

# CURRENTS

## 2014 School & Regents Exam Schedule

Mon., June 9	Tues., June 10	Wed., June 11	Thur., June 12	Fri., June 13
<p>Classes Continue</p> <p><b>Academic &amp; Special Awards Ceremony</b> 6:30pm (See page 3 for information)</p>	<p><b>Last Day of Classes!</b></p> <p><b>Sports Awards Banquet &amp; Hall of Fame Induction</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>Service Awards Ceremony &amp; School Picnic</b> 12 noon Dismissal</p> <p><b>Buses 12:00 noon</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. English 9 Reg &amp; 9 Hon School Exam English 10 &amp; 10 Hon School Exam</p> <p>10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. <b>OPTIONAL</b> Review for Geometry Honors School Exam</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Christian Family Living School Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 2:20 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Earth Science School Exam Physics School Exam</p> <p><b>MANDATORY</b> Living Environment Review Walsh-Henshaw: 8-11am Conner: 8-9:30am Conner: 9:30-11am</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Algebra 2B School Exam Algebra II/Trig A &amp; Hon School Exam Geometry Honors School Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 2:20 p.m.</b></p>
Mon., June 16	Tues., June 17	Wed., June 18	Thur., June 19	Fri., June 20
<p>8-10 a.m. Understanding Catholic Christianity School Exam New Testament School Exam</p> <p>8-10 a.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for US History Regents Exam (Optional for AP US Students)</p> <p>10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for Sophomores taking Algebra II/Trig Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. PreCal Honors School Exam Spanish 1, 2, &amp; 2 Honors School Exam French 1 &amp; 2 School Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 2:20 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Algebra B School Exam</p> <p>8-11 a.m. US History Regents Exam</p> <p>8-10 a.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for Global Regents Exam (Optional for AP World Students)</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Living Environment Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for Juniors taking Algebra II/Trig Regents Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 3:15 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Global 9 Reg &amp; Hon School Exam</p> <p>8-11 a.m. Global Regents Exam</p> <p>9-11 a.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for English Regents Exam</p> <p>11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for Earth Science Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. AP Statistics School Exam</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Algebra II/Trig Regents Exam</p> <p>1-2 p.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for Computer Foundations Exam (optional for students with average of 95 or above)</p> <p><b>Buses 3:15 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. English Regents Exam</p> <p>8-11 a.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for Integrated Algebra Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-1:30 p.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Review for General Chemistry</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Geometry B School Exam</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Earth Science Regents Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 3:15 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. General Chemistry School Exam</p> <p>8-11 a.m. Integrated Algebra Regents Exam</p> <p>8-11 a.m. <b>MANDATORY</b> Geometry Regents Review</p> <p>12 noon-3 p.m. Geometry Regents Exam Physics Regents Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 3:15 p.m.</b></p>
Mon., June 23	Tues., June 24	Wed., June 25	Thur., June 26	Fri., June 27
<p>8-11a.m. Spanish 3 Checkpoint B Exam French 3 Checkpoint B Exam</p> <p><b>MANDATORY</b> Chemistry Regents Review Derrico 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Hider 12 noon-1:30 p.m. Derrico 1-2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Buses 2:20 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8-11 a.m. Chemistry Regents Exam</p> <p>12 noon-2 p.m. Computer Foundations School Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 2:20 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8-10 a.m. Health School Exam</p> <p><b>Buses 10:15 a.m.</b></p>	<p>Rating Day</p> <p><b>No Buses</b></p>	<p>Darien Lake Field Trip for Freshmen &amp; Sophomores</p> <p><b>No Buses</b></p>

