

November 2014

CURRENTS

Bishop Malone blesses Peace Garden

Event included blessing of art gallery, offices, and Trustees

On Monday, Oct. 20, Bishop Richard Malone, Bishop of Buffalo, presided at the Blessing and dedication of the new additions to the St. Mary's High School Campus.

The newest additions of St. Mary's that were blessed included the St. Francis of Assisi Peace Garden (in memory of Marty Galasso), Marian House Conference Center, St. Mary's Student / Alumni Art Gallery, Icon Hallway, and Advancement and Enrollment Department Offices.

The additions are being funded through a grant from



Bishop Malone sprinkles Holy Water on the new St. Francis Peace Garden.

the Galasso Foundation, founded by 1930 St. Mary's

graduate August Galasso. Marty Galasso is the nephew of

August.

In addition to the new sections of the school, Bishop Malone also blessed the members of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees, as well as Mark Tramont as the school's first President and Kevin Kelleher as the school's first Vice President.

Over 100 people attended the blessing and reception that followed. Attendees included members of the Galasso Foundation, local politicians and dignitaries, alumni, faculty/staff, friends, and St. Mary's students.

St. Mary's, St. Bonaventure sign memorandum

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, Mr. Mark Tramont, President of St. Mary's High

School, and Sister Margaret Carney, President of St. Bonaventure University,

signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions. The signing ceremony took place in the new Marian Conference Center at St. Mary's High School.

As part of the Memorandum, St. Bonaventure will be creating scholarships exclusively for St. Mary's students who enroll at St. Bonaventure. In addition, St. Bonaventure will be providing professional development for St. Mary's faculty and recruitment opportunities for St. Mary's students.

According to Mr. Tramont, the agreement between St. Mary's and St. Bonaventure is the first of its kind for either school.

"We are very excited to be teaming with St. Bonaventure," said Mr. Tramont. "We believe that our students and faculty will greatly benefit from all that St.



Mr. Mark Tramont and Sister Margaret Carney sign a Memorandum of Understanding between St. Mary's and St. Bonaventure as St. Mary's Seniors Jacob Concannon, Danielle Hockwater, and Austin Klink look on.

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First Quarter Follow-up is November 17

Taking place this year from 5-7 p.m.

First quarter report cards will be distributed to parents on Monday, Nov. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- Add other questions tailored to individual courses.

If a parent is unable to pick up the report card on November 17, the student will receive the report card in school the following day.

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

Parent Educational Presentations are same night

On Monday, November 17th at 7 p.m., St. Mary's will be hosting College Preparation Sessions (workshops) for our parents.

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

Included that evening will be three different sessions.

- The first is Financial Aid. A financial aid officer from St. Bonaventure University will be here to present on the financial process, different types of aid available, and where to seek help. This session is ideal for Senior parents.
- For Junior parents, Mrs. Whitwood and Mrs. Neudeck will present the College 101 session which will

help you understand the college search, visitations, application process, SAT/ACT tests, and what to expect in the Spring of the Junior year and Fall of Senior year.

- Sophomore and Freshmen parents are invited to come for a presentation given by some college admissions representatives from local colleges. These representatives will share the importance of a solid transcript, being involved in high school, community service, and SAT/ACT scores.

These sessions are intended for our *parents only*. The counselors will be having separate student presentations at school in January.

Please contact the Counseling Center (683-2349) with any questions.

Honor Roll policy updated

Last year, St. Mary's High School announced that the final averages on report cards was to be weighted; that is, all quarter grades in Honor classes will be multiplied by a factor of 1.03; quarter grades in Advanced Placement classes will be multiplied by 1.09 before calculating the final grade.

As a result of this new weighting of grades, the school has decided to update the policy in regards to qualifying grades for the Honor Roll.

Effective with this year's first quarter, the required grades are as follows:

- First Honors – 95 and above
- Second Honors – 90 to 94.99

Reminder – Report cards may be picked up on Monday, Nov. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. (see left).

Report Cards to only be printed 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.

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Memorandum

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Bonaventure has to offer. We know that St. Bonaventure will be gaining quality students when our Seniors enroll there.”

Specific parts of the Memorandum of Understanding include:

- Several scholarship opportunities for St. Mary’s students who enroll at St. Bonaventure including the prestigious Pope Francis Leadership Scholarship.
- St. Bonaventure will collaborate with the St. Mary’s faculty and staff to provide professional development.
- St. Bonaventure will host a yearly visit for St. Mary’s Juniors and Seniors for a campus tour and presentation by St. Bonaventure faculty and staff. Representatives from St. Bonaventure will also visit St. Mary’s up to three times a year and display university information at the school.

“As a college-preparatory institution,” Mr. Tramont continued, “we at St. Mary’s felt that establishing relationships with area Catholic colleges and universities was needed to help our students as they prepare for their post-St. Mary’s life. We look forward to working with St. Bonaventure for many years to come.

“It is our hope that this is only the first agreement between St. Mary’s High School and other institutions of higher learning,” he concluded.

Don’t let life pass you by

Dear Lancers,

Time is a funny thing – when we are young, we can’t wait to grow up; adulthood can’t get here soon enough for us. As a high school student, I longed for the day that I would be out on my own enjoying myself, free from the burden of school and out from under the watchful eyes of my parents. Time couldn’t go fast enough for me. I wanted to be an adult and experience all life had to offer without restrictions.

