

# CURRENTS

## Begin the year with the "end in mind"

Another summer has come and gone. Did you accomplish all that you had set out to do?

For St. Mary's High School this has been one busy summer. This past summer we took on the task of renovating, painting, and repairing many areas of the school. While there is still much more to do, I'd like to thank the many that have made this possible. From our maintenance staff – Mr. Sapar, Mr. Jagiello, Mr. McFadden, who worked long and hard to make ready the classrooms, hallways, and many areas of the school for the upcoming school year – to all of those that participated in summer work crew who went above and beyond the call of duty to paint, scrape, and clean, to many of our parents and alumni who assisted us in obtaining much of the labor and materials needed to achieve our results. And, finally, to fellow staff and faculty members and other volunteers for their hard work and



dedication to our students during the summer months.

However, the work continues. During the next six weeks we will be finishing the renovations on the Marian House, offices, and Art Gallery. So, during this time, please "pardon our dust."

As we begin the new school year we would like to welcome back returning students and freshmen of the class of 2018 and the many that have transferred into SMHS. We are proud and humbled that you and your family have chosen St.

Mary's. We are also very proud and honored to welcome two new faculty members who have joined us: Mr. Max Mauro, English teacher, and Miss Jennifer Anthonie, Chemistry teacher and new STEAM coordinator.

Also, other things to look forward to in the '14-15 school

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## Freshmen, what will your first weeks be like?

### When do you start?

Your first day of classes as freshmen will be Wednesday, Sept. 3. On that day, the only other students in the building will be your mentors. You will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Bus transportation will be available that day, both before and after school.

### Where do you go?

When you get to St. Mary's, you will report to homeroom. The lists of homeroom assignments will be posted in the hallway.

### What do you need to bring?

A book bag/back pack - that's all.

During homeroom, you will be given a locker assignment and a lock. (All locks for lockers MUST be issued by St. Mary's High School.) You will also receive a folder with paper and a pen to use for the rest of the day.

When you meet with your teachers, they will give you a few things. First, they will give you your textbooks. Also, they will be giving you their course expectations. This will list their grading policy as well as

The First Two Weeks of School				
<b>Mon., Sept. 1</b> No School Labor Day	<b>Tue., Sept. 2</b> No School Faculty/Staff Orientation 8am - 2:30pm	<b>Wed., Sept. 3</b> A-Day FRESHMEN ONLY 11:30 a.m. DISMISSAL Faculty/Staff Meetings 11:30am-2:30pm	<b>Thur., Sept. 4</b> A-Day ALL STUDENTS FULL DAY	<b>Fri., Sept. 5</b> B-Day ALL STUDENTS FULL DAY
<b>Mon., Sept. 8</b> C-Day Special Schedule Student Pictures Class Meetings Orientation Opening Liturgy Student Senate 2:30pm	<b>Tue., Sept. 9</b> C-Day Fall Play Auditions 2:30-4:30pm	<b>Wed., Sept. 10</b> D-Day Principal's Ad Board Meeting 2:30 p.m. Fall Play Auditions 2:30-4:30pm	<b>Thur., Sept. 11</b> E-Day	<b>Fri., Sept. 12</b> F-Day Fall Play Callbacks 2:30-5pm Opening Dance sponsored by Student Senate 8-11pm

what they expect you to do in their class. You will also receive a list of supplies you will need for each class.

We want your first day to be as pleasant as possible. If you have any

questions, please contact Mr. Grieco, Enrollment Director, or Mrs. Whitwood, Counselor for the Class of 2018.

We look forward to seeing you on September 3!

## Welcome, new teachers!

St. Mary's High School is pleased to announce the addition of the following people to the Lancer community:

- **Jennifer Anthone** – Regents & General Chemistry, STEAM Coordinator
  - **Michael "Max" Mauro** – English 9, Reading Development, Writing Development, Director of Campus Ministry
- Check out future issues of *Currents* for profiles of the new community members.



Miss Anthone



Mr. Mauro

## – Notes from the Health Office – New students need physicals

Students new to St. Mary's High School are required to have a physical exam on file in the Health Office. This applies to all ninth grade and transfer students.

If you have not turned in a physical form by October 1, 2014, your student will be assigned a physical with the school physician.

Anyone playing sports must have a current physical on file in the Health Office. If your student has not had a physical and is interested in playing a winter or spring sport, please contact the Health Office to schedule a physical.

Your student's health is important to achievement in school. There are health screenings that the school nurse will begin this month in Physical Education classes.

These are the guidelines from New York State: Height and weight measurement are given annually to each student.

Freshmen will have scoliosis screening if this was not completed by their primary physician at the time of their physical exam. Students new to St. Mary's High School and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students receive vision and hearing screening.

Please remind your student to wear contacts, or have his/her glasses on a regular basis. This will give us the correct results in our testing, and save you unnecessary visits to your eye doctor.

Parents will be notified in writing if your student has any difficulty with screenings.

If, at anytime during the school year, you feel that your student is having difficulty, please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Murphy, for screening; or if you have questions regarding height and weight.

If you have any questions, please call the school nurse, Mrs. Murphy, at 683-4824, ext.220.

## Driver Ed begin September 25

Did you know that St. Mary's High School has a Driver Education Program?

Working with Buffalo Driving School, St. Mary's offers Driver Education three times a year – fall, spring, and summer.

During the fall session, classes take place on Thursdays; in-car sessions are once a week.

Completion of this course satisfies the 20-hour graduated licensing requirement.

This program is open to St. Mary's students as well as members of the community. The cost is \$450. Classes begin September 25.

To sign up, go to the St. Mary's website, [www.smhlancers.org](http://www.smhlancers.org), click on Driver Ed at the top of the page, download the Registration Forms, and submit them with payment to St. Mary's High School.

The deadline to sign up for the fall session is September 10.

## Bash for Cash is coming October 25

Bash for Cash will be taking place at St. Mary's High School on Saturday, Oct. 25.

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.

On the day of the event, every ticket purchased allows two adults to attend the festivities which include pizza, beverages, raffles, split clubs, and games.

Tickets for the Bash for Cash cost \$50. They are available by contacting Mrs. Pam Aquino, Special Events Coordinator, at 683-4824, ext. 223.

Also, individuals interested in volunteering at the Bash for Cash should contact Mrs. Aquino.