# June exam information / policies

- Students only have to be in school for their scheduled exams/review sessions.
- If students are in school when they are not taking an exam, they should be in the cafeteria or the Library for quiet study (no games or other non-academic pursuits).
- Students are to be in Regular Dress Code for exams, though sneakers or sandals are allowed.
- Students do not need to be in dress code for review classes.
- Students must turn in their textbooks BEFORE taking their exam. Failure to do so may result in the student/parents being charged for their replacement. Textbooks should be returned to Mr. Kidder.
- Some teachers offer review sessions beyond what is listed in the exam schedule. Students should check with their teachers to see when these review sessions are scheduled.
- No cell phones, iPods, etc. are allowed in the Exam Room. These items must be checked in with the proctor BEFORE entering the Exam Room. Students having these devices during the exam face cancellation of exam and/or disciplinary action.
- Buses will pick up students at the usual time in the morning. The schedule for afternoon buses is listed on page 1 with the exam schedule with the following notes:
  - Alden, Depew, Cheektowaga, and Williamsville buses will only come at 2:20 every day.
- If students want to leave earlier or later than when buses arrive, they will need to provide their own transportation.
- All students, from every school district, who need bus service home must sign up for their bus in the Main Office BEFORE their exam. St. Mary's calls the districts each day to let them know how many students are taking the bus. If no one signs up, a bus will not be sent.
- No transportation will be provided on Friday, June 27, for the Freshman/Sophomore Field Trip to Darien Lake. Students must have their own transportation.

## School Policies Regarding Course & Exam Failures & Summer School

St. Mary's parents and students should be aware of the following information regarding end of the year failures and summer school.

- All students returning to St. Mary's in September must be current in fulfilling graduation requirements for their grade level. Required course and/or Regents exam failures **MUST** be made up before September.
- St. Mary's policy for passing a course – the overall average must be 65 or above and the final exam grade must be 55 or above.
- In order to receive Regents credit, the Regents exam grade must be 65 or above.
- The Counseling Center will mail failure notices on June 26 to all students who fail required courses and/or exams. This information cannot be given out by telephone. Summer school information will also be included with this notification.
- Registration for most summer school programs begins June 30, and classes for most programs begin July 7.
- Some public school districts offer summer school programs. **Parents are advised to contact their local public school district for specific information about the summer school program for their specific district.** Public school summer programs are available without extra fees to all private school students who live in the district.
- For students whose public school system does not offer summer school, or for students who would prefer another program, there are summer school programs that accept students from any school district. These programs charge a fee for each course.
- St. Mary's may be offering online credit-recovery courses. Contact the Counseling Center for more information.
- Occasionally a student seeks a private tutor instead of a summer school program in order to make up a course failure. Please note the following:
  - The tutor must be a teacher certified in that subject area. A copy of the certification must be submitted to St. Mary's Counseling Center.
  - The student must meet with the tutor for a minimum of 24 hours for a full credit course and 12 hours for a half credit course. The tutor needs to submit a log of the hours to the St. Mary's Counseling Center.
  - The student must take and pass a final exam (that is provided or approved by St. Mary's) or the appropriate Regents exam. **Those students who need to take a Regents exam must register at their district public school (or another site) to take this exam in August.**
- The tutor should call St. Mary's Counseling Center to arrange contact between the tutor and the St. Mary's Department Chairperson to discuss curriculum and the exam.
- Please be aware that this is usually much more costly than any summer school program.
- By July 7 the Counseling Center needs to be notified where course/exams will be made up. This can be done by telephone (683-2349) or email.
- Counselors may also be reached at the above number to address any questions or concerns.

### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING MATH COURSE FAILURES:

Please consult with your counselor before enrolling in a summer school math class. Math course names and numbers differ from school to school. It is important that you enroll in the course that best matches the curriculum that you need to make up. For this reason you may want to consider private tutoring.

## Awards Ceremony is June 9th

Each year, St. Mary's High School recognizes students at every grade level for their achievements both inside and outside of the classroom.

For freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, there will be a special awards ceremony that will take place on Monday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gus Galasso Performing Arts Center.

This awards ceremony and reception are an event created so that parents can share in the recognition being received by the student.

**Students that will be receiving an award that night have been notified by mail, so that families know whether to attend the ceremony. Families should let the Main Office know by Wednesday, June 4, if they plan to attend.**

Service awards will be given out during a ceremony with students during the school day on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Transportation Reminder

Several public school districts have contacted St. Mary's High School because many of our students have not requested transportation for the 2014-15 school year.

Bus transportation request forms were to be submitted to the public school districts by **April 1** for students who require bus service next year. These transportation forms were either included in the district newsletter or are available on the district's website.

Anyone who did not receive a transportation request form should call their school district, to be sure their children will receive transportation next year.

*Note – Buffalo and Lockport students do not need to apply for transportation, as this is arranged through St. Mary's.*

### Currents

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## – Notes from the Health Office – Medication Pick-up & Policy, Fall Sports

### Policy Regarding Medication Pick-up

If your student was prescribed medication during the 2013-2014 School Year and there is medication in the Health Office, this must be picked up by June 17<sup>th</sup> or it will be disposed of.