This is ironic, because now I look back on those years as my carefree time, free from worry and restrictions. I long for the days when I walked the halls of Amherst High School, socializing with my friends and making plans for the week-end.

Life has a funny way of sneaking up on you – enjoy the moments, and cherish

everyday as if it were your last. High school is a great time in your life – make sure you are taking advantage of the

opportunities presented to you here at St. Mary’s. Don’t sit on the sidelines and let these years pass you by hoping for a better tomorrow. Life is what you make of it, and high school is what you make of it. Become involved in sports or the school play, join a club, or sing in the praise band; participate in

whatever interests you and get involved.

These four years will fly past you at light speed, and if you don’t take the time to enjoy them you will look back 15 years from now and wonder, “What if?” We have already reached the end of the first quarter, the clock is ticking; don’t let life pass you by. EMBRACE IT!

Mr. Matthew Ard
Dean of Student Affairs



Making party for children with Down syndrome fun

When the Down Syndrome Parents Group of Western New York held their Halloween Party at St. Mary’s High School on Sunday, Oct. 26, St. Mary’s students were there ready to make the party a great time for the children and their families.

Before the party began, nine St. Mary’s students had arrived at school to decorate

the doors, the hallways, and the cafeteria, to make the school a fun and a spooky place. When the guests came in wearing their best costumes, the St. Mary’s students ran the games, set out the food, and did all that they could do to make the event a great time for all.

“Thanks to the amazing group of volunteers who helped out today,” posted the Parents Group on their Facebook page. “Our kids had a great time.”

Thank you to the St. Mary’s volunteers (Lonnie Bowlds, Olivia Carl, Lisa Cercone, Jimmy Gu, Carolyn Kidder, Andrew Salamone, Madeline Wnuk, Evan Zaprzal, Alyssa Zirnheld) for sharing their time and their fun to make this Halloween a memorable event for these children with Down Syndrome.



Junior Madeline Wnuk (left) works with one of the guests at the Halloween Party for children with Down Syndrome.

Please Spread the Word to 8th Grade Students

Prep Classes for Admission Exam
November 1, 8, 15
9 a.m. to 12 noon
\$60 (includes book)

Admission Exam
November 22
8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
\$20 test fee

For more information, contact Mr. Grieco at 683-4824, ext. 237, or sgrieco@smhlancers.org

Counseling Corner

Sarah Neudeck (sneudeck@smhlancers.org) • 683-2349 • Jamie Whitwood (jwhitwood@smhlancers.org)
Counselor to Classes of 2015 & 2017 Counselor to Classes of 2016 & 2018

Do you how to take good class notes

Many high school teachers present information in a class lecture. But if students don't know how to take good notes, they may not remember the important facts.

Basically, listening to a lecture is like "reading with your ears." Some of the same techniques that help your teen remember what he reads can be adapted to help him take good notes during a lecture.

Teens who learn best by seeing need to make the lecture visible on the page. They might draw pictures or use different colored markers to highlight the important topics.

Some teens learn best by hearing. For them, it's important to focus on what the teacher is saying. They jot

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Easier writing of research papers

You can't write your teen's research papers for her, but you can help her by sharing this seven-step plan:

- Write a thesis statement. Your teen should boil down everything she wants to say into a single sentence. It should state the position she is taking in her paper.
- Make an outline. Your teen should include all the main points she plans to cover.
- Write the rough draft.
- Include sources. The purpose of a research paper is to show the research your teen has done. As she writes, she needs to state where she got her facts.

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Encourage your teen to develop strong work ethic

The job market is becoming tougher for today's teens as more adults are beginning to take jobs traditionally filled by teens. And many managers say that teens aren't as "employable" as they used to be. They say many teens act as if the work is beneath them, do the bare minimum or are simply not responsible enough. Simply put: Many teens lack a strong work ethic.

A work ethic is a set of values and beliefs that includes traits such as reliability, dedication and pride in one's work. Having a strong work ethic is not only necessary for success in the workforce – it is necessary for success in school, too.

To encourage a strong work ethic in your teen:

- Be a role model. Have a positive attitude about work and show your

teen that you take your job and your responsibilities seriously.

- Give your teen responsibilities. She should do her chores because that's what she's expected to do. And she should take responsibility for her actions. If she misses a deadline for a project, don't write an excuse to the teacher. It's your teen's job to talk with the teacher to reach a solution.

- Reinforce delayed gratification. Remind your teen that she should work first and then play. Encourage her to finish the first draft of her paper before she heads to the mall.

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Touring St. Bonaventure



Three seniors receive a tour of the Reiley Center during their visit to St. Bonaventure University.

Over 20 St. Mary's students took

advantage of the Bus to Bona to speak with admissions representatives and deans, enjoy lunch, and take a tour of the campus.

Alumni News 1998 grad professes vows

Stephen Molvarec, a 1998 St. Mary's graduate, and 10 other Jesuit novices professed first vows to Father Brian G. Paulson, S.J., Provincial, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Chicago-Detroit Province, during a Vow Mass on August 9.

"To be honest I feel a little bit of everything," Molvarec said of taking his First Vows. "I'm joyful; anxious; scared; nervous; happy. I'm glad my family and friends could join me. And I'm glad that I'm doing this with these brothers."