### St. Mary's High School's Senior Class



## Chicken Dinner & Basket Raffle Saturday, Sept. 6 2-5 pm (or sold out)

Dinner Tickets - \$9 Pre-sale, \$10 at Door

For more information or tickets, call 683-4824

## Report Cards to only be printed at end of first quarter

The Administration of St. Mary's High School has made the decision that the school will only print students' report cards following the first quarter, which ends in November. These report cards will be distributed at the First Quarter Follow-Up, which takes place on Monday, Nov. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The report cards for the other quarters will be available electronically through the InfoNOW Student Information System. Families will be notified when the report cards are available for viewing.

More information regarding report cards will be available nearer to the end of each quarter.

## Student Handbook available

The 2014-15 St. Mary's Student Handbook is now available. It may be found by going to the St. Mary's webpage, [www.smhlancers.org](http://www.smhlancers.org), and clicking on "About."

The Student Handbook includes school policies (tuition, attendance, academic) and the rules and regulations (discipline code, dress code). The Handbook also contains the school's Code of Conduct, a list of Student Organizations, an explanation of Services and Resources, a map of the school, the class-time schedules, and much more.

**All students and parents MUST read the student handbook to ensure awareness of school guidelines.**

## Don't forget the blue blazer

Just a friendly reminder that new to the St. Mary's Dress Code for the school year is a requirement that all young men wear a navy blue blazer as part of the Liturgy Dress Code.

The requirements for the blazer are that it must be navy blue, single-breasted, and have two or three buttons.

To ensure that you purchase the correct style blazer, the Administration recommends buying it through Flynn &

O'Hara. This is only a recommendation; you may also purchase a blazer at Kohl's, JC Penney, the New York Store, or other clothing retailers.

The first day that these blazers must be worn is on Monday, Sept. 8, when the school will be celebrating the Opening Liturgy.

Any questions regarding the blazer should be directed to Mr. Matt Ard, Dean of Student Affairs.

## From the Enrollment Office Open House for Prospective Students 2014

The annual Fall Open House will take place September 18 and 19. Mr. Steven Grieco, Enrollment Director, is looking for families willing to place an

Open House sign on their front lawn for passing drivers to see. If you can help, please contact Mr. Grieco at 683-4824, ext. 237, or at [sgrieco@smhlancers.org](mailto:sgrieco@smhlancers.org).

## Upcoming Enrollment Events

### Admission Exam Prep Classes

Saturdays,  
November 1, 8, 15

### Admission Exam

November 22  
8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

## Please Spread the Word about St. Mary's High School's

# Open House

*for prospective students and their parents*

**Thursday, September 18 – 5-8 p.m.  
Friday, September 19 – 5-8 p.m.**

## Meet the Teacher Night is Sept. 8

St. Mary's High School will hold its annual Meet the Teacher Night on Monday, Sept. 8, beginning at 6 p.m.

This night – designed for parents (leave your student home) – will allow parents the opportunity to meet with their students' teachers, to learn more about the classes, homework assignments, and grading policies.

In addition to meeting the teachers, parents will also hear from Mrs. Rebecca Kranz, principal, who will discuss updates to school policies. Also, parents will hear from the Lancer Parent Partnership.

Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Hope to see you on September 8!

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# Counseling Corner

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## Teens care more about school when their parents are involved

By the time their kids reach high school, most parents aren't very involved at the school. That's even true of those who had been quite involved when their children were younger. But while being active at the high school level is different, it's still just as important. Teens care more about school when they know their parents care about it, too.

To show your teen that school matters to you:

- Attend back-to-school night. Ignore all protests from your teen that "you don't have to go," and "no one

else's parents are going." Go anyway and meet as many of her teachers as you can.

- Talk about school. Ask her about each of her classes and teachers. Which class is she most excited about? Which one does she think will be the most challenging? And don't stop asking questions once the school year becomes routine. Ask about school every day, even if it's just, "Tell me one thing you learned at school today."

- Try not to miss special occasions. You may not be able to make every

game or hear every speech, but make as many as possible. When you can't be there, let your teen know that your heart is with her.

- Chaperone. Volunteer to help out with one dance, game, or field trip. Again, ignore your teen's requests for you to stay away. Your involvement will show your teen that she is important to you.

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## Mr. Tramont *(continued from page 1)*

year include a new lunch program, more use of the courtyard, moving of some administrative offices, and relocation of our Dance Class and Club to the "Gus". These and many more have been accomplished through the generosity of many and with you, our students and your families, in mind.

As a student, you have two opportunities to celebrate a New Year: January 1 and that first day of school. With each New Year, I'm sure you spend some time making "new year's" resolutions. Unfortunately, most resolutions last a few weeks then fade away as we fall back to our former ways. In fact, statistics have shown that, 45 percent of all Americans make some type of New Year's resolution, but only 45 percent of those keep those resolutions for at least six months. That means that 75 percent don't make or make and cannot keep those resolutions for the year.

While making a resolution for the new school year – such as to study more, do better, get involved in more activities – is admirable and encouraged, it may not be enough to meet your goals. Instead of looking at changing just one specific item, I encourage you to look at the broader picture.

Back in the 1980s Stephen Covey wrote a book called *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Mr. Covey spent many hours interviewing people who were considered by many to be "highly effective" and successful in their lives. The one habit most appropriate for today is to "begin with the end in mind".

In a very simplistic analysis, all you need to do is sit down and picture how you want things to be in June 2015. Once you have that picture, you can begin the process of building that plan to be able to build the road map to get there. That map may

certainly include studying more or getting more involved, but it will also give you the chance to view all the distractions that may keep you from achieving the success and results you desire.

How, you may ask, is this different from goal setting, which I had spoken of back in May's *Currents*? To "begin with the end in mind" is just the next level in goal setting and achievement. A few minutes spent today picturing how you want things to look tomorrow and preparing yourself for those results may prove to be the difference between achieving the success you deserve and regretting the results you encounter. The first three students who via email ([mtramont@smhlancers.org](mailto:mtramont@smhlancers.org)) correctly identify the author of this quote will receive a prize. "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

Finally, I came across the following prayer that was put out by the Archdiocese of Dublin that is very appropriate for the weeks ahead.

