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## Report Cards to be available electronically

As the second quarter of the 2014-15 school year comes to a close, families are reminded that Report Cards for the remaining quarters will only be available electronically, through the InformationNOW Student Information System.

Families will be notified when the report cards are available for viewing through a SchoolReach message. The message will also contain the instructions on how to view and print the report card.

Anyone who need assistance with their InfoNOW account should contact Mr. Kidder at 683-4824, ext. 215, or [kkidder@smhlancers.org](mailto:kkidder@smhlancers.org).

## St. Mary's announces scholarship recipients

St. Mary's High School recently announced the recipients of Scholarships to attend St. Mary's High School for the 2014-2015 school year. The Scholarships, with a total value of over \$85,000, were awarded to students who will be freshmen in the next school year. Scholarship awards

were based on the Admissions Test, applications, letters of recommendation, and/or personal essays.

The following is the list of recipients:

- Top Academic Scholarship – **Caitlin Bish** from Lancaster

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## Welcome, Class of 2019!

The Admissions Committee of St. Mary's High School is also pleased to announce the complete list of students who have been accepted as members of the Class of 2019:

Anna Almeter from Lancaster  
 Joshua Bartkowiak from Cheektowaga  
 Samantha Batchev from Lackawanna  
 Cassandra Bell from Cheektowaga

Alexander Bellet from Cheektowaga  
 Caitlin Bish from Lancaster  
 Nicholas Bonamici from Cowlesville  
 Riley Brotz from Lackawanna  
 Allana Bycina from West Seneca  
 Juliet Carl from Buffalo  
 William Carlone from West Seneca  
 Emily Cauley from Buffalo

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## Spirit Week 2015 – February 9-13

Now that January exams and the first semester are over and the second semester classes have begun, St. Mary's High School will take time for a little fun, as the

school celebrates Spirit Week during the week of February 9 to 13.

Sponsored by Student Senate, the week will combine special dress and fun

events to hopefully lift school spirit during the cold of winter.

Here is the complete schedule for Spirit Week 2015:

Monday, Feb. 9	Tuesday, Feb. 10	Wednesday, Feb. 11	Thursday, Feb. 12	Friday, Feb. 13
<p><b>Dress</b>                      Blue vs. White                      (Seniors &amp; Sophomores – white or gray on top; Juniors &amp; Freshmen – blue on top; Pride Day bottoms; no jeans)</p> <p><b>Schedule</b>                      Ext. HR / PM Liturgy</p>	<p><b>Dress</b>                      Superheroes vs. Villains                      (dress as your favorite superhero or villain or wear a t-shirt of them; shorts over tights; no yoga pants, face painting allowed)</p> <p><b>Schedule</b>                      Regular</p>	<p><b>Dress</b>                      Mathlete vs. Athlete                      (dress as a nerd or a jock; no jeans)</p> <p><b>Schedule</b>                      Regular</p>	<p><b>Dress</b>                      Going to Ball vs. Going to Bed                      (formal dress or pajama dress; must be appropriate)</p> <p><b>Schedule</b>                      Regular</p> <p><b>Event</b>                      Powderpuff Football Game 3 to 4:30pm</p>	<p><b>Dress</b>                      Battle of the Bands                      (dress in country, hip-hop, punk, etc.; jeans are allowed)</p> <p><b>Schedule</b>                      PM Assembly</p> <p><b>Events</b>                      Fun Assembly</p>

## Class of 2019 *(continued from page 1)*

Jennifer Cosgrove from Buffalo  
 Sarah Courtney from East Aurora  
 Ethan Craddock from Depew  
 Camilla Cretacci from Cheektowaga  
 Ashley Cruz from Cheektowaga  
 Benjamin Deakin from Lancaster  
 Devin Degree from Williamsville  
 Alexander Denz from East Aurora  
 Bryan Donovan from Lancaster  
 Carilyn Duke from West Seneca  
 Conor Dunne from Lancaster  
 Maranda Dziadaszek from Buffalo  
 Emily Eberl from W. Seneca  
 Madelyn Ellison from Elma  
 Rita Fabrizi from Depew  
 Parker Fay from Depew  
 Sarah Fillion from Lancaster  
 Kaitlyn Flynn from Lancaster  
 Alexandra Fox from Middleport  
 Francesco Gallo from Depew  
 Haley George from Elma  
 Christian Germann from Depew  
 Julia Giroux from Cheektowaga  
 Nicole Gorny from Cheektowaga  
 Tyrese Hall from Buffalo  
 Julia Hartloff from East Aurora  
 Gina Heigl from Buffalo  
 Madison Hoeflich from Elma  
 Joyce Hunziker from Lancaster  
 Clarisse Ingabire from Buffalo  
 Jakob Jerebko from Lancaster  
 Justin Johnson from Buffalo  
 Isaiah Johnson from Buffalo  
 Garrett Kessler from West Seneca  
 Dylan Krzykowski from Alden  
 Alyssa LaMartina from Williamsville

Alicia Land from Buffalo  
 Anthony LaRosa from Lancaster  
 Joe Lebron from Cheektowaga  
 Madeline Lesnisk from Lancaster  
 Nicholas Levea from Lancaster  
 Santo Lima from Depew  
 Saige Maniscalco from Cheektowaga  
 Bridget Mazurowski from Williamsville  
 Austin McClaney from Buffalo  
 Michael McCombs from Lancaster  
 Sean Melson from Buffalo  
 Elise Miller from Buffalo  
 Athena Mohamed from Cheektowaga  
 Emily Molnar from Depew  
 Bridget Mulcaire from Lancaster  
 Hannah Mulhern from Elma  
 Sean Murphy from Amherst  
 Maxim Murray from East Aurora  
 Cole Murray from Amherst  
 Quincy Myles Jr. from Cheektowaