

CURRENTS

Mrs. Tytka named "Math Hero"

Raytheon Company in Waltham, Mass., recognized 32 teachers from 18 states as "Math Heroes" for their effective, innovative methods to promote student enthusiasm and achievement. Nominated by students, parents, and school administrators, these teachers are honored for using interactive and creative learning approaches to make math real and relatable for their students.

Raytheon recently announced that Mrs. Lynn Tytka, a math teacher at St. Mary's High School, has been named a "Math Hero," one of only two in New York State.

A teacher at St. Mary's since 2005, Mrs. Tytka has over 20 years of teaching experience. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Canisius College and a Master's Degree from the University at Buffalo. Mrs. Tytka presently teaches Advanced Placement Statistics, Algebra II/Trigonometry



Honors & A-level, and Algebra II B at St. Mary's.

A resident of Lancaster, Mrs. Tytka and her husband Christopher have four children, Brandon, Kaitlyn, Collin, and Ryan.

"Teaching at St. Mary's has been a blessing," Mrs. Tytka said. "I'm excited to be a recipient of this award, and to be able to use this grant to further enhance the learning of all our students. St. Mary's has been a second home to me and my four children."

In her application for the award, Mrs. Tytka explained how she has tried to be creative and enthusiastic about math to make learning more interesting, not boring and difficult. She sings, dances, and stands on desks to make learning more fun, and, as a result, students are more successful.

"When you read the description of this prestigious award, Lynn Tytka immediately comes to mind," said Rebecca Kranz, Principal of St. Mary's High School. "Multitudes of our students over many years have considered her a 'Math Hero' for the incredible amount of time she spends helping her students. Lynn is a 24-hour teacher: she doesn't stop at dismissal time. She is involved in numerous activities, and she makes herself available to help students morning, noon, and night.

"The entire St. Mary's community is proud to have Lynn as part of our Lancer family and pleased that she was recognized by this national organization for the wonderful things she does every day," Mrs. Kranz concluded.

Mrs. Kranz announced the award to the entire school as part of a recent pep rally, where Mrs. Tytka received a standing ovation from the student body.

Winners of the Math Hero Award are selected based on compelling submissions from nominators on the effective and creative ways teachers work with students in math, drawing on new and advanced approaches. Each Math Hero receives a \$2,500 award and a matching grant for their school.

Be thankful for opportunities

Dear Family & Friends,

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I am reminded of all the wonderful opportunities available to the students, parents, and faculty here at St. Mary's.

November is a month that is full of extraordinary events that showcase the variety and depth of the options offered to the St. Mary's family.

Even though we are almost through a quarter of the school year, there are still so many chances for you to come and take part in all we have to offer. The Performing Arts fall play *Teen Antics*, the Junior Recognition Mass, the Bash for Cash, playoff action in several sports, and the



First Quarter Follow-up & Parent Educational Presentations are just some of events that are happening this month.

We range from the spiritual, to the academic, to the athletic, to the artistic – all within a few short days.

I know that we are all busy this time of year, and with the weather about to turn dreary we sometimes don't

have the desire to venture out of our nice warm homes, but don't miss the chance to see all of what St. Mary's has to offer.

I hear it from students all the time that they love when they see parents, faculty, and other students at their events. It makes their experience so much more

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First Quarter Follow-up is November 18 *Taking place this year from 5-7 p.m.*

First quarter report cards will be distributed to parents on Monday, Nov. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The faculty will be present at this time, giving parents the opportunity to meet with their sons'/daughters' teachers briefly, if desired.

A parent-teacher conference is an excellent opportunity for parents to both give and receive information.