**Lord, ... Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.**

**Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.**

**Help me to be attentive to my teachers, and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.**

**Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen**

**Mark Tramont '77**

President

# Theater Department announces Fall Play

*Auditions to take place September 9 and 10*

The St. Mary's High School Theater Department recently announced that the Fall Play will be the mystery/comedy *13 Past Midnight*, by Billy St. John.

When powerful millionaire Victor Winslow, producer of a popular T.V. soap opera, invites members of the cast and crew to his mansion for a party, no one dare refuse. Winslow informs his guests that he has assembled them to help him develop a new murder mystery game he's invented called "13 Past Midnight." But before the game begins, the host gives

## 13 Past Midnight by Billy St. John

the players ample motives to want to kill him – for real! But the game becomes deadly when Victor is discovered stabbed in the neck with a dart, and Pete Griffin, a private investigator hired to act as a

consultant, must try to trap the murderer before he or she can strike again. Filled with laughs and chills, *Thirteen Past Midnight* will make the audience think twice before accepting an invitation to a murder mystery evening!

The play will be performed November 7 and 8. Auditions will be taking place on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and Wednesday, Sept. 10, with callbacks on Friday, Sept. 12.

More information is available by contacting play director Ms. Heather Ruhland at [hruhland@smhlancers.org](mailto:hruhland@smhlancers.org).



## Lancer Parent Partnership



### Get involved through Lancer Parent Partnership

Whether you are a new family just joining the St. Mary's community or a veteran of many years, a great way to get involved is through The Lancer Parent Partnership. Formally known as the Parent Teacher Guild, **The Lancer Parent Partnership** has a new mission and focus on serving as a resource for parents of students of all grade levels, increasing communication between home and school, and as a liaison to the St. Mary's High School Administration and the Board of Trustees.

The group has an Executive Committee consisting of parents and members of the Administrative Team, and has a parent representative on the Board of Trustees.

The kickoff event for this year was the Freshman Parent Mixer that was held concurrently with the Freshman Student Mixer on August 7. Freshman families got to know each other, played St. Mary's trivia for prizes, and enjoyed an ice cream social.

A highlight of the evening was a presentation by a student panel made up of current St. Mary's students Victoria Kwitowski, Alex Szpila, and Zach Szpila, and recent graduate Emily Gibson. The parents asked some great questions and got an insider view of why St. Mary's is such a family!

The Lancer Parent Partnership also provides teacher and staff appreciation gifts at Christmas and a catered luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week. Dinner and dessert will again be served to the teachers during distribution of First Quarter report cards in November.

The Library is open after school each weekday beginning at 3:30 p.m. for parents to use while waiting for their students participating in extracurricular activities. Books, magazines, and newspapers are available, and the password to access the school WiFi is posted for parent use with their laptops/

tablets. Thanks to our partnership with the Administrative Team, this has become a great resource for parents.

The highlight of each year is the Spring Fashion Show in April. The date this year is April 21, 2015, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, so please save the date! This is the only major fundraiser, and last year's show was again very successful. Money raised at the Fashion Show enables the Lancer Parent Partnership to continue its commitment to fund the Senior Class scholarships that are presented at the end of the school year. In addition to the departmental scholarships that are traditionally sponsored by the Lancer Parent Partnership, two scholarships are awarded to students demonstrating strong leadership and extraordinary community service. This brings the total dollar amount awarded in 2014 to \$1,200.

Best of all, with the exception of the Spring Fashion Show, there are no costs associated with the events and no dues!

#### Contacts for More Information?

- Please check out our web page under the Parents tab on the school web site. You will find a listing of the Executive Committee members, our upcoming events, and a copy of the 2013-2014 Annual Report that was presented to the Board of Trustees.
- You can contact Sandy Gibson at [ekgib15@msn.com](mailto:ekgib15@msn.com) for any questions that you may have as new or returning members of the St. Mary's family.
- Our first Executive Committee meeting will be held soon at St. Mary's. Anyone can join the Executive Committee, or you can just participate in the events. The Fashion Show Committee will begin meeting in October. Stay tuned for more details in future issues of *Currents* and through SchoolReach.



# Attention Sophomores!



Science

Be Sure  
to Sign Up ...

... For the  
**STEAM**  
CHALLENGES!



Engineering



*All sophomores are required to complete at least two STEAM Challenges by the end of the school year!*

*Check out the STEAM Challenge Descriptions on the next two pages;  
then go to Schoology to claim your spot for the Challenges that interest you.*

*All sophomores must be registered by September 19.*

*Hurry now! Space is limited, and spots fill up quickly!*

*If you have questions, please see Ms. Anthone in Room 205 or email her at [janthone@smblancers.org](mailto:janthone@smblancers.org).*

# St. Mary's introduces Sophomore STEAM Challenges

Dear Parents & Guardians of Sophomores,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying your final days of summer. Now that the season is coming to an end and the school year is rapidly approaching, I am pleased to share with you information on the exciting projects I will be conducting with the sophomore class as St. Mary's STEAM Coordinator. The faculty and staff at St. Mary's have worked very hard to develop the STEAM curriculum and cannot wait to see what our bright, talented, and innovative students will create!

For those of you who may not know, STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Because of the strong prevalence of the STEAM subjects in today's society, the incorporation of a comprehensive STEAM curriculum is not only pertinent, but also essential to helping our students succeed. The primary goal of St. Mary's STEAM program is to increase interest and participation in STEAM and STEAM-related fields. Sophomore year is the ideal year for STEAM training, because as the students enter their junior year, they begin to have room in their schedules for more elective courses. The hope is that after participating in the STEAM challenges, enrollment in STEAM elective courses will increase and thus lead to more students pursuing STEAM as majors in college and, eventually, careers.

What does this mean for the students? This means all sophomores are required to register and successfully complete *at least two* STEAM Challenges. We will run eight STEAM Challenges during the year, so the students will be able to choose the projects in which they are most interested. They are, of course, welcome to participate in more than two projects. **Should a student fail to successfully complete two STEAM Challenges, the student will not receive credit for their sophomore year science class.** All challenges will be graded on a pass/fail basis. Criteria for grading each project will be shared at the beginning of the project and may include submission of a brief background research paper, project proposal, project design and construction,

project performance, and final presentation. Furthermore, the project must meet the minimum requirements specific to that project as described in the project descriptions document, which can be found attached to this email. Bonus points will be awarded to students whose projects exceed the minimum requirements and demonstrate exemplary work. The top three projects from each challenge will be displayed in the St. Mary's Top Engineers showcase, as well as at the end-of-the-year symposium, STEAM-FEST!