By professing first vows, Molvarec took the next step in the 10 to 12 year formation of a Jesuit, that includes the ordination to the priesthood and final vows. No longer a novice, Molvarec will be a scholastic known as "Mister" or "Brother."

Although he often thought about the priesthood in his youth, Molvarec felt a calling to the religious life while living abroad in France for two years.

"I had a lot of time alone in a way that you do living in a foreign country," he said. "I began to think about my life and what I wanted with it. I felt God's spirit calling me towards that."

Molvarec graduated summa cum laude from Canisius College and earned a PhD in medieval history from Notre Dame. An active volunteer with the homeless in South Bend, he also served in the pastoral ministry while teaching history at Indiana University South Bend.

Molvarec entered as the Novitiate of the St. Alberto Hurtado in St. Paul, Minn., in 2012.

Research paper (continued from page 4)

- Read the paper out loud. This can help your teen "hear" if something doesn't make sense.
- Revise and rewrite. The paper may take several drafts.
- Proofread. Don't let your teen overlook the importance of carefully reading over her final draft.

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Canvas • Cookies • Cocoa

The only thing better than creating a beautiful work of art is doing it with someone you love. St. Mary's High School is offering an evening of guided painting on **Thursday, December 11, from 6 pm - 8 pm** in the Gus Galasso Performing Arts Center. Participants will be guided through a recreating of an established artist's painting by members of the St. Mary's High School Arts Department faculty and art students.



This evening is designed to bring people together for a fun evening of making art, so the spots are sold in pairs

of two for \$40 per pair. It is the perfect opportunity to encourage an aspiring artist by seeing what it is they enjoy so much, or even to just explore painting for the first time in a guided setting. Every person will take their painting home at the end of the evening, and they make spectacular Christmas gifts.

In addition to the painting, Christmas refreshments will be served throughout the session.

Space is limited, and is on a first paid basis. Get your \$40 in with this form to reserve your spot. Admission includes all of the supplies and refreshments.

Yes, we want to attend Canvas • Cookies • Cocoa

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please return this form and payment (checks made out to St. Mary's High School) to the Main Office. Remember – Space is limited!



You Are Cordially Invited To
St. Mary's High School's Art Gallery

I AM THIRD

Student Art Exhibition and Opening Reception



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2014 • 6:30 P.M.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

FOLLOWING THE RECEPTION,
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2014 FALL PLAY:
13 PAST MIDNIGHT AT 7:30 P.M.
TICKETS FOR THE PLAY ARE \$5

Class notes (continued from page 4)

down key words or points. After the lecture, they write down as much information as possible.

Many teens draw a line down their page, leaving a blank column on the left. They take notes in the right column. Then

later, they go back and write key points in the left column.

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Catholic Action Network

Education News

NYS Catholic Conference

October 2014

Keeping you informed on public policy matters affecting you and your school!

Bishops, Superintendents Focused on Enacting Education Tax Credits

“Cardinal Dolan, our Bishops and superintendents remain focused on finding ways to keep Catholic schools affordable -- especially as Governor Cuomo and lawmakers expand opportunities for children to attend charter schools,” said James Cultrara, Director for Education at the NYS Catholic Conference.

“That’s why enacting the Education Investment Tax Credit legislation is the highest education priority for the Bishops and Catholic school superintendents.”

If enacted, the measure will generate \$150 million in additional scholarships to help families with tuition at Catholic and other schools. It also provides an equal level of support to public schools.

“We are very encouraged by the progress we’ve made,” Cultrara continued, noting that the vast majority of Democrats and Republicans in the legislature have maintained their long-standing support for the bill. While Governor Cuomo continues to express support for the proposal, he failed to carry out his promise to fight to include the measure in the state budget – angering families across the state. “There has been more than enough support in the legislature to get this done. It’s really up to Governor Cuomo,” Cultrara said.

Cultrara argues that by *not* enacting education tax credits but continuing to expand charter school opportunities, Governor Cuomo and lawmakers are increasing the burden on tuition-paying families and taxpayers alike. “The time to level the playing field for all of New York’s children and families is long overdue and we need Governor Cuomo’s leadership to get this done,” Cultrara said.

Help Fight for Catholic Schools -- Join the Network Today!

Join the **Catholic Action Network** to support Catholic schools and the families they serve. Membership is free and will enable you to:

- find out who your legislators are and communicate with them easily and directly;
- receive action alerts on critical issues; and
- stay informed about Catholic issues in Albany.

Go to: www.nyscatholic.org and click “Take Action” then “Join the Catholic Action Network.”

Smart Schools Bond Act: Yes or No?

On November 4, voters will have an opportunity to vote *for or against* the Smart Schools Bond Act which would authorize \$2 billion in bonds for schools, which taxpayers would pay over an 8 to 30 year period.

If the Act is approved, *public* schools would be able to use the funds for four purposes: pre-k classrooms; additional classrooms for over-crowded schools; school security measures; and technology upgrades.

Religious and independent schools could benefit from technology upgrades if their local public school district uses its bond funds for technology upgrades. We will continue to work with Governor Cuomo and lawmakers to seek to ensure an equitable benefit for all schools.

Proponents argue that all schools desperately need the assistance while opponents argue it’s too expensive to borrow funds to buy technology with a limited life expectancy.