### Policy Regarding Medication In School

Forms are available in the Main Office, the Health Office, and on the school website. All medication, including *non-prescription drugs such as Tylenol, Motrin, etc.*, given in school must be prescribed by a licensed medical doctor.

A written request from the physician must be on file. This request must indicate the dosage and frequency of the prescribed drug. A written request from the parent to administer medication must be on file.

The parent must assume responsibility to have the medication delivered to the Health Office in a *properly labeled original container.*

### Fall Sports

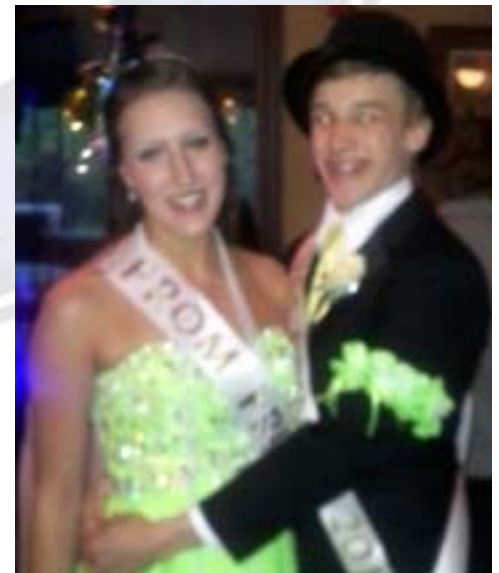
Anyone playing sports must have a

current physical on file in the Health Office. Students interested in playing a fall sport must complete and turn in the green Interval Health History form that will be mailed home in the late July mailing. This form must be completed **after** August 1<sup>st</sup>. This form must be turned in **on/before** the dates listed below. In addition, every student who plans on playing a fall sport must have a current physical on file in the Health Office by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Failure to comply will result in not being able to start practice with the rest of the team. Extra forms will be available in the main office and on the school website under the "Parent" section. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Murphy at 683-4824, ext. 220.

Sport	Physical must have been performed on or after this date and be on file in the Health Office	Interval Health History (IHH) must be completed by parent/guardian and returned to the Health Office by this date
All Fall Sports	August 1, 2013	August 8, 2014

## Prom Court 2014



King Mark McManus, Queen Sydney Irish, Princess Paige Burkard, and Prince Matthew Wierzbicki

# Students elect leaders for next year

The students of St. Mary's High School recently elected their student leaders for the 2014-15 school year:



*Austin Klink*



*Zachary Szpila*



*Kaitlyn Tytko*



*Madeline Wnuk*



*Allison Rusinski*



*Alexander Hokaj*



*Lonnie Bowlds*

Secretary – Carolyn Kidder  
 Treasurer – Jia Wei  
 “Jimmy” Gu  
 Homeroom Representatives – Benjamin Blackhall, Joelle

**Student**

**Senate**

President – Austin Klink  
 Vice Presidents – Zachary Szpila, Kaitlyn Tytko  
 Secretary – Madeline Wnuk  
 Administrative Assistant – Allison Rusinski  
 Treasurer – Alexander Hokaj  
 Chaplain – Lonnie Bowlds

Vice President – Gillian Sacco  
 Secretary – Kayla Murphy  
 Treasurer – Victoria Kwitowski  
 Homeroom Representatives – Jacob Concannon, Joseph Hamilton, Rebecca Hojna, Shelby Strausbaugh, Alexandria Szpila, Tia Piotrowski (Library Rep)

Cianciosa, Helen Gibson, Ann Hamilton, David Owczarczak

**Sophomore Class**

Co-Presidents – Charles Bristol, Victoria Jankowski  
 Vice President – Collin Tytko  
 Secretary – Sean McCarthy  
 Treasurer – Alex Paul  
 Homeroom Representatives – Asia Alexander, Anna Heerd, Kathryn Vogl, Nathan Waley, Sydney Zajac

**Senior Class**

President – Hannah Gresham

**Junior Class**

President – Julie Pijacki  
 Vice President – Kendra Ciezki

## Campus Ministry

### Commandment 6.0

Often grouped together are the sixth and the ninth commandments. The sixth, “You shall not commit adultery” and the ninth, “You shall not covet thy neighbor’s wife” both address the dichotomy between the virtue of chastity and the vice of lust.