At the Sophomore Class Meeting on Monday, September 8th, I will speak to the entire class about the STEAM Challenges and the students will register for the projects in which they would like to partake.

We are extremely grateful to the John R. Oishei Foundation that awarded a very generous STEAM grant to St. Mary's High School and the private school consortium, BISSNET, to which we belong. We have

used this grant to outfit our "STEAM ZONE" in Room 205 at the school with the equipment and materials needed for the Sophomore STEAM Challenges. This includes new iPads, computers, and other equipment and supplies that will help our students grow and learn through these projects.

Thank you in advance for supporting St. Mary's STEAM program. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the E-Mail address provided. Be sure to look for updates and highlights from the STEAM Challenges in future issues of *Currents*, the SMHS monthly publication that gets emailed to all families. I look forward to working together and watching our students' brilliant minds at work!

Sincerely,  
**Jennifer E. Anthone**  
STEAM Coordinator and Chemistry Teacher  
St. Mary's High School  
janthone@smhlancers.org

## STEAM Challenge Descriptions

Below is a list of descriptions of each of the STEAM Challenges for the 2014-2015 school year. All sophomore students are required to participate in and successfully complete *at least two* STEAM Challenges. **Should a student fail to successfully complete two STEAM Challenges, that student will not receive credit for their sophomore science course.** All challenges will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

Criteria for grading each project will be shared at the beginning of the project and may include submission of a brief background research paper, project proposal, project design and construction, project performance, and final presentation.

Furthermore, the project must meet the minimum requirements as described in the project descriptions listed here. Bonus points will be awarded to students whose projects far exceed the minimum requirements and expectations.

The top three projects from each challenge will be displayed in the St. Mary's Top Engineers showcase, as well

as at the end of the year symposium, STEAM-FEST!

### September 8th – October 16th Egg-o-Naut:



Students will design and build a soda bottle rocket that will carry an egg as its passenger. The rocket must reach a height of at least 20 feet and the egg must not break on the rocket's return back to Earth. Students are free to use additional recyclable materials to construct fins to

attach to the rocket and a cabin for the egg. Bonus points will be awarded to students who successfully separate the egg from the rocket before landing and rockets that obtain the highest height without breaking the egg.

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# Challenge Descriptions *(Continued from page 7)*

October 21st – November 26th

## Build A Wind Turbine:

Students will be provided with the basic components for a miniature wind turbine. Using only these and other recyclable materials, students will compete to construct the most efficient wind turbine. Efficiency will be based on height, weight, blade design, and electrical output. Bonus points will be awarded to students whose wind turbines are the smallest yet produce the greatest electrical output.



ment that will be used to play a recognizable song. Students can use recyclable materials or the 3D printer to build their instruments. The instrument must be able to play a variety of notes with definite tones and frequencies. Bonus points will be awarded to students who form a band and play a song together and/or compose their own piece of music.

January 7th – February 13th

## Make 'n' Wear:



Students will design at least three items of wearable art. They will then choose the best of their designs to

construct using either the 3D printer or recyclable materials. Students will have to decide which material(s) to use to produce their wearable design in order to estimate the cost of production. Students will then provide an estimated retail price. Bonus points will be awarded to students who design the most cost efficient item.

February 23rd – March 25th

## Mousetrap Car Derby:

Students will build a mousetrap car using recyclable materials and a mousetrap for power. The mousetrap must provide



the thrust; the design and all other aspects of the car will be at the students' discretion. Bonus points will be awarded to students whose cars drive in a straight line, travel the furthest distance, and achieve the greatest speed.

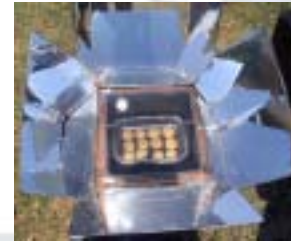
March 26th – April 17th

## Bridging the Gap:

Students will build a Truss bridge using only balsa wood and glue. The bridge will need to have a certain clearance and length which will be specified. The bridge must also be designed to hold weight. Bonus points will be awarded to students whose bridges withstand the greatest amount of weight without breaking, bridges that hold the greatest amount of weight yet have the smallest mass, and bridges that endure earthquake-like conditions.

April 20th – May 21st

## Easy Bake Solar Oven:



Students will design and construct a solar powered oven. Students have the freedom

to design their ovens however they choose, but can only use recyclable materials to build their ovens. Students will then use their ovens to cook a meal. A greater description of what constitutes a meal will be provided at the start of the project. Bonus points will be awarded to students whose ovens thoroughly cook the meal to optimum temperature without the meal being undercooked or burned.

December 1st – January 5th

## Game Developer Challenge:



Students will create a video game using the application, Scratch,

which is a programming language and online community where users can create their own interactive stories, games, and animations, with the goal of teaching fourth grade students a math concept. Students are free to choose which math concept they would like to teach. The game must include an introduction and directions, ask at least five questions, offer helpful hints, keep score, track the user's progress, and have a conclusion. Games will be subjected to testing in an actual fourth grade classroom and be evaluated by fourth grade students. Bonus points will be awarded to students who align the game with the fourth grade math curriculum standards and receive positive feedback from the fourth grade students.

## School of Rock:

Students will design and construct at least one instru-



## Garden work continues

Work is progressing nicely in the new St. Francis Peace Garden in the school courtyard.

The pavers and benches are in. The flowers are in position; they just need to be put in the ground.

Check out the garden the next time you are at school.





# Pictures from the 19th annual Classic Car Show





# Student absentee & attendance information

**Note – The Attendance Policy in its entirety may be found in the Student Handbook.**

Whenever it is necessary to be absent from school, a parent or guardian must call **683-4824, extension 227** no later than 8 a.m. to explain the reason for the absence. The phone call should include the student's name, which parent/guardian is calling, and the reason for the student's absence.

If no call is received by 8 a.m., the Attendance Office will call the student's parents or guardians to obtain the reason for the absence.