That’s why we have voting booths.



Remember to Vote: Tuesday, November 4, 2014 – General Election



Campus Ministry



Why do we pray to saints?

Have you ever asked someone to pray for you? When we request prayers from an individual or the church community, we are asking them to join us in our petition. When we pray "to the saints" we are making the same request. We do not pray to the saints instead of praying to God. Perhaps a better understanding is that we pray *with* the saints and they *with us* for a particular person or situation. For example, Catholics may pray to St. Peregrine and ask him to join us as we pray for a healing of cancer. Our prayer is one of the community, the communion of saints.

The tradition of invoking the saints for their intercession stems from the ninth statement of faith in the Apostles' Creed. In it we proclaim that "I believe in

the communion of saints..." The Catholic Catechism teaches that the communion of saints is made up of three groups: the church triumphant (those souls experiencing the peace and presence of God in heaven); the church in preparation (those souls in purgatory preparing for the experience of heaven); and the church militant (those living on earth "fighting the good fight," as St. Paul writes). Being united as "the Body of Christ," the Church, we are one whenever we pray or request prayers for intercession.

Saints are those who have completed an earthly life and experience and now live in God's presence. The saints can be publicly acknowledged, like St. John XXIII, or privately recognized. The two young men, Bryce Buckholz and James Metz,

both of whom who died tragically, can certainly be considered as saints. For us the living – who struggle daily between good and evil, grace and sin, thanksgiving and temptation –we can find consolation and encouragement in the reality, "Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."

The month of November joins the holiday of Thanksgiving with the holy days of All Saints and All Souls. It offers us an opportune time to be thankful, not only for the relationships, provisions, and events we have, but also for the encouragement and example that the saints have given.

May God bless you and yours with a Happy Thanksgiving. Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus. twf+

Fundraising

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Scrip News: ***Parents, Christmas is only 53 days away!***

Get your gift card orders in now.

Think how easy it would be to order gift cards for your family and friends. Or think of shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Would your dad like a clean car that he didn't have to wash? How about a Delta Sonic wash certificate? Is Grandma a gourmet cook? Perhaps she would like a Williams Sonoma gift card. And for the niece who can't get enough make-up? Target cards would be perfect! Do you own a business or work at a business that gives gift cards to employees at Christmas? We can order cards for you or your employer.

You don't have to leave the house, just send your order in with your child on Monday morning, and the cards will be sent home to you on Friday.

There will be six more orders placed before Christmas: November 3, 10, 17, and December 1, 8, 15. Just go to the St. Mary's website (www.smhncancers.org) and click on the SCRIP

icon.

Please take some time to think of ways to use this program to your advantage, to the school's advantage. The profit from the sale of gift cards boils down to free money for our school, and no one has to buy a product they don't want or need.

One more note: PLEASE have your child drop your order off at school first thing Monday morning. Due to construction work on offices, I have to take the orders home to place them. Once I leave the school, I won't receive your order until it's too late to order for that week.

Orders received after Monday morning will be placed the following week unless there are cards in stock in school to fill the order.

Thank you so much to all who have been supporting this program and to all who will in the future. Happy Holidays!

Mary Rozler, Scrip Coordinator

Other St. Mary's happenings!



Jason Evert uses senior Ray Cooper as part of his recent presentation. Jason spoke to the St. Mary's students about chastity and living a pure life.



Nick Nasca, Bridget Herod, Austin Calkins, and Emily Thomas sort food at the Lancaster Food Pantry. The food was donated through a recent drive held at St. Mary's.



Mr. Grieco hands a juice to junior Justus Pigford as part of the Campus Ministry's Donut Day.



Junior Helen Gibson shows off her new school ring to her mother Sandra and sister Emily at the Junior Recognition Mass.



Seniors Hannah Hapeman, Gillian Sacco, Kaitlyn Tytko, and Magdalene Manuel dress up for Halloween.



St. Mary's President Mark Tramont pulls the winning ticket at the Bash for Cash.

STEAM students enjoy rocket success

By Ms. Jennifer Anthonie
STEAM Coordinator

Something very egg-citing has been taking place at St. Mary's High School! The first sophomore STEAM Challenge has come to a close, and there is great success to report!

St. Mary's recently implemented a new Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum for the sophomore students by means of the incredibly generous grant the school received from the Oishei Foundation. All sophomore students will be participating in at least two STEAM projects throughout the year as part of their science requirement.

For the first STEAM Challenge, Egg-o-Naut, 20 students were given the challenge of designing and constructing a soda bottle water rocket built entirely from recyclable materials that could transport a raw egg from launch to landing. Of the 20 who participated, four students' rockets safely transported their eggs, three parachutes successfully deployed, and all students had an absolute blast!

Daquan Hunt, Alex Paul, and Nate Waley, who worked as partners, and David Fasolino's rockets all

successfully transported their eggs from start to finish. Daquan, Alex, and Nate built rockets with parachutes. Their rockets had three separate components. The main component of the rocket was built from a 2-liter soda bottle. Attached to the bottle, the students attached three fins made from either cardboard or styrofoam from old packaging boxes. The middle component of the rockets was also made from a 2-liter soda bottle. The students cut off the tops and bottoms of the bottles so only the middle plastic cylinder remained. Inside of the cylinder, the students built a special, cushioned "seat" for the egg. Daquan used a toilet paper roll and bubble wrap, while Alex and Nate used a Viva Coconut Water container also surrounded by bubble wrap. To finish the

rocket, Daquan, Alex, and Nate each built a third component, a nose cone. This nose cone was made from the top of a third 2-liter soda bottle.