Chastity is the virtue by which one lives a morally pure life and manifests this life by developing a healthy sexual identity. Chastity empowers the individual to appropriate sexual behavior and expression relative to age, personal relationships, and commitment. At the opposite side is the vice of lust. Lust is characterized by immoral sexual behavior and its expression. In a society where hedonism seems to be a vanguard, the Church teaches that selfish, lustful behavior is sinful.

Finding the proper balance between these extremes can be a difficult task. The media, in all of their forms, use and abuse God’s gift of sexuality for everything from selling tires (Bridgestone dancers) to evaluating an individual’s self-worth. The values of purity, modesty, and chastity have become so dulled, so often, that we fail to recognize them. The boundaries they set are trespassed without any awareness that certain behavior is wrong.

The mantra from the 1960s, “If it feels good do it,” permeates our culture. Our lives need the graces of prudence, temperance, and chastity to help us battle this daily struggle. God will provide if we ask.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.  
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## Mr. Derrico named NHS Teacher of Year



Chemistry teacher Mr. Albert Derrico was recently named the National Honor Society Teacher of the Year. Erin Neidhart, president of the Marian Chapter of the NHS, presents Mr. Derrico with a special gift in honor of being named Teacher of the Year.

### EARN FREE SUPPLIES at OFFICE DEPOT

Every time you give our School ID number when buying qualifying school supplies, St. Mary’s receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for Free Supplies!

The School ID for St. Mary’s High School is 70073221

# Lancer Happenings in Pictures



**Pass the Light** – Seniors share the candlelight during the Moving Up Ceremony, held on May 16.



**Artwork on Display** – Several pieces of art by St. Mary's students were on display at the Diocesan Art Show at St. Mary's School in Swormville.



**Yellow for Andrew** – St. Mary's students wear yellow in support of Andrew Masse, an eight-year-old boy with brain cancer, and in awareness of Childhood Cancer. The students are Tia Piotrowski, Paige Burkard, Kayla Murphy, Anthony Stitt, and Alexandria Szpila, all juniors at St. Mary's. (See the May Currents for Andrew's story.)



**Kid's Escaping Drugs** – Victoria Kwitowski (left) and Julie Sobczynski (right), members of SADD, present a check to a representative from Kids Escaping Drugs.



**Evening of Fine Arts** – Highlights from this year's Evening of Fine Arts included family members checking out ceramic and painting pieces, members of the Dance Club, and Vocal Ensemble.

# 2014 Summer Reading Assignment

## English 9 Regents and Honors

All freshmen **must read** *Night*, by Elie Weisel. In addition, **English 9 Regents** must read a **second book** from the following list; **English 9 Honors** must read **two additional books** from the list:

- *Alas, Babylon* (Pat Frank) – A story about civilization and life after nuclear war.
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Mildred Taylor) – This novel depicts the many dimensions of racism in the South during the 1930's. The Logans, an African American family, struggle to keep their 400 acres during the Great Depression.
- *Summer of My German Soldier* (Bette Greene) – During WWII, a young American girl falls in love with a German prisoner of war as she helps him to escape.
- *Ten Little Indians*, also titled *And Then There Were None* (Agatha Christie) – Mystery story of the murder of 10 strangers trapped on an island.
- *The Boys of Winter* (Wayne Coffey) – Non-fiction account of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" US Hockey Olympic Gold Medal team.
- *Mockingjay* (Suzanne Collins) – This is the final book of the *Hunger Games* trilogy.

### Assignment:

**Part I** – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book**; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.**

**Part II** – An in-class writing assignment will be given on Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, on *Night*; a second in-class writing assignment will be given on Wednesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, on your 2<sup>nd</sup> book choice; English 9 Honors will write a third in-class assignment on Thursday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, on your 3<sup>rd</sup> book choice.

## English 10 Regents and Honors

All sophomores **must read** *Lord of*

## Parent Partnership sponsoring Reading List book exchange

The Lancer Parent Partnership is hosting a Summer Reading List Book Drop/Exchange so that students can drop off previously read books from the Summer Reading List and then select up to two books for their current grade level reading list. Students may drop off books in the Main Office by Friday, June

6. Books will be displayed on tables in the Library by grade level from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9, prior to the Academic Awards ceremony.

We are asking participants to drop off a canned good for each book they take, which will then be donated to the Lancaster Food Pantry.

*the Flies*, by William Golding.

In addition to this book, **10 Regents** must read **one** book from the following list; **10 Honors** must read **two** books from the following list:

- *In the Middle of the Night* (Robert Cormier) – Years before Denny was born, his father was involved in a tragic accident. The family doesn't talk about it, but the tragedy continues to haunt the family. When Denny decides to learn more about the accident, he becomes entangled in its web.

*A Night to Remember* (Walter Lord) – The author recounts the last hours of the *Titanic* from the perspectives of many of the ship's passengers.

- *Rebecca* (Daphne du Maurier) – The classic story of the second Mrs. DeWinter, who followed the man she loved from Monte Carlo to his lavish country estate, Manderly. There, she is drawn into the brooding passions of a romance dead but not forgotten – for always, everywhere, is the evil, eternal presence of ... Rebecca!
- *Briar Rose* (Jane Yolen) – The story of Briar Rose (Sleeping Beauty) is linked to the Holocaust when a young woman promises her dying grandmother that she will return to Poland and discover the truth about her past.
- *House* (Frank Peretti and Ted Dekker) – A supernatural thriller by this famous pair of Christian writers that gives new meaning to the phrase "haunted house."
- *Fahrenheit 451* (Ray Bradbury) – Bradbury's classic science fiction novel of censorship and defiance.
- *Castaway Kid* (R.B. Mitchell) – The true

story of an abandoned kid who was one of the last "lifers" in an American orphanage.

- *Saving Juliet* (Suzanne Selfers) – A modern-day teenage girl goes back to Shakespeare's Verona in an attempt to prevent the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet from happening.

### Assignment:

**Part I** – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book** you read; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.**

**Part II** – An in-class writing assignment will be done on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, on your summer reading books. It would be beneficial to take notes on theme, setting, characterization, and mood while reading.

## English 11 Regents

All juniors **must read** *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry.

In addition to this play, **English 11 Regents** must read a **second book** from the following list:

- *Black Boy* (Richard Wright) – A sensitive and rebellious African American youth survives a life of poverty, familial strife, and Southern bigotry to pursue his goal of becoming a writer in the North.
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* (Betty Smith) – A classic! Francie Nolan lives in turn of the century Brooklyn, New York.

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She struggles against all odds to survive and thrive.

- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (Mark Haddon) – This is the story of an autistic boy’s quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog.
- *Into Thin Air* (Jan Krakauer) – A first-person account of an expedition to Mt. Everest that turned from dream climb to nightmare.
- *Catch 22* (Joseph Heller) – A classic! In this satirical novel, Captain Yossarian confronts the hypocrisy of war and bureaucracy as he frantically attempts to survive.
- *What Happened* (Peter Johnson) – This novel, written by a Canisius High School graduate and set in an all-boys Buffalo high school, is an account of a car accident that unfolds slowly from the voice of an unnamed narrator.

**Assignment:**

**Part I** – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book**; include each word’s definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.**

**Part II** – An in-class writing assignment will be done on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, on your two summer reading books. Both assignments will be critical lens essays. Your English teacher will review the format of this type of essay

in class before Tuesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. **It would be beneficial for you to take notes on literary elements used by the authors in your summer reading books.**

## AP English Literature & Composition

AP Literature students **MUST** read *The Scarlet Letter*, by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and **two** additional works from the following list:

- *Animal Farm* (George Orwell) – A satirical fable set on a farm; events mirror the rise of Communism.
- *Black Boy* (Richard Wright) – A sensitive and rebellious African American youth survives a life of poverty, familial strife, and Southern bigotry to pursue his goal of becoming a writer in the North.
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (Mark Haddon) – This is the story of an autistic boy’s quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog.
- *A Raisin in the Sun* (Lorraine Hansberry) – This classic drama shows how the sudden appearance of money tears an African American family apart.
- *Catch 22* (Joseph Heller) – A classic! In this satirical novel, Captain Yossarian confronts the hypocrisy of war and bureaucracy as he frantically attempts to survive.
- *Wuthering Heights* (Emily Bronte) – The story of two childhood sweethearts, Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw, who grow up on the Yorkshire Moors. When Catherine marries another man, Edgar Linton, Heathcliff attempts to take revenge on the entire

Linton and Earnshaw families.