A student will be excluded from participation in any extracurricular activity (sports, clubs, field trips, or any school-related functions) on a day he/she is absent from school or not present by 10 a.m.

Truancy will result in detention or suspension.

Realizing that attendance in class is vital to the success a student can achieve in a course at St. Mary's, the following has been adopted as the school's Attendance Policy:

- A student who misses six (6) classes because of unexcused absences during any one quarter will automatically fail that course(s) for that particular quarter. This may affect the student's status regarding academic ineligibility.
- A student who has missed more than half of a class period will be deemed to be absent for the entire class.
- After four (4) classes have been missed, the attendance officer will notify the Discipline Office, who will then notify the parent of the situation. After the sixth absence for any one class(es) the parent will be notified of the quarter failure in writing from the Discipline Office.
- The attendance office subscribes to the New York State attendance policy.
- The only legal excuses for being absent: medical appointments, snow days from home school district, funerals.
- Medical excuses must be presented on the day the student returns to school. Medical excuses are doctor or dentist appointments, verified by written notes on medical stationery. Medical excuses for any one quarter must be turned in by the day the quarter

closes.

- New York State does not recognize "Take Your Daughter / Son to Work Day" as a legal reason for being absent from school. St. Mary's High School also does not recognize the day. If a student participates in the day, it will be considered an illegal absence with parent permission and charged as one of the five absences allowed per quarter.
- Students may not leave campus once they arrive on school property.

## **Snow (Weather-Related) Closings**

If your home school district is closed, students are legally absent. Even for weather-related district closings, parents are still required to call their students in absent to extension 227 by 8 a.m. However, if a student comes to school, it is our expectation that they will remain until the school is closed or the end of the school day. Students who are absent from school are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities on that day.

If a district closes during the day, students will be released only to district transportation or a designated parent or guardian. We will not release students to ride with other students or other parents, except for siblings.

If a parent or guardian decides it is necessary to pick a student up during the day, please call the school to let us know

you are coming.

Families will be notified of school closings/delays through the SchoolReach system. In addition, information on school closing will be available on Channels 2, 4, or 7, WBEN-Radio 930, and on the St. Mary's website ([www.smhlancers.org](http://www.smhlancers.org)) and Facebook page.

## **Vacation Policy**

Policy for student voluntary absences during school time:

Parents must make the request at least two weeks in advance to either the Principal or the Attendance Officer. Even if the individual teachers have been notified of a student's vacation, parents must still make the request to the Principal or the Attendance Officer.

Principal/Attendance Officer will inform parent that: The time requested cannot be granted and it must then become their decision. If parents then choose to do so, it is recorded on the student's permanent attendance record as an illegal absence with parental permission.

Students are responsible for all work missed during their time of absence. Parents must also inform the Counseling Center as to the length and date of absence.

Reminder: If a student misses six classes, he/she fails for that quarter as per school attendance policy.

## **Student work when absent**

As we are all well aware, daily class attendance is directly related to a student's academic success. However, especially in cold and flu season, absenteeism from school may be unavoidable. Please be advised of the school policy regarding getting work while a student is absent:

- If a medical absence is long-term (a week or more), a parent should contact the Counseling Center regarding the student's situation. Teachers will be contacted to submit missing assignments, worksheets, etc. After the Counseling Center has received this work, arrangements need to be made to pick up these assignments as well as the needed textbooks, note-

books, etc.

- If the absence is short term (a few days), the student should contact a classmate in his/her classes. The "turn-around time" in getting work for absent students makes this the most effective and efficient way to get this information.
- Upon return to school, a student who has been absent needs to see each teacher individually to check about class work, notes, tests, quizzes, homework collected, and homework assigned during the absence. Teachers will give students who have been absent time to make up work. The student is responsible for doing so in a timely manner.



# Fundraising WHILE YOU Shop<sup>®</sup>



Stop selling and start earning! Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!



**For more information or a SCRIP Order Form,  
go to the St. Mary's website, [www.smhlancers.org](http://www.smhlancers.org)  
and click on the SCRIP Logo.**

**– Thank you for helping St. Mary's High School –**

# You can help St. Mary's by ... shopping

Helping to support St. Mary's High School can be as easy as going to your favorite store.

Many retailers offer programs in which schools receive a portion of the customers' purchases. All the buyer has to do is sign up with the program in which they designate St. Mary's High School as the recipient of the donation.

Below are several programs in which St. Mary's High School has participated for the past few years. As the school becomes aware of others, information will be printed in future issues of *Currents*:

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## Tops in Education Program



How it works:

**Please note: You must sign up for the Tops in Education Program every school year.**

- Register your TOPS BonusPlus<sup>SM</sup> or BonusCard<sup>®</sup>.
- Select St. Mary's High School from the list of schools that have registered.
- Purchase participating TOPS brand, Full Circle<sup>™</sup> and TopCare<sup>®</sup> products with your TOPS BonusPlus<sup>SM</sup> or BonusCard<sup>®</sup> throughout the 2014-2015 TOPS in Education program year.
- It's Double Bonus Points for Education in September and October.
- TOPS contributes a percentage of your total purchase to St. Mary's High School. To sign up, go to [www.topsmarkets.com/education](http://www.topsmarkets.com/education).

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## Target RedCard Program



How it works:

- Apply and get approved for a REDcard<sup>®</sup>.
- Enroll in Take Charge of Education and designate St. Mary's High School.
- Start shopping with your REDcard<sup>®</sup>.
- Target will track purchases made by participating REDcard<sup>®</sup> holders, then send a no-strings-attached donation check directly to the school principal.
- Checks are distributed once a year.

Parents can apply for the RedCard Program and track the school's progress at [Target.com/redcard/main](http://Target.com/redcard/main).

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## Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program

How it works:

- Shop at Office Depot for all of your school and office supplies.
  - Present your school's 5% Back To Schools ID number when you shop on-line, over the phone or at your neighborhood Office Depot store. The School ID for St. Mary's High School is 70073221.
  - Office Depot will offer your school credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases in the form of an Office Depot Merchandise Card that can be used towards FREE supplies!
- For more information on the program, go to [www.officedepot.com/a/promo/backtoschool/5percent](http://www.officedepot.com/a/promo/backtoschool/5percent).

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## iGive.com

How it works:

- Go to [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) to set up an account, designating



St. Mary's High School as your cause.