To make the parachute, the boys first cut a hexagon shape from recycled plastic bags. They then cut three pieces of string, to which they tied each point of the hexagon and then attached to the middle component of their rockets. After the strings of the parachute were safely secured, they carefully folded and rolled the parachute up neatly in order to fit inside of the nose cone of the rocket. Each component was tediously placed on top of the other to complete the rocket's design before launching.



Daquan Hunt shows off his successful rocket.

rocket was constructed from one 2-liter soda bottle. Attached to the bottle were three, three-dimensional cardboard fins. This was done to increase the surface area of the rocket and slow down the rocket on its return to Earth in order to lessen the impact of the landing. At the top of the rocket, David built a special compartment for the egg out of the top of a Gatorade bottle. Inside of the bottle, David included a trampoline seat for the egg, which was made of woven rubber bands. After the egg was nestled inside of the rubber band mesh, David capped it with a form fitting piece of foam. To further protect the egg, David build a nose cone from four triangular panels of cardboard, which he glued together to form a pyramid around the egg's compartment.



Alex Paul and Nathan Waley show off the egg that "survived".

Although not everyone's rocket safely transported their eggs, all rockets were successfully launched into the air and far exceeded the minimum height requirement of 20 feet.

Special recognition should be given to Gina Appenheimer and Haley Wipperman for constructing a rocket that achieved the highest height and longest flight time; Kathryn Vogl and Maya Zelazny for constructing a rocket that, upon landing, came down with such force the nose cone punctured the ground, causing the rocket to remain upright after landing; Matthew Mesi for getting his parachute to deploy and detach the egg containing compartment from his rocket; and Charles Bristol and Joe Barberio whose rocket landed on the roof of the athletic center and could not be retrieved until it was blown off the roof by the wind three days later.

The Egg-o-Naut STEAM Challenge was truly an absolute BLAST! We had so much fun together. Be sure to check out photos and video footage on Instagram and Twitter! You can follow me at @missanthonie. =)



Haley Wipperman and Gina Appenheimer were not so lucky.

2014 Fall Sports Schedules

Varsity Football

Sat., Nov. 1, 1pm vs. O'Hara
 Thurs. Nov. 8, 7pm, @ St. Francis (quarter-finals)
 Sat. Nov. 15, time TBA – Semi-finals (Ralph Wilson Stadium)
 Thurs. Nov. 20, time TBA – Finals (Ralph Wilson Stadium)

Women's Volleyball

Sat., Nov. 1, 5 & 6:30pm – Quarter-finals (St. Mary's)
 Mon., Nov. 3, 6 & 7:30pm – Semi-finals
 Wed., Nov. 5, 7:30pm – Finals (St. Joe's)
 Sun., Nov. 9, time TBA – State Tournament (St. Mary's)

Men's Volleyball

Mon, Nov. 3, 5 & 7pm – Semi-finals (at Canisius)
 Wed, Nov. 5, 6pm – Finals (at St. Joe's)

JV Football

Sat., Nov. 1, 10am vs. Williamsville South (Location TBA)

2014-15 Winter Sports Schedules

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Games begin at 7:30pm, unless noted

Thurs. Dec. 4, 7:15pm, vs. Depew (Daemen College)
 Mon. Dec. 8, @ West Seneca West
 Thurs. Dec. 11, @ Clarence
 Fri. Dec. 12, vs. Iroquois
 Thurs. Dec. 18, 4:30pm, vs. Middle College (St. Joe's - ECIC/MMA Challenge)
 Sat. Dec. 20, 2:45pm, vs. Lancaster (Depew)
 Mon. Dec. 22, time TBA, vs. TBA (Depew)
 Tues. Dec. 23, vs. Timon
 Mon. Dec. 29, time TBA, @ Williamsville North Tournament
 Tues. Dec. 30, time TBA, @ Williamsville North Tournament
 Tues. Jan. 6, 6:30pm, @ Walsh
 Fri. Jan. 13, 7pm, @ St. Francis
 Thurs. Jan. 15, vs. Cleve-Hill
 Fri. Jan. 16, vs. O'Hara
 Tues. Jan. 20, vs. Niagara Catholic
 Fri. Jan. 23, 6:30pm, @ Park
 Mon. Jan. 26, vs. St. Joe's
 Fri. Jan. 30, 6:30pm, @ Nichols
 Tues. Feb. 3, @ Niagara Catholic
 Wed. Feb. 4, 6:30pm, vs. Park
 Tues. Feb. 10, 6:30pm, vs. Walsh
 Wed. Feb. 11, vs. Fredonia
 Fri. Feb. 13, @ O'Hara
 Sun. Feb. 15, 4pm, @ Canisius