To make parent-teacher meetings productive, the following general topics and related questions are suggested:

- **Homework** – Is my son's/daughter's homework completed accurately and on time?
- **Focus** – Does my son/daughter pay attention in class?
- **Class Participation** – Does my son/daughter participate in class by asking questions and volunteering answers?
- **Class Time Management** – Does my son/daughter use class time wisely?
- **Organization** – Does my son/daughter come to class prepared (homework, textbook, notebook, writing supplies, etc.)?
- **Strengths and Weaknesses** – What is my son/daughter good at doing in this course? What does he/she need to work on?
- **Suggestions for Improvement** – What are your suggestions or advice for my son's/daughter's academic success in this class?

- Add other questions tailored to individual courses.

If a parent is unable to pick up the report card on November 19, the student will receive the report card in school the following day.

Important Note: As stated in the Tuition Policy, "Report cards will not be distributed to parents or students when two or more months of tuition are past due." If your account is past due, please make the necessary arrangements so that you may receive your child's report card.

Parent Educational Presentations are same night

On Monday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., St. Mary's will be hosting College Preparation Sessions (workshops) for our parents.

The sessions are designed to be informational in nature, helping you better assist your student with post high school options.

Included that evening will be three different sessions.

- **Seniors** – Financial aid officers from Hilbert College will be here to present on the financial aid process, different types of aid available, and where to seek help. This session is ideal for our Senior parents.
- **Juniors** – For our Junior parents, the College 101 session will help you understand the college search,

visitations, application process, SAT/ACT tests, and what to expect in the spring of the Junior year and fall of Senior year.

- **Sophomores & Freshmen** – Sophomore and Freshman parents are asked to join us for a presentation given by some college admissions representatives from local colleges to share the importance of a solid transcript, being involved in high school, community service, and SAT/ACT scores.

These sessions are intended for our parents only. We will be having separate student presentations at school in January. Please contact the Counseling Center with any questions. Please contact the Counseling Center with any questions.

SMHS getting new phone service

In mid-November, St. Mary's High School will be getting a new phone system.

The reason for the change is the ability to upgrade many of the features available to the faculty and staff of St. Mary's.

One of the most exciting features of the new system will be the establishment of voice mail for each of the teachers. Parents and students will now be able to leave a voice message for teachers, with the call to be returned when the teachers are available. This system will further advance the goal of increasing parent/teacher communication for the betterment of the students' education.

The list of teacher extensions will be posted on the St. Mary's website (www.smhlancers.org) once the new system is in place.

Parents should also note that with the new system phone extensions will have to change, as the new system now has three digits. For convenience, all present extensions will just be adding a 2 in front of the present extension. For example, Mrs. Fiume's new extension will be 227; Mrs. Murphy will be 220. These will also be listed on the website very soon.

Please
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Admission Exam

November 16

8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

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St. Mary's supporting Operation Give Back

Turner Construction Company, the largest general builder in the United States, located in the Waterfront Village, will partner with the tenants of the complex and other local organizations to help collect gently used coats, gloves, boots, hats and more to help prepare St. Luke's Mission of Mercy for when the winter temperature goes below 10°.

St. Mary's High School is participating in this "Operation Give Back" in two ways:

- From November 17-22, the Campus

Ministry Team will be collecting winter clothing at school. Students and families should bring in their new or gently used item to be given to St. Luke's. As added incentive, the class that brings in the most items will receive a free Pride Day.

- On Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, St. Mary's will serve as a drop-off point for members of the community to bring in their donations to this very worthy cause.

St. Luke's opens their doors from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. every night to anyone needing a warm and safe place to stay, warm clothes to wear and warm food throughout the cold night.

Turner's Buffalo office is spearheading the community initiative and is proud to partner with many of the complex tenants such as: M/E Engineering, Parsons, Prudent Engineering, Time Warner, Pioneer Companies, LCS, Inc. Synacor and St. Mary's High School.

Former NFL player speaks at St. Mary's about faith, friends

Mike McCoy, a retired NFL player for the Green Bay Packers, Oakland Raiders, and New York Giants, came to St. Mary's



Junior Agatha Milholland participates in a demonstration by Mike McCoy about who young people should listen to in their lives.

High School on Monday, Oct. 21. The theme of his talk was "Play Like a Champion," the sign found in the football locker room at the University of Notre Dame, where Mr. McCoy was an All-American.

In his talk, Mr. McCoy shared some of the lessons that he has learned throughout life, especially regarding faith, friends, and resisting the "Landmines in the field of life." He shared stories of people that he has met throughout his life — whether in high school in Erie, Pa., in the NFL, or at his talks to students throughout the nation. He explained that God has given all people the gift of free will, how decisions determine destiny (what he called the Three Ds), and how choices determine who or what everyone becomes.

Mr. McCoy also challenged the students to turn away from their bad choices - sex, alcohol, and drugs - and to commit themselves to read the Bible, especially the Book of Proverbs.

More information on Mr. McCoy and his work is available at mccoy77.com.

Hispanic Heritage Month



Sophomore Alex Hokaj tries to break a piñata as St. Mary's celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month.

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enjoyable, and maybe even more important it shows them that all the hard work is appreciated. I hope that we all take advantage of this month and go out and witness all that St. Mary's has to offer.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work here and be around these talented students and I look forward to seeing all of you at the next event.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving. Sincerely,

Matt Ard

Dean of Student Affairs

Students/Teacher of September



Brooke Kacala



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Learning is more than just grades

You probably ask your teen how he is doing in school. You may ask how science is going. Or if English is getting any easier.

But what are you really asking? Chances are you want to know how your teen's grades are. That is an important concern, but the learning process is just as important.

Show your teen you are interested in what he is learning, not just his grades, by asking him:

- About the book he is reading. Can he give you a brief summary of the plot? Does the story remind him of anything in his life or of anything he has read before?
- About his most recent test. But don't ask about the grade. Does he think the test was a good way to

measure how well he knew the material? Why or why not?

- About accomplishments in learning. How did he handle the most difficult science problem he recently faced?
- If he has had any class experiences that changed his way of thinking. You may be able to share some of your own school experiences that had a similar effect on you.

Questions like these show your teen that you are interested in what he is thinking. They also show you are concerned about his development. Both of these should let him know that learning is about far more than grades.

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Peer pressure can be good thing for a teenager

Parents often think of peer pressure as a negative force. But that's only true if your teen is feeling that pressure from negative people!

Here's how to help your teen experience positive peer pressure by encouraging activities that allow him to meet other teens who share his interests and your family's values:

- Encourage participation in extra-curricular activities at school. This is probably the easiest way for your teen to meet a positive peer group. If he hasn't joined anything yet, look at the school website together and try to find a club that meets his interests.
- Ask your teen to consider service clubs as well as youth groups at houses of worship. If transportation is a problem, help your teen

arrange a carpool.

- Encourage your teen to entertain friends at your home when you will be there. It's important for you to know who your teen's friends are, and this is a great way to find out! Make your home a favorite hangout spot by offering movies and a variety of snacks.
- Seek out the parents of your teen's friends. Talk with them about the rules they keep and the values they share with their children. You will probably have something in common. And you'll be able to counter your teen when he tells you everyone else is allowed to stay out as late as they want to.

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Six wishes of teachers

Students who are respectful in school always come out on top. They know how to treat others. They behave in the classroom and pay attention. As a result, they contribute to a productive learning environment and are likely to experience academic success.

Unfortunately, many of today's teens don't understand the importance of manners in the classroom. Remind your teen that teachers appreciate students who:

- Always say please and thank you.
- Listen when the teacher or another classmate is speaking.
- Treat teachers and other students with respect.
- Ask for help in a polite manner.
- Say they're sorry – and mean it – when they do something wrong.
- Express their ideas without putting others down.

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Discover teen's homework style

Does your teen spend hour after hour on homework that should take no more than two hours to complete? If the answer is yes, experts suggest finding your teen's "homework style."

- Ask your teen these questions:
- In which room do you like to do homework? Being comfortable in your surroundings can make a big difference in your ability to concentrate.