- *The Awakening* (Kate Chopin) – The story of one woman’s journey to self-discovery set in New Orleans at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* (Erich Maria Remarque) – A young soldier struggles to survive and questions the purpose of war during WWI.
- *Pygmalion* (George Bernard Shaw) – Eliza Doolittle becomes the focus of a bet between Professor Higgins and his friend. Higgins claims that by teaching Eliza to “talk like a lady,” he can make others believe that a low-class girl is a duchess.
- *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* (Tom Stoppard) – This drama spotlights two minor characters from *Hamlet* and shows the play from their perspective. This play, written as part of the Theatre of the Absurd Movement, is often ridiculous and humorous.
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (Zora Neale Hurston) – This classic African-American novel tells, with haunting sympathy, the story of Jane Crawford’s evolving identity through three marriages.

**Assignment:**

**Part I** – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book**; include each word’s definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This**

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## Seniors of April - June; Students/Teacher of April



Natalia Dziadosz – April



Erica Swannie – May



Mark McManus – June



Zachary Ineson



Alyssa Zimheld



Mark Cronmiller



Mrs. Lynn Tytko

# Reading Assignment *(continued from page 7)*

**vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.**

**Part II** – An in-class writing assignment will be done on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 9 and 10, 2014, incorporating all three summer reading books. Both assignments will be critical lens essays. Your English teacher will review the format of this type of essay in class before Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. **It would be beneficial for you to take notes on literary elements used by the authors in your summer reading books.**

## English 12 Regents

All English 12 Regents students **MUST** read *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte. In addition to this novel, English 12 Regents **MUST** read a second book from the following list:

- *Bleachers* (John Grisham) – As their football coach hovers between life and death, his former players gather at their high school field to recollect the good and bad times of their lives and high school football careers.
- *Farewell to Arms* (Ernest Hemingway) – Set in Italy, this is a poignant love story taking place against the backdrop of WWI. A classic!
- *The Bell Jar* (Sylvia Plath) – Sylvia Plath's only novel tells the story of college student Esther Greenwood – her nervous breakdown and fight to regain both her sanity and her life. A classic!
- *Native Son* (Richard Wright) – For Bigger Thomas, an African American man accused of a crime in the white man's world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations, and only death.
- *In Cold Blood* (Truman Capote) – The documentary account of a 1959 murder in a small Kansas town.
- *The Things They Carried* (Tim O'Brien) – These stories follow a platoon of American soldiers through a variety of personal and military encounters during the Vietnam War.
- *Ophelia* (Lisa M. Klein) – A retelling of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* through the voice of Ophelia.

**Assignment:**

**Part I** – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown vocabulary words found in each book; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.**

**Part II** – An in-class writing assignment will be done on **Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**, for the novel *Jane Eyre*. A second in-class writing assignment will be done on **Wednesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**, for the second book you chose to read. It would be beneficial for you to take notes on the following literary elements found in each book: setting, characterization, conflict and theme.

## AP English Language and Composition (Grade 12)

**Part I** – All AP seniors must read *Eats, Shoots, & Leaves*, by Lynne Truss; a punctuation test based on the punctuation rules discussed in the book will be given in class on **Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.**

**Part II** – All AP seniors **must** read *On Writing*, by Stephen King; this memoir will be used as our first in-class rhetorical analysis essay, to be written on **Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014** (this type of essay will be discussed and explained before the 10<sup>th</sup>).

**Part III** – Students **must** choose **one** of the following to read:

- *Farewell to Arms* (Ernest Hemingway) – Set in Italy, this is a poignant love story taking place against the backdrop of WWI. A classic!
- *The Bell Jar* (Sylvia Plath) – Sylvia Plath's only novel tells the story of college student Esther Greenwood – her nervous breakdown and fight to regain her sanity and her life. A classic!
- *Native Son* (Richard Wright) – For Bigger Thomas, an African American man accused of a crime in the white man's world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations, and only death.
- *In Cold Blood* (Truman Capote) – The documentary account of a 1959 murder in a small Kansas town.
- *The Things They Carried* (Tim O'Brien) – These stories follow a platoon of American soldiers through a variety of personal and military encounters during the Vietnam War.