- After logging in, follow the link to your favorite vendor and do your on-line shopping like you normally do. There are over 1,100 stores participating in the program.
- iGive.com automatically computes the donation, based on a percentage of your purchase (percentage donations vary at each store; for example, 1.6% of your purchase at Kohl's will be donated to St. Mary's)
- Every month, iGive.com sends a check to St. Mary's with the total donation. For more information, go to [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com).

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## My Coke Rewards



How it works:

- Go to [mycokerewards.com](http://mycokerewards.com) to create an account.
- After signing in, enter the code found on the bottle cap or packaging of your favorite Coke product. Points range from 3 points for a bottle cap to 25 points for a 12-pack.
- Donate your points to St. Mary's High School. More information is available at [mycokerewards.com](http://mycokerewards.com).

## Do you know of more programs?

Do you know of other stores that offer rebates to schools just by shopping? We would love to share this information with the rest of the St. Mary's Community.

Contact Keith Kidder, Director of Special Programs, at [kkidder@smhlancers.org](mailto:kkidder@smhlancers.org), and your stores will be included in future editions of *Currents*.

## St. Mary's players win CEBA championship

The CEBA baseball team composed of several St. Mary's players defeated a team from Elma 7-6 to win the CEBA Scholastic Baseball Championship on August 14. Senior Chris Nowak belted a three-run triple in the bottom of the 7th inning to win the championship. A day earlier the St. Mary's players defeated Orchard Park

by scoring three runs in the bottom of the 7th. The team finished the season with a record of 20 wins 10 losses.

St. Mary's players on the team were sophomores Joe Barberio and Zack Penksa, juniors Mitch DiPirro, Jordan MacKinnon, and Chris Gresham, and seniors Chris Nowak, and AJ Blaczak.



# 2014 Fall Sports Schedules

## Varsity Football

Sat. Sept. 6, 2pm @ University Prep (Bishop Kearney)  
 Sat., Sept. 13, 1pm vs. St. John the Baptist  
 Fri., Sept. 19, 7pm @ Timon (Tiff Farms)  
 Sat., Sept. 27, 2pm vs. Oil City (Pa.)  
 Sat., Oct. 4, 1pm vs. Niagara Wheatfield  
 Sat., Oct. 11, 7pm @ East High (Erie, Pa.)  
 Sat., Oct. 18, 2pm @ St. Joe's  
 Sat, Oct. 25, 1pm vs. St. Francis  
 Sat., Nov. 1, 1pm vs. O'Hara  
 Sat. Nov. 8, time TBA – Quarter-finals  
 Sat. Nov. 15, time TBA – Semi-finals (Ralph Wilson Stadium)  
 Sat. Nov. 22, time TBA – Finals (Ralph Wilson Stadium)

## Women's Soccer

**All games start at 4:30 pm unless noted. Home games played at Westwood Park.**  
 Thurs., Sept. 4, vs. Christian Central (Westwood Park)  
 Sat., Sept. 6, 10am, vs. Buffalo Seminary (Firemen's Park)  
 Tues., Sept. 9, vs. Mt. Mercy  
 Wed., Sept. 10, @ O'Hara  
 Fri., Sept. 12, 6:30pm @ Depew  
 Sat., Sept. 13, 10am vs. Immaculata (Fireman's Park)  
 Mon., Sept. 15, @ Immaculata  
 Tues., Sept. 16, @ Niagara Catholic  
 Thurs., Sept. 25, @ Buffalo Seminary (Larkin Field)  
 Sat., Sept. 27, 11am @ Christian Central  
 Fri., Oct. 3, 6pm @ Pembroke  
 Sat., Oct. 4, 12noon @ Immaculata  
 Tues., Oct. 7, vs. O'Hara  
 Fri., Oct. 10 @ Maryvale  
 Tues., Oct. 14, vs. Niagara Catholic  
 Thurs., Oct. 16, vs. Park  
 Mon., Oct. 20, @ Park  
 Wed., Oct. 22, @ Sacred Heart (UB Rotary Field)

## Women's Volleyball

**All JV matches start at 4:30 pm, Varsity matches start at 6 pm unless noted**  
 Sat. Sept. 6 – SMHS Tournament – Varsity Only  
 Tues., Sept. 9, vs. Mt. Mercy  
 Thurs., Sept. 11, vs. O'Hara  
 Mon., Sept. 15, @ Mt. St. Mary's  
 Wed., Sept. 17, @ Sacred Heart  
 Mon., Sept. 22, vs. Nichols  
 Wed., Sept. 24, vs. Nardin  
 Fri., Sept. 26, vs. Niagara Catholic  
 Sat., Sept. 27, – Eden Tournament (Varsity only)  
 – BNCC Tournament (JV only)  
 Mon., Sept. 29, @ Immaculata  
 Tues., Sept. 30, vs. Eden  
 Mon., Oct. 6, @ Nichols  
 Tues., Oct. 7, 5 & 6:30pm vs. Rochester Mercy  
 Fri., Oct. 10, & Sat., Oct. 11 – Garden State Tournament (Farleigh Dickinson – Varsity only)  
 Sat., Oct. 11, – Lancaster Tournament (JV only)  
 Tues, Oct. 14, vs. Mt. St. Mary's  
 Thurs., Oct. 16, 5:30 & 7pm, @ Rochester Mercy  
 Fri., Oct. 17, @ Niagara Catholic  
 Mon., Oct. 20, @ O'Hara  
 Tues., Oct. 21, 5:30 & 7pm, @ Eden  
 Wed., Oct. 22, vs. Sacred Heart  
 Fri., Oct. 24, @ Mt. Mercy  
 Mon., Oct. 27, vs. Immaculata  
 Wed., Oct. 29, @ Nardin  
 Fri., Oct. 31 – Quarter-finals (St. Mary's)  
 Mon., Nov. 3 – Semi-finals  
 Wed., Nov. 5 – Finals (St. Joe's)  
 Sun., Nov. 9 – State Tournament (St. Mary's)