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Campus Ministry



Church year is coming to an end

November is the 11th month and the 11th hour of the Church year. The liturgical season comes to a close as we celebrate the 31st, 32nd, and 33rd Sundays of Ordinary Time; on the last Sunday of November and the liturgical year, the Catholic community will honor Christ as King.

Zacchaeus, the short, who pines to see Jesus, climbs a sycamore tree to get a better view. Jesus calls him by name and dines at Zacchaeus' home. In the process, Zacchaeus has a change of heart and vows to follow Jesus and be just as a tax collector (November 3).

In contrast, the Sadducees attempt to trick Jesus by asking Him a question about the Resurrection. The irony was that the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the body or any life after death (November 10).

The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time is Luke's "end times" description. Jesus talks of cataclysmic signs announcing His

second coming. Even though we have experienced many of these omens, the Christian Community still awaits. We recognize the presence of His Holy Spirit daily and the presence of Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Thus will end Ordinary Time.

The last Sunday (November 24) celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel account, the King will mount His throne of the cross and be crowned with thorns. The repentant thief asks the King to be part of His Kingdom and his request is granted.

The plan for us for November is simple; find Jesus, like Zacchaeus; don't misuse the gift of faith, like the Sadducees; be ready for the coming of Christ; and seek forgiveness of sins and accept the gift of eternal life.

To all potential saints, may your Thanksgiving be happy. *Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.*

Please continue to support SCRIP Program

Here are some notes regarding the St. Mary's High School SCRIP Program:

- Christmas is coming! Now is the time to start ordering gifts. It will feel wonderful to be ahead on your shopping. Also, you can use the cards to shop for gifts, especially if you like to shop

on Black Friday.

- As the season progresses and gets busier, Great Lakes will not guarantee shipping times, so orders may come in later than usual. In such cases your order may not get sent home in the same week. In the past, gift card supplies have run out – it is good to order early so you get what you need.
- The following is a schedule of SMH ordering for the holidays:
 - November 4, November 12, November 18 (there will be no order placed Thanksgiving week)
 - December 2 (orders may not be sent home until Monday, Dec 9, due to high volumes of orders at GLSC),

December 9, December 16.

- Orders are placed on Monday mornings. Please send your orders in by 10 a.m. Please check your totals and make sure they are correct so there is no hold up with filling your order.
- Please support local retailers. We have Crusciki Bakery, Delta Sonic, Depew Deli and LT's Pizza and Subs (Lancaster location). To order SCRIP, go to the St. Mary's webpage (smhlancers.org), click on the SCRIP icon, print out the order form, and send the form with your payment to the Main Office. Thank you for your support of this program!!

Homework style (continued from page 4)

- What are the distractions in that room? Some teens can focus with some background noise. Others require complete peace and quiet.
- Do you like to sit at a desk or table when doing your homework? Or do you feel more comfortable on the floor or in a cozy chair?
- When do you feel most alert? Is that when you do homework? Moving homework time from after dinner to before dinner may make a difference.
- How many breaks do you take? Experts suggest taking short breaks every 30 to 60 minutes. But too many breaks can interfere with concentration.

Based on these answers, have your teen develop a "homework style." The payoff will be more productive homework time!

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Bash for Cash is November 8

Bash for Cash (formerly Galaxy of Prizes) will be taking place at St. Mary's High School on Friday, Nov. 8.

For those new to the event, Bash for Cash combines a cash give-a-way with an evening of fun and food.

The grand prize is \$10,000, while there are also 61 other prizes ranging from \$50 to \$3,000. And every entry has a chance



for every prize. Every ticket purchased allows two adults (must be 21) to attend the festivities which includes pizza, beverages, raffles, split clubs, and games.

More tickets are available by contacting Mrs. Pam Aquino, Special Events Coordinator, at 683-4824.

Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Mrs. Aquino.