**Assignment:**

This book of choice will be used as our second in-class rhetorical analysis essay, to be **written on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014.**

It would be beneficial for you to take notes on rhetorical elements used by King and the author of your third book; rhetorical elements include: tone, diction, syntax, irony, symbolism, ambiguity, allusion, arrangement, structure, connotation, figures of speech, style, repetition, etc.

**FYI** – you must discuss **3** rhetorical elements in a rhetorical analysis essay.



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# Lady Lancer Volleyball Information

**June 16-August 11** – Voluntary Open Gym every Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. Anyone interested in playing, including registered incoming freshmen, can participate.

**June 11-August 13** – Wednesday Summer League at Center Court Sports. JV (including registered

incoming freshmen) and Varsity teams play weekly at 6 p.m.

**July 21-25** – Middle School (Grades 6-8) Camp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$150 per player. Please inform those who might be interested.

**August 4-8** – Varsity (Grades 9-12) Camp from 9 a.m. to

2 p.m. \$190 per player.

**August 18-29** – Varsity & JV Tryouts/Practice

Varsity: Mondays & Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesdays & Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon (No practice Labor Day)

JV: Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 9-11 a.m. Varsity plays or practices every Saturday from September

6 through November 8.

**Varsity team: mark your calendars** for the Garden State Challenge at Farleigh Dickinson, N.J. – October 11 & 12

**For more information**, contact Varsity Coach Don Pieczynski (ivccs@aol.com) or JV Coach Dennis Zureck (dzureck@roadrunner.com)

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## Start dates for fall sports

Students planning to play a sport during the fall 2014 season should be aware of the following start dates:

- Football – Monday, Aug. 18th - 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. at school.
- Girls' Soccer – Monday, Aug. 18th - 8-10 a.m. at Westwood Park
- Girls' Varsity Volleyball – Monday, Aug. 18th - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at school
- Girls' JV Volleyball – Monday, Aug. 18th - 3-6

p.m. at school

- Boys' Soccer – Monday, Aug. 18th - 6:15-8:15 p.m. at Lancaster Middle School
  - Boys' Volleyball – Monday, Aug. 18th - 9 a.m.-12 noon at school
  - Golf – Monday, Aug. 25th - 1-2:30 p.m. at Walden Driving Range (bring your own clubs)
- More information will be available in the August issue of *Currents* or by calling Joe Rera, Athletic Director, at 683-4824, ext. 235

## April Lottery Winners

Apr. 1 .. 261 .. Anza Keith .....	\$25	Apr. 16 365.. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 2 .. 032 .. Jeff Bobeck .....	\$25	Apr. 17 056.. Mark Kozminski .....	\$25
Apr. 3 .. 036 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -	Apr. 18 110 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 4 .. 576 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -	Apr. 19 667.. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 5 .. 852 .. Janet Salamone .....	\$25	Apr. 20 429 .. Alice Helak .....	\$250
Apr. 6 .. 152 .. Mike Seeloff .....	\$50	Apr. 21 225.. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 7 .. 425 .. Laurie Galasso .....	\$25	Apr. 22 672.. Jennifer Cromer .....	\$25
Apr. 8 .. 304 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -	Apr. 23 288 .. Laura Schneider .....	\$25
Apr. 9 .. 811 .. Ticket Unsold .....	.....	Apr. 24 295 .. Thomas Snyder .....	\$25
Apr. 10 969 .. Donna Denz .....	\$25	Apr. 25 801 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 11 369 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -	Apr. 26 521 .. T&R McManus ... ..	\$25
Apr. 12 009 .. Anne Reitmeier .....	\$25	Apr. 27 635 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 13 975 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -	Apr. 28 323 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 14 485 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -	Apr. 29 309 .. Ticket Unsold .....	\$ -
Apr. 15 072 .. Kim Snyder .....	\$25	Apr. 30 222 .. Jill Oakes .....	\$100

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Athletic Department Lottery Raffle.

Look for information coming soon regarding next year's Raffle.

## Class of 2015 holding Senior Trip Fundraiser

The Junior Class of 2015 has been given approval to hold a fundraiser to earn money towards their Senior class trip and/or their 2015 Senior class graduation fees.

The Senior Trip will be taking place in November 2014.