Boys' Bowling

All matches played at Thruway Lanes at 3:35pm

Tues, Nov. 18, vs. Park
 Tues, Nov. 25, vs. St. Francis
 Tues, Dec. 2, vs. Canisius
 Thur., Dec. 4, vs. St. Joe's
 Tues, Dec. 9, vs. O'Hara
 Thur., Dec. 11, vs. Timon
 Tues, Dec. 16, vs. Christian Central
 Thur., Dec. 18, vs. Park
 Tues, Jan. 6, vs. St. Francis
 Thur., Jan. 8, vs. Canisius
 Tues, Jan. 13, vs. St. Joe's
 Thur., Jan. 15, vs. O'Hara
 Thur., Jan. 22, vs. Timon
 Thur., Jan. 29, vs. Christian Central
 Tues, Feb. 3, Position Round
 Thur., Feb. 5, All-Catholic Match

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Games begin at 7:30pm, unless noted

Fri. Nov. 28, 5pm, vs. Pembroke (Alden)
 Sat. Nov. 29, 1:30 or 3pm, vs. Alden/Olmsted (Alden)
 Thur. Dec. 4, 6:30pm, @ Lewport
 Fri. Dec. 5, 6pm, @ Maryvale Tournament
 Sat. Dec. 6, 1:30pm, @ Maryvale Tournament
 Tues. Dec. 9, vs. Springville
 Mon. Dec. 15, 6:30pm, vs. Franklinville
 Wed. Dec. 17, 6:30pm, @ Niagara Catholic
 Mon. Dec. 22, 6pm, vs. Buffalo Science
 Fri. Dec. 26, time TBA @ Depew Tournament
 Sat. Dec. 27, time TBA @ Depew Tournament
 Mon. Jan. 5, 6pm, @ Nichols
 Fri. Jan. 9, vs. Park
 Sat. Jan. 10, 6pm, @ Fredonia
 Mon. Jan. 12, 5:30pm, @ Buffalo Science (Daemen)
 Wed. Jan. 14, 6pm, @ Nardin
 Sat. January 17, 4pm, vs. Christian Central
 Wed. Jan. 21, 6pm, @ Sacred Heart (Villa Maria)
 Fri. Jan. 23, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
 Thurs. Jan. 30, vs. Mt. Mercy
 Wed. Feb. 4, 6pm, @ O'Hara
 Mon. Feb. 9, @ Buffalo Seminary
 Fri. Feb. 13, vs. Immaculata
 TBA vs. Niagara Catholic

Wrestling

Sat. Dec. 6, time TBA, @ Depew Duels
 Fri. Dec. 17, 6pm, @ Canisius
 Sat. Dec. 20, time TBA, @ North Tonawanda Tournament
 Mon. Dec. 29 & Tues. Dec. 30, time TBA, @ Akron Tournament
 Tues. Jan. 6, 6pm, @ St. Joe's
 Fri. Jan. 9 & Sat. Jan. 10, time TBA, @ Alden State Bank Duels (Alden HS)
 Tues. Feb. 3, 6pm, vs. Gow
 Sun. Feb. 8, time TBA, All-Catholic Tournament (St. Mary's)
 Sat. Feb. 14 & Sun. Feb. 15, time TBA, State Tournament, location TBA

Hockey

Mon. Dec. 1, 8:45pm, @ N.Tonawanda (Hyde Park)
 Sat. Dec. 6, 12pm, @ Amherst (Northtown)
 Sun. Dec. 7, 3pm, vs. Lew Port (Buffalo State)
 Sun. Dec. 14, 3pm, vs. Timon (Buffalo State)
 Mon. Dec. 15, 8:45pm, @ Niagara Falls (Hyde Park)
 Sun. Dec. 21, 1pm, @ St. Francis (Buffalo State)
 Sun. Dec. 28, 4pm, @ Sweet Home (Northtown)
 Sun. Jan. 4, 4pm, vs. Lockport (Northtown)
 Tues. Jan. 6, 4pm, @ Canisius (Buffalo State)
 Fri. Jan. 16, 7:30pm, @ Lockport, (Lockport)
 Sat. Jan. 17, 3pm, vs. Amherst (Northtown)
 Mon. Jan. 19, 8:45pm, vs. N. Tonawanda (Hyde Park)
 Fri. Jan. 23, 8pm, vs. Niagara Falls (HarborCenter)
 Sun. Jan. 25, 5pm, @ Lew-Port (Buffalo State)
 Fri. Jan. 30, 8pm, vs. St. Francis (Harbor Center)
 Sun. Feb. 2, 7:50pm, @ West Seneca East (West Seneca)
 Wed. Feb. 5, 9pm, vs. Sweet Home (Northtown)
 Fri. Feb. 7, 1:45pm, @ St. Joe's (Brighton Park)
 Fri. Feb. 14, 5:30pm, vs. West Seneca West (Northtown)

Girls' JV Bowling

All matches played at Thruway Lanes at 3:35pm

Tues, Nov. 18, vs. Buffalo Seminary
 Thur., Nov. 20, vs. Cardinal O'Hara
 Tues, Nov. 25, vs. Immaculata
 Tues, Dec. 2, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
 Thur., Dec. 4, vs. Mt. Mercy
 Tues, Dec. 9, vs. Nardin
 Thur., Dec. 11, vs. Sacred Heart
 Tues, Dec. 16, vs. Buffalo Seminary
 Thur., Dec. 18, vs. Cardinal O'Hara
 Tues, Jan. 6, vs. Immaculata
 Thur., Jan. 8, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
 Tues, Jan. 13, vs. Mt. Mercy
 Thur., Jan. 15, vs. Nardin
 Tues, Jan. 20, vs. Sacred Heart

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Highlights from the Fall Season



Girls' Volleyball

The Varsity team won the Garden State Tournament in New Jersey for the first time in school history (above with championship trophy).