A Haunted Homecoming



The Court



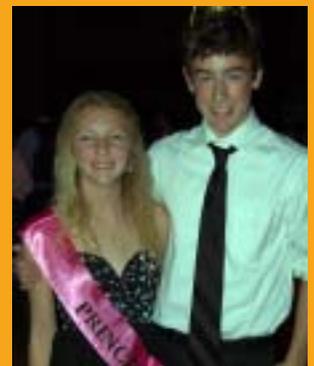
Cory Kieszak & Courtney Labenski



Matt Wierzbicki & Paige Burkard



Julie Pijacki & Nick Kobis



Sydney Zajac & Sean McCarthy

Girls' Soccer loses to Immaculata in championship

Freshman Hannah Pufpaff had two goals and junior Teresa Cronmiller had one as the Lady Lancers downed Buffalo Seminary 3-2 in the semifinals of the Msgr.

Martin League Small School Division.

In the finals, St. Mary's put up a great fight; however, they came up short on the scoreboard, losing 10-0.



Thank You Seniors – Coach Lenny Pfohl stands with senior members of the Girls' Soccer team prior to their Senior Game on October 15. This year's seniors are Rachel Molino, Allison Langley, Alexandra Casillo, Rylee Haffey, Meghan Helak, and Laura Cavallari.

Boys' Soccer falls in semis

The St. Mary's Boys' Soccer team had great a start in the Msgr. Martin Playoffs, as they have scored an awesome victory against Niagara Catholic before being defeated in the semifinals to Bishop Timon.

In the quarterfinals, Chris Nowak shut-out Niagara Catholic 2-0, with goals

coming from Joey Hamilton and Marco Matteini.

In the semifinals, the Lancers and Timon were tied 2-2 going into the second half before Timon scored three times to earn a 5-2 victory.

Congratulations, boys' soccer team, on a great season.

Boys' Volleyball season comes to a disappointing end

The Boys' Volleyball team entered the Msgr. Martin League Playoffs riding high. After all, they had earned second place in the league by splitting with St. Francis and sweeping O'Hara and usual league powerhouse St. Joe's. And their games over St. Joe's had been relatively decisive, including a three-game sweep on October 11. So when the Lancers drew St. Joe's in the semi-final match, the guys came in on a wave of confidence.

The semi-final match started off in the St. Mary's favor, as they won the first two sets 25-22 and 25-21. The Marauders proved to be a pesky bunch, however, preventing St. Mary's from winning before finally taking the third set 28-26. The fourth set also went the St. Joe's way, 25-19.

In the fifth and deciding set, the score

went back and forth before the Marauders eventually won the set and the match by a score of 26-24.

Congratulations to the Lancers on an awesome season.



Mark McManus was one of five seniors honored at Senior Night. Standing with Mark are his parents, Tom and Ruth. Also honored at Senior Night were Tyler English, Ben Evans, Marc Gonzalez, and Matt Wrobel.

Girls' Volleyball wins titles

The Lady Lancers Volleyball Team won the Msgr. Martin League and Playoff Titles, topping it off with a sweep of Immaculata 3 games to 0 on Friday, Nov. 1. To get to the finals, they scored playoff wins against Nichols and Mt. St. Mary's.

The Lady Lancers will look to secure another state title as they travel to the State Championship, to be held November 9 in Fresh Meadows, N.Y.



Erica Swannie, Jacqueline Steck, and Abigail Salamone were recently honored at Senior Night.

JV Volleyball wins title again

For the 5th season in a row the Girls' JV Lady Lancers have won the Msgr. Martin Championship with an impressive 16-0 record. This is the fifth year they have been undefeated (they currently have a 67 league match unbeaten streak). Their overall record this year is 26-4-1!

The second half of the season included a 3-0 win over Orchard Park, a 3rd place finish at the Lancaster Tournament, losing in the semis to Penfield (Roch) after beating Williamsville North, North Tonawanda, Clarence(split), and Sacred Heart. A 25-11, 25-10 crushing of Nardin at home and a season ending 25-15, 26-24 win over a spirited Immaculata squad highlighted the league schedule. The Lancers lost twice to Eden during the season with both matches going 2-1, and both third sets were 23-25.