The fundraiser will be a 'July 2014 Daily Draw Lottery'. This fundraiser will give each student, who chooses to participate, the opportunity to raise funds for their class trip.

Lottery ticket sales will be tracked for each student, and, once the prize payout of \$1,150 is met, a portion of each ticket sold by the student will be allocated to that

student seller to be used towards payment of their senior class trip as follows:

- 350-499 tickets sold; \$1.50/ticket
- 500-699 tickets sold; \$2.50/ticket
- 700-899 tickets sold; \$3.00/ticket
- 900-1,000 tickets sold; \$3.50/ticket

*Please note, it is anticipated that at least 500 tickets will be sold.*

Tickets are only \$5 each, with a maximum of 1,000 tickets to be sold. The more tickets sold, the higher the amount that will be allocated per ticket sold to the student seller's account.

For tickets, contact your favorite member of the class of 2015 or Mr. Kidder at [kkidder@smhlancers.org](mailto:kkidder@smhlancers.org).

## Lancer Parent Partnership

The Lancer Parent Partnership provided a catered luncheon for Faculty and Staff on Tuesday, May 6 in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week. The LPP wishes to acknowledge the dedication, commitment, and hard work of all the teachers and staff at St. Mary's. The ability to consistently go "above and beyond" what is expected of them makes the teachers and staff here at St. Mary's the best of the best, and the LPP thanks them for all that they do everyday!



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# June 2014 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2-F Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm	<b>3-A Day</b> Common Core Exams	<b>4-B Day</b> Pride Day Graduation Rehearsal 9am Graduation 6:30pm <b>Pride Day</b>	<b>5-C Day</b>	<b>6-D Day</b> Jeans Day <b>Jeans Day</b>	<b>7</b> SAT Testing Day
<b>8</b>	<b>9-E Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm Academic & Special Awards Ceremony 6:30pm	<b>10-F Day</b> NHS Meeting 2:30pm Last Day of Classes Spring Sports Banquet / Hall of Fame Induction 6pm	<b>11-Awards</b> Service Awards End of Year Picnic Noon Dismissal <b>Liturgy Dress Code then Picnic Wear</b> <b>Noon Dismissal</b>	<b>12-Exams</b> School Exams	<b>13-Exams</b> School Exams	<b>14</b> ACT Testing Day
<b>15</b>	<b>16-Exams</b> School Exams	<b>17-Exams</b> School / Regents Exams	<b>18-Exams</b> School / Regents Exams	<b>19-Exams</b> School / Regents Exams	<b>20-Exams</b> School / Regents Exams	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23-Exams</b> School / Regents Exams	<b>24-Exams</b> School / Regents Exams	<b>25-Exams</b> School / Regents Exams	<b>26-Rating</b> Rating Day End of Fourth Quarter	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Golf Tournament Summer Office Hours 8am-1pm	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

## School Meals

*We serve education everyday through healthy choices*

### June 2014 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Breakfast – \$1</b> Reduced – 25¢ Bagels, cream cheese, assorted cereal, muffin, juice, milk, fresh fruit <b>Served Every Day</b> 7:15-7:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>A la carte items:</b> Muffins – 60¢ Pop Tarts – 60¢ Orange Juice – 50¢ Milk – 50¢</p> <p><b>Lunch – \$3</b> Reduced – 25¢</p>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	Chicken finger subs, broccoli & cheese, fruit, milk	Baked ziti with meat sauce, chef salad, dinner roll, fruit, milk	Stuffed-crust pizza, chef salad, tater tots, fruit, milk	Chicken patty on roll, hash brown patty, fruit, milk	Grilled cheese, macaroni & cheese, carrots, fruit, milk
	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	To be announced	To be announced	School picnic		

### Have a great, safe summer!

*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!*

## *May Crowning*



Senior Victoria Rozler looks on as senior Nicholas Sugg places a crown on the statue of St. Mary at the school's annual May Crowning Ceremony.

## **In the June issue of *Currents***

- *June School & Regents Exam Schedule*
- *Policy regarding failures / summer school*
- *Students elect 2014-15 leaders*
- *Mr. Derrico named Teacher of the Year*
- *Pictures from several school events*
- *Summer Reading Assignment*
- *Fall Sports' information*
- *June Calendar & Menu*
- *And much more!*

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