They also finished undefeated in the MAAA, winning another regular season title.

The JV team won the League Title, for the sixth straight year, with a record of 15-1. Their loss to Nardin was their first league loss in six seasons, compiling a record of 82-1.



Football

Defeated St. Joe's on the road for the first time in school history.

Coach Glenn was named Buffalo Bills Coach of the Week. Takal Molson (above) was named Channel 2 Player of the Week, received a Connolly Cup nomination and was featured as a Super Seven Athlete.



Boys' Volleyball

Defeated Cardinal O'Hara in three straight sets to advance to the Semi-Finals vs. Canisius.

Austin Klink (left) is honored on Senior Night with his parents Jake and Ania Gurnari.



Boys' Soccer

Chris Nowak, Zach Szpila, Jake Tomaszewski, Ryan Ratajczak, and Joey Hamilton were named to the First Team All-Catholic team. Michael Kruse and William Roskopf were named to the Second Team.

Frank Propis dribbles the ball in a recent game at Westwood Park.



Girls' Soccer

Hannah Pufpaff named First Team All-Catholic.

Rebecca Hojna and Alex Szpila named Second Team All-Catholic.

Tia Piotrowski (right) plays tight against O'Hara.

Golf

The team won the All-Catholic Tournament for the "A" Division. Mason Smith qualified for the State Tournament in June.

2014-15 Winter Sports Schedules (continued)

Girls' JV Basketball

Games begin at 6pm unless noted

Fri. Nov. 28th, 5pm, vs. Pembroke (Alden)
 Sat. Nov. 29th, 1:30 or 3pm, vs. Alden / Olmsted (Alden)
 Wed. Dec. 3rd, 5pm, @ Lewport
 Fri. Dec. 5th, @ Maryvale Tournament
 Sat. Dec. 6th, 1:30pm, @ Maryvale Tournament
 Tues. Dec. 9th, vs. Springville
 Mon. Dec. 15th, 5pm, vs. Franklinville
 Wed. Dec. 17th, 5pm, @ Niagara Catholic
 Fri. Dec. 26th, time TBA, @ Depew Tournament
 Sat. Dec. 27th, time TBA, @ Depew Tournament
 Mon. Jan. 5th, @ Nichols
 Fri. Jan. 9th, vs. Park
 Sat. Jan. 10th, 12pm, @ Fredonia
 Wed. Jan. 14th, 4:30pm, @ Nardin (Villa Maria)
 Wed. Jan. 21st 4:30pm, @ Sacred Heart
 Fri. Jan. 23, vs. Mt. St Mary's
 Thurs. Jan. 30th, vs. Mt. Mercy
 Wed. Feb. 4th, 4:30pm, @ O'Hara
 Mon. Feb. 9th, @ Buffalo Seminary
 Fri. Feb. 13th, vs. Immaculata
 TBA, vs. Niagara Catholic

Boys' JV Basketball

Games begin at 6pm, unless noted

Wed. Dec. 3rd, 6pm, vs. Depew
 Mon. Dec. 8th, 6pm, @ West Seneca West
 Thurs. Dec. 11th, 6pm, @ Clarence
 Fri. Dec. 12th, 6pm, vs. Medina
 Tues. Dec. 16th, 6:30pm, vs. Nichols
 Sat. Dec. 20th, time TBA, vs. Lancaster (Depew)
 Mon. Dec. 22nd, time TBA, vs. TBA (Depew)
 Tues. Dec. 23rd, 6pm, vs. Timon
 Mon. Dec. 29th, time TBA, @ Williamsville East Tournament
 Tues. Dec. 30th, time TBA, @ Williamsville East Tournament
 Tues. Jan. 6th, 5pm, @ Walsh
 Tues. Jan. 13th, 5:30pm, @ St. Francis
 Thurs. Jan. 15th, 6pm, vs. Cleve-Hill
 Fri. Jan. 16th, 6pm, vs. O'Hara
 Tues. Jan. 20th, 6pm, vs. Niagara Catholic
 Mon. Jan. 26th, 6pm, vs. St. Joe's
 Fri. Jan. 30th, 5pm, @ Nichols
 Tues. Feb 3rd, 6pm, @ Niagara Catholic
 Tues. Feb. 10th, 6pm, vs. Walsh
 Wed. Feb. 11th, 6pm, vs. Fredonia
 Fri. Feb. 13th, 6pm, @ O'Hara
 Sun. Feb. 15th, 2:30pm, @ Canisius

Boys' Freshman Basketball

Games begin at 11 am, unless noted

Thurs, Dec 4, 6pm, @ Clarence
 Sat, Dec 6, vs. Canisius
 Sat, Dec 13, vs. St. Joe's
 Sat, Dec 20, vs. Lancaster
 Tues, Dec 23, 4:30pm, vs. Timon
 Sat, Dec 27, 4pm, @ Canisius
 Sat, Jan 3, 1pm, @ Timon
 Sat, Jan 10, vs. Jamestown
 Tues, Jan 13, 4pm, @ St. Francis
 Thurs, Jan 15, time TBA @ Lancaster
 Fri, Jan 16, 4pm, @ St. Joe's
 Sat, Jan 17, @ Jamestown
 Sat, Jan 24, vs. Clarence
 Sat, Jan 31, vs. Lockport
 Wed, Feb. 4, time TBA, @ Lockport