## Golf

**All matches begin at 3:45pm unless noted.**  
 Thur., Sept. 4, @ Park (Buffalo Tournament Club)  
 Tues., Sept. 9, @ O'Hara / Canisius (Sheridan Park)  
 Wed., Sept. 10, @ Gow/Timon (Cazenovia Park)  
 Fri., Sept. 12, vs. St. Francis (Buffalo Tournament Club)  
 Mon., Sept. 15, vs. Park / Christian Central (Buffalo Tournament Club)  
 Tues., Sept. 16, vs. O'Hara / Niagara Catholic (Buffalo Tournament Club)  
 Mon., Sept. 22, @ Park / Niagara Catholic (Hyde Park)  
 Wed., Sept. 24, @ Niagara Catholic / Gow (Elma Meadows)  
 Thurs., Sept. 25, vs. Gow (Lancaster Country Club)  
 Mon., Sept. 29, 4 p.m. @ Nichols (Country Club of Buffalo)  
 Tues., Sept. 30, vs. O'Hara (Brighton Golf Club)  
 Wed., Oct. 1 @ Gow / St. Joe's (Sheridan Park)  
 Fri., Oct. 3, vs. Timon (Buffalo Tournament Club)  
 TBA @ Niagara Catholic / Christian Central  
 Mon, Oct. 13 – All-Catholics

## JV Football

**All games start at 10 am unless noted.**  
 Sat. Sept. 20, vs. Timon  
 Sat., Oct. 4, @ Niagara Wheatfield  
 Sat., Oct. 11, vs. Canisius  
 Sat., Oct. 18 - TBA  
 Sat., Oct. 25, @ St. Francis  
 Sat., Nov. 1, vs. Williamsville South (Location TBA)

## Men's Soccer

**All games start at 4 pm unless noted. Home games played at Westwood Park.**  
 Tues., Sept. 2, @ Alden  
 Thurs., Sept. 4, vs. Timon (Firemen's Park)  
 Sat, Sept. 13, TBA @ Walsh  
 Tues., Sept. 16, vs. Niagara Catholic  
 Mon, Sept. 22, @ Timon (Tiff)  
 Thurs., Sept. 25, @ Park  
 Sat., Sept. 27, 1pm @ Christian Central  
 Wed., Oct. 1, vs. Gow  
 Sat., Oct. 4, 3pm vs. Walsh (Firemen's Park)  
 Mon., Oct. 6, 4:30pm vs. O'Hara  
 Tues., Oct. 7, @ O'Hara  
 Tues., Oct. 14, @ Niagara Catholic  
 Thurs., Oct. 16, vs. West Seneca Christian (Firemen's Park)  
 Mon., Oct. 20, vs. Park  
 Wed., Oct. 22, vs. Christian Central  
 Fri., Oct. 24, @ Gow  
 Tues., Oct. 28, @ West Seneca Christian

## Men's Volleyball

**All matches start at 5 pm.**  
 Wed., Sept. 10, vs. Canisius  
 Sat., Sept. 13, – North Tonawanda Tournament  
 Tues., Sept. 16, vs. St. Francis  
 Wed., Sept. 17, vs. Maryvale  
 Sat., Sept. 20, – Sweet Home Tournament  
 Thurs., Sept. 25, @ O'Hara  
 Sat., Sept. 27, – Williamsville South Tournament  
 Thurs., Oct. 2, @ Canisius  
 Tues., Oct. 7, @ St. Francis  
 Thurs., Oct. 9, vs. St. Joe's  
 Thurs., Oct. 16, vs. O'Hara  
 Wed., Oct. 22, @ St. Joe's  
 Sat., Oct. 25, – Grand Island Tournament  
 Tues., Oct. 28 – Quarter-finals (at higher seed)  
 Mon, Nov. 3 – Semi-finals (at #1 seed)  
 Wed, Nov. 5 – Finals (at St. Joe's)

**Schedules are subject to change.  
 Updates and results are available at  
[www.smlancers.org](http://www.smlancers.org)**

## Notification on asbestos, pesticide

### Asbestos

St. Mary's High School is in compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Asbestos regulations. The asbestos management report for St. Mary's is always on file in the school office.

Parents are welcome to examine it at any time. This notification is a requirement of the regulation and means that St. Mary's High School building meets all safety standards regarding asbestos.

### Pesticides

Federal and New York State Education

Law (Section 409-H) requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

St. Mary's High School is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gel and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;

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# Campus Ministry

## Welcome to CXI

This September, St. Mary's begins its 111th year of teaching young women and men goodness, discipline, and knowledge. Committed to Catholic educational values, it continues its tradition of being grounded in faith, inspired by hope, and motivated by love. Welcome to all our students, new and returning, and to their families and friends.

Since January the Campus Ministry articles have focused on understanding the teachings of the 10 Commandments. Eight of the 10 begin with "Thou shall not;" the third and the fourth are the exceptions. (A listing of the 10 can be found in Exodus, chapter 20). Perhaps a different way to understand the challenges they propose is to see them as positive statements.

In order, the Commandments

encourage us: 1st – to be faith-filled; 2nd – to be soft spoken; 3rd – to be prayerful; 4th – to be obedient; 5th – to be respectful; 6th & 9th – to be chaste; 7th & 10th – to be honest; and the 8th – to be truthful. Not always an easy task, but these values empower us to become the best Catholic and/or Christian that we can be.

Beginning in the October *Currents*, I am going to address some of the questions/misunderstandings of the Catholic faith. I will find it helpful if our extended family submitted them. If you have questions concerning Catholicism please e-mail them to me at twfay@smhlancers.org, and I will do my best to answer them.

God's blessings for a great school year. Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus. twf+

## Notification

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- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please e-mail Mr. Mark Tramont, President, at mtramont@smhlancers.org.

