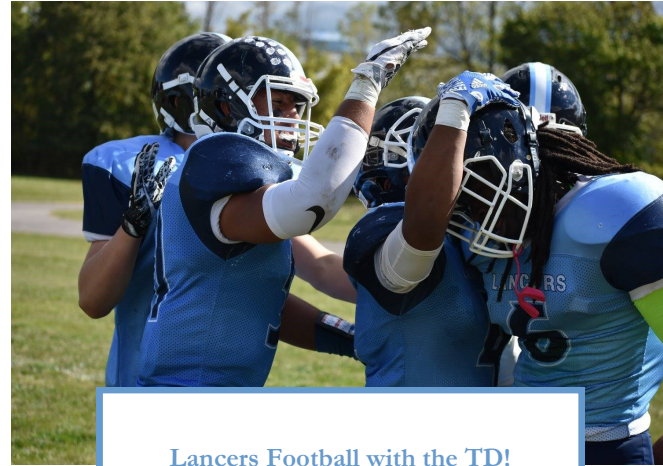
records in both pop and hip hop music. Artists like Jay-Z, Daniel Caesar, H.E.R, Migos, and Lil Uzi Vert shined in the music industry, releasing dope albums. More music is becoming urban and mainstream, meaning the music released has to be catchy, and many artists this year successfully made anthems for the summer of 2017.



Fall Sports Photo Page



The Cross Country Team after a meet at Como Park.



Lancers Football with the TD!



Men's Volleyball gets ready to roll.



Women's Varsity Volleyball talks strategy.



Cheerleaders get everyone pumped!



Senior Nights for the Men's and Women's Soccer Teams.

Photo Page



Father Richards begins our October Liturgy



Hopeful Freshmen Class Officers



Eager tour guides at our annual Open House

Homecoming Week Photo Page



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School Calendars - November 2017



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Class Meetings/All Saints Liturgy Ext. Homeroom & PM Liturgy Sched	2 Registration deadline for 12/2 SAT	3 Registration deadline for 12/9 ACT Fall Play 7:30pm	4 SAT Exam Fall Play 7:30pm
5	6 Winter Sports Begin	7	8	9 End of First Quarter	10 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	11
12	13 Fall Sports Banquet 6:30pm	14 Sophomore Retreat NHS Induction Ceremony 6pm	15 Fac/Staff Meeting 2:30pm Admissions Test Review Class 4pm - 6pm Senior Trip Departs	16 Admissions Test Review Class 4pm - 6pm	17 Admissions Test Review Class 4pm - 6pm	18 HSPT Admissions Test 8am - 12pm
19	20 Senior Trip Returns	21 Thanksgiving Prayer Service	22 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	25
26	27	28	29	30		

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 2017
Menu is subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 National Nachos Day NACHOS GRANDE WG Spanish Rice V Refried Beans V	 TACO TUESDAY! TACO IN A BAG Rice V Mexican Corn V	 BAKED PENNE MARINARA V Side Salad V Applesauce V	 Build Your Own CHICKEN SOUVLAKI BAR Romaine, Grilled Chicken, Feta Cheese, Tzatziki Sauce Pita Bread V/WG Fresh Fruit Cup V	 CHICKEN FINGER SUB Potato Chips V Tomato Cucumber Salad V
 National Nachos Day Spanish Rice V Refried Beans V	 TACO TUESDAY! TACO IN A BAG Rice V Mexican Corn V	 PESTO PASTA w/CHICKEN Side Salad V Roasted Vegetables V	 Build Your Own BURGER BAR French Fries V Fresh Fruit Cup V	 NO SCHOOL
 POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL (Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, and Gravy) Mashed Potatoes V w/ Gravy Roasted Apples V	 TACO TUESDAY! HARD SHELL BEEF TACOS WG Cilantro Lime Rice V Mandarin Oranges V	 STUFFED SHELLS w/ RED SAUCE V Side Salad V Roasted Carrots V	 Build Your Own WAFFLE BAR Assorted Toppings Sausage Links Hash brown Patty V	 BUFFALO MACARONI & CHEESE V Celery & Carrot Sticks V Breadstick V
 CHICKEN PARMESAN Buttered Noodles V Caesar Salad	 Thanksgiving Dinner ROASTED TURKEY BREAST Stuffing Mashed Potatoes V w/Gravy Cranberry Sauce V	 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	 Happy Thanksgiving	 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL
 GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH Potato Chips V Pineapple V	 National French Toast Day FRENCH TOAST STICKS V/WG w/SAUSAGE LINKS Hash brown Patty V Fresh Fruit Cup V	 CHICKEN & BROCCOLI ALFREDO Side Salad V Italian Green Beans V	 Build Your Own MAC N-CHEESE BAR Assorted Toppings Cucumber Salad V Peaches V	 GOOD NUTRITION MONTH

Personal Touch Food Service
 Chef Manager: Ryan Covelli

SERVED DAILY:

- Entrées \$ 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 & 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
- Bogel 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 Cookie \$.95 or 2/\$1.00
- 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
- Choice of Side
- Milk or Bottled Water
- \$4.30**
- With Intense Milk
- \$5.00**
- WG = Whole Grain
- V = Vegetarian*
- *Allows egg and milk

For the latest school calendar updates, please visit smblanders.org.