In the title-clinching match at Sacred Heart, the Lancers beat the Sharks and the "ceiling" 25-16, 26-24 with Olivia Carl making several key defensive plays. Erica Michalski served the final two points to seal the victory.

Health Corner

Lung cancer is second most common cancer

By Francesca Rockwood '14
Healthy Lifestyles Club

November is Lung Cancer awareness month. This year, an estimated 228,190 adults (118,080 men and 110,110 women) in the United States will be diagnosed with lung cancer.

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer and the leading cause of cancer death for men and women. (source: cancer.org)

It is estimated that 159,480 deaths (87,260 men and 72,220 women) from this disease will occur this year.

Lung cancer makes up 14 percent of all cancer diagnoses and 27 percent of all

cancer deaths. For men, death rates have declined consistently for the past two decades, recently at a rate of about 3 percent each year. The death rates for women with lung cancer have stabilized since 2003 after increasing for several decades.

Smoking is the leading cause of Lung Cancer. Over 90 percent of lung cancer deaths result from smoking cigarettes. Smoking has very negative effects on people, which include trouble breathing, increased blood pressure, greater risk of getting an infection, and gum disease. When a person smokes or inhales second hand smoke they are inhaling over 4,000 different chemicals including

nicotine. 69 of these chemicals cause cancer.

Lung cancer is usually preventable as long as you don't surround yourself with smokers or smoke yourself. So make the positive choice and stay tobacco free. Negative choices will affect your health and the health of others (friends and family).

Always make good decisions. Making choices that could harm you increases your risks of disease. The best prevention of lung cancer is abstaining from tobacco use.

If you want more information on Lung Cancer you can contact the Roswell Park Cancer Institute at www.roswellpark.org/.

School Meals

We serve education everyday through healthy choices

November 2013 Menus

Breakfast – \$1
Reduced – 25¢

Served Every Day
7:15-7:45 p.m.

A la carte items:
Muffins – 75¢
Pop Tarts – 75¢
Orange Juice – 50¢
Milk – 50¢

Lunch – \$3
Reduced – 25¢

Students may
prepay for lunch for
one week or more –
\$2.75 per day

All lunches include
milk:
White – 1%
White – Fat Free
Chocolate – Fat Free

A la carte items:
Sandwiches – \$1.50
Other items vary
everyday!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
					1 Stuffed-crust pizza, chef salad, Garbanzo beans, carrots, fruit, milk
	4 Cheeseburger on roll, lettuce salad, oven fries, green beans, fruit, milk	5 No School	6 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas/carrots, fruit, milk	7 Spaghetti & meatballs, Romaine lettuce, dinner roll, corn, fruit, milk	8 Tacos, wraps, meat/lettuce/ cheese, salsa, rice, fruit, milk
	11 No School	12 Popcorn chicken, rice, Oriental vegetables, dinner roll, fruit, milk	13 Sahlen's hot dog on roll, baked beans, oven fries, fruit, milk	14 Chicken patty, Romaine salad, broccoli, tater tots, fruit, milk	15 Grilled cheese, tomato soup, hash brown patty, green beans, fruit, milk
	18 Turkey or ham sub, sweet potato fries, peas, carrots, fruit, milk	19 Tacos, wraps, meat/lettuce/ cheese, rice, salsa, tomatoes, fruit, milk	20 Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk	21 Grilled ham and cheese, sweet potato fries, corn, baked beans, fruit, milk	22 Stuffed-crust pizza, Romaine salad, broccoli, fruit, milk
	25 Baked ziti, chicken patty on roll, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk	26 Chicken finger subs, oven fries, lettuce salad, mixed veg- etables, fruit, milk	27 No Lunch	28 Happy	29 Thanksgiving!