## Lunch Menu – September 4 to October 3

Student Lunches: \$4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Student Lunches: \$4
<p><b>Please note:</b> You may prepay for student lunches by sending checks made out to "St. Mary's High School" to Mrs. Skalski, Cafeteria Manager.</p>	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b> No School for Students	<b>3</b> 11:30 a.m. Dismissal Lunch provided by Student Senate	<b>4</b> Cheeseburger, mac & cheese, salad, breadstick	<b>5</b> Chicken with red beans & rice, side salad	<p><b>Applications for Reduced Price Lunches are still being accepted.</b></p> <p>Contact the school's Main Office at 683-4824 to receive an application.</p>
	<b>8</b> Specialty mac & cheese (pulled pork & broccoli), side salad	<b>9</b> Grilled chicken breast sandwich, macaroni salad	<b>10</b> Specialty Pizza Day	<b>11</b> Meatball sub, pasta salad	<b>12</b> Sausage cacciatore, salad, bread stick	
	<b>15</b> Pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, macaroni salad	<b>16</b> Chicken enchiladas, rice & beans, green salad	<b>17</b> Specialty Pizza Day	<b>18</b> Noon Dismissal No lunches	<b>19</b> No School for Students	
	<b>22</b> Chicken parmesan, pasta, bread stick	<b>23</b> Walk-a-thon	<b>24</b> Specialty Pizza Day	<b>25</b> Chicken quesadilla, macaroni salad	<b>26</b> Asian stir fry, rice	
	<b>29</b> Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans	<b>30</b> Baked ziti, green salad, bread stick	<b>1</b> Specialty Pizza Day	<b>2</b> BBQ Sloppy Joe Sandwich, roasted potatoes	<b>3</b> Goulash, green salad, bread stick	

Lunches provided by:



D'Avolio Kitchens



# September 2014 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b> Faculty/Staff Orientation 8am-2:30pm  MSoc @ Alden 4pm	<b>3-A Day</b> First Day for Freshmen 11:30 am Dismissal Faculty/Staff Meetings 11:30am-2:30pm  <b>11:30am Dismissal</b>	<b>4-A Day</b> First Day for All Students President's Ad Board 2:30pm  Golf @ Park 3:45pm MSoc vs. Timon 4pm WSoc vs. Christian Central 4:30pm	<b>5-B Day</b>	<b>6</b> Var WVB – SMHS Tournament WSoc vs. Buffalo Seminary 10am Football @ University Prep (Bishop Keamey) 2pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8-C Day</b> Special Schedule (Liturgy / Orientation / Class Meetings / ID Photos) Student Senate 2:30pm Meet the Teacher Night 6pm  <b>Liturgy Dress Code</b>	<b>9-C Day</b> Auditions for Fall Play 2:30pm  Golf @ O'Hara/Canisius 3:45pm WSoc vs. Mt. Mercy 4:30pm WVB vs. Mt. Mercy 4:30, 6pm	<b>10-D Day</b> Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm Auditions for Fall Play 2:30pm  Golf @ Timon/Gow 3:45pm WSoc @ O'Hara 4:30pm MVB vs. Canisius 5pm	<b>11-E Day</b> Math Club 2:30pm  WVB vs. O'Hara 4:30, 6pm	<b>12-F Day</b> Callbacks for Fall Play 2:30pm Opening Dance 8-11pm  Golf vs. St. Francis 3:45pm WSoc @ Depew 6:30pm	<b>13</b> ACT Testing Date  MVB – North Tonawanda Tournament WSoc vs. Immaculata 10am Football vs. St. John the Baptist 1pm MSoc @ Walsh Time TBA
<b>14</b> RPM Retreat Departs 2pm	<b>15-A Day</b> RPM Retreat Returns 2pm Student Senate 2:30pm  Golf vs. Park / Christian Central 3:45pm WSoc @ Immaculata 4:30pm WVB @ Mt. St. Mary's 4:30, 6pm	<b>16-B Day</b> SOUL 7:20am Walk-a-thon Pledges Due in Homeroom  Golf vs. O'Hara/Niagara Catholic 3:45pm MSoc vs. Niagara Catholic 4pm WSoc @ Niagara Catholic 4:30pm MVB vs. St. Francis 5pm	<b>17-C Day</b> Campus Ministry 7:30am Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm  WVB @ Sacred Heart 4:30, 6pm MVB vs. Maryvale 5pm	<b>18-D Day</b> Noon Dismissal Open House for Prospective Students 5-8pm  <b>Noon Dismissal</b>	<b>19</b> No School for Students Faculty/Staff In-service Open House for Prospective Students 5-8pm  Football @ Timon (Tiff Farns) 7pm  <b>No School for Students</b>	<b>20</b> MVB – Sweet Home Tournament JV Football vs. Timon 10am
<b>21</b> Homecoming Week →	<b>22-E Day</b> PM Liturgy Schedule (Homecoming Liturgy) Student Senate 2:30pm School Spirit Hallway Decorating After School  Golf @ Park/Niagara Catholic 3:45pm MSoc @ Timon 4pm WVB vs. Nichols 4:30, 6pm	<b>23</b> Walk-a-thon	<b>24-F Day</b> Golf @ Niagara Catholic / Gow 3:45pm WVB vs. Nardin 4:30, 6pm	<b>25-A Day</b> Powder Puff Football Game 7pm (Families are welcome!)  Golf vs. Gow 3:45pm MSoc @ Park 4pm WSoc @ Buffalo Seminary 4:30pm MVB @ O'Hara 5pm	<b>26-B Day</b> Pride Day PM Assembly Schedule (Pep Rally)  WVB vs. Niagara Catholic 4:30, 6pm	<b>27</b> Homecoming Dance 8-11pm  Var WVB – Eden Tournament JV WVB – BNCC Tournament MVB – Williamsville South Tournament WSoc @ Christian Central 11am MSoc @ Christian Central 1pm Football vs. Oil City (Pa.) 2pm – Homecoming Game
<b>28</b>	<b>29-C Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm  Golf @ Nichols 4pm WVB @ Immaculata 4:30, 6pm	<b>30-D Day</b> Golf vs. O'Hara 3:45pm WVB vs. Eden 4:30, 6pm	<b>1-E Day</b> SEEK 2:30pm  Golf @ Gow / St. Joe's 3:45pm MSoc vs. Gow 4pm	<b>2-F Day</b> Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm  MVB @ Canisius 5pm	<b>3-A Day</b> Special Schedule (Emergency Drill) Early Dismissal 2pm  Golf vs. Timon 3:45pm WSoc @ Pembroke 6pm  <b>2pm Dismissal</b>	<b>4</b> JV Football @ Niagara Wheatfield 10am WSoc @ Immaculata 12noon Football vs. Niagara Wheatfield 1pm MSoc vs. Walsh 3pm

## *What a Classic!*



*This 1929 Model A Ford was just one of the over 100 classic cars at this year's Classic Car Show / Chicken Dinner / Senior Car Wash. Next year's Show will take place on August 16.*

## **In the September issue of *Currents***

- *Theater Department announces Fall Play*
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