Schedules are subject to change, especially because of the weather. Updates and results are available at www.smhlancers.org

Lunch Menu – November 3 to 28

Student Lunches: \$4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3 Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick	4 No school	5 Specialty pizza, side salad	6 Chicken breast sandwich, pasta salad	7 Specialty mac & cheese (Buffalo chicken finger), side salad
<i>Please note: You may prepay for student lunches by sending checks made out to "St. Mary's High School" to Mrs. Skalski, Cafeteria Manager.</i>	10 Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick	11 No school	12 Specialty pizza, French fries	13 Chicken breast sandwich, French fries	14 Hawaiian chicken, rice, side salad
	17 Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick	18 Cheeseburger, French fries	19 Specialty pizza, side salad	20 Chicken breast sandwich, pasta salad	21 Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing
	24 Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick	25 Buffalo chicken finger wrap, French fries	26 No lunch Early dismissal	27 No school	28 No school

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November 2014 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Admissions Test Prep Class 9am-12noon <i>JVFB @ Will South 10am</i> VarFB vs. O'Hara 1pm WVB – Quarterfinals (St. Mary's)
2	3-B Day Family Day of Remembrance Freshman Officer Elections in Homeroom Student Senate 2:30pm <i>MVB – Semi-finals</i> <i>WVB – Semi-finals</i>	4 NOSCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Faculty/Staff In-Service Election Day Curriculum Committee 1pm No School for Students	5-C Day Campus Ministry 7:30am SEEK 2:30pm <i>MVB – Finals (St. Joe's)</i> <i>WVB – Finals (St. Joe's)</i>	6-D Day Freshman HR Rep Forms Due Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm <i>VarFB @ St. Francis (quarterfinals) 7pm</i>	7-E Day Pride Day End of First Quarter Fall Play 7:30pm Pride Day	8 Admissions Test Prep Class 9am-12noon SAT Testing Day Fall Play 7:30pm
9 <i>NYSCHSAA WVB Championship Tournament (St. Mary's)</i>	10-F Day Freshman HR Rep Elections in Homeroom Student Senate 2:30pm First Day of Winter Sports	11 NOSCHOOL Veterans Day No School	12-A Day Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm	13-B Day Weekly Mass 7:30am Photo Retakes during Lunches NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Math Club 2:30pm	14-C Day Sophomore Retreat 8am-2pm	15 Admissions Test Prep Class 9am-12noon <i>VarFB – Semi-finals (Ralph Wilson Stadium)</i>
16	17-D Day Student Senate 2:30pm First Quarter Follow-up 5-7pm Parent College Presentations 7pm	18-E Day SADD 7:30am NHS 2:30pm Scholars Time TBA <i>MBowl vs. Park 3:35pm</i> <i>WBowl vs. Buff Sem 3:35pm</i>	19-F Day Campus Ministry 7:30am Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	20-A Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm <i>WBowl vs. O'Hara 3:35pm</i> <i>VarFB – Finals (Ralph Wilson Stadium)</i>	21-B Day Jeans Day Senior Trip Departs 3:30pm Jeans Day	22 Senior Trip continues Admissions Test 8:30am-12noon
23 Senior Trip continues	24-C Day Senior Trip Returns 8pm	25-D Day SOUL 7:20am Fall Sports Banquet 6pm <i>MBowl vs. St. Francis</i> <i>WBowl vs. Immaculata 3:35pm</i>	26-E Day Noon Dismissal Thanksgiving Prayer Service Noon Dismissal	27 NOSCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	28 NOSCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday <i>GVar & JV BB vs Pembroke @ Alden Tourney 5pm</i>	29 <i>GVar & JV BB @ Alden Tourney 1:30 or 3pm</i>
30 SEEK Week →	1-F Day Student Senate (Christmas Decorating) 2:30pm <i>Hockey @ North Tonawanda 8:45pm</i>	2-A Day SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm NHS Induction Ceremony 7pm <i>MBowl vs. Canisius 3:35pm</i> <i>WBowl vs. Mt. St. Mary's 3:35pm</i>	3-B Day Special Schedule (Advent Reconciliation / Assembly) Campus Ministry 7:30am SEEK 2:30pm <i>MJVFB vs. Depew 6pm</i>	4-C Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm <i>MBowl vs. St. Joe's 3:35pm</i> <i>WBowl vs. Mt. Mercy 3:35pm</i> <i>GBB @ LewPort 5, 6:30pm</i> <i>FreshBB @ Clarence 6pm</i> <i>MVBB vs. Depew (Daemen College) 7:15pm</i>	5-D Day Pride Day Scholars Time 2:30pm Snowball Dance 8-11pm <i>GVar & JV BB @ Maryvale Tourney 6pm</i> Pride Day	6 SAT Testing Day <i>FreshBB vs. Canisius 11am</i> <i>Hockey @ Amherst 12noon</i> <i>GVar & JV BB @ Maryvale Tourney 1:30pm</i> <i>Wrestling @ Depew Duels TBA</i>

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