November 2013 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p align="center">Mark Your Calendars Pancake Breakfast to benefit Grieco Family <i>Sunday, Dec. 15 – 8-10 am</i> at Zebb's <i>Southwestern Blvd. • Orchard Park</i> Tickets – \$6 each</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>Tickets available at the school or through Mrs. Tytka</i> <i>There will also be split clubs and a basket raffle.</i> <i>Anyone who wishes to donate a basket should send it</i> <i>to the school, Attention Mrs. Tytka.</i></p>				<p>1-A Day Ext HR / PM Liturgy Schedule (Freshmen Class Officer Speeches / Class Meetings / All Saints Day Liturgy) Photo retakes during lunches Fall Play 7:30pm</p> <p>WVB – Finals @ Canisius HS 6:30pm</p> <p align="center">Liturgy Dress Code</p>	<p>2 Admissions Test Prep Class 9am-12noon SAT Testing Day Fall Play 7:30pm</p> <p>Football @ O'Hara 2pm MSoc – Finals @ West Seneca Soccer Complex 3:30pm</p>
<p>3 WSoc - Finals @ Niagara University 10am</p>	<p>4-B Day Day of Remembrance Freshman Class Officer Elections in Homeroom Student Senate 2:30pm</p>	<p>5 Election Day NOSCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Faculty/Staff In-Service Curriculum Meeting 1pm Senior Trip Meeting 6:30pm</p> <p align="center">No School for Students</p>	<p>6-C Day Freshman Homeroom Rep Forms Due 2:30pm Campus Ministry Meeting 7:30am SEEK Meeting 2:30pm Junior Recognition Mass 6:30pm</p>	<p>7-D Day Pride Day for Seniors only (for bringing in most for Food Collection) Weekly Mass 7:30am in Chapel NHS Tutoring 2:30pm in Library</p>	<p>8-E Day End of First Quarter Pride Day Freshman HR Rep Elections Bash for Cash (formerly Galaxy of Prizes) 6pm</p> <p align="center">Pride Day</p>	<p>9 Admissions Test Prep Class 9am-12noon</p> <p>WVB - State Tournament Football – Quarterfinals</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day Observance</p> <p align="center">No School</p>	<p>12-F Day NHS Meeting 2:30pm</p>	<p>13-A Day Eucharistic Adoration New student physicals Principal's Ad Board Meeting 2:30pm</p>	<p>14-B Day Weekly Mass 7:30am in Chapel NHS Tutoring 2:30pm in Library</p> <p>Football - Semifinals at Ralph Wilson Stadium</p>	<p>15-C Day Sophomore Retreat 8am-2:15pm</p>	<p>16 Admissions Test 8:30am-12noon</p>
<p>17 Winter Clothes Collection for St. Luke's – Nov. 17-23</p>	<p>18-D Day Student Senate 2:30pm First Quarter Follow-Up 4-7pm Parent Educational Presentations 7pm</p>	<p>19-E Day Jeans Day SOUL - 7:20am</p> <p align="center">Jeans Day</p>	<p>20-F Day Campus Ministry Meeting 7:30am Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm</p>	<p>21-A Day Weekly Mass 7:30am in Chapel NHS Tutoring 2:30pm in Library NHS Induction 7pm</p> <p>Football – Finals at Ralph Wilson Stadium</p>	<p>22-B Day Senior Trip Departs 4pm</p>	<p>23 Senior Trip Drop-Off Day for Winter Clothes for St. Luke's</p>
<p>24 Senior Trip</p>	<p>25-C Day No School for Seniors Student Senate 2:30pm Senior Trip Returns 8pm</p>	<p>26-D Day</p>	<p>27-E Day Noon Dismissal Thanksgiving Prayer Service</p> <p align="center">Noon Dismissal</p>	<p>28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>29 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday</p>	<p>30</p>

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Senior Cory Kiebzak attempts to shoot baskets blindfolded during this year's Homecoming Pep Rally. More pictures are on page 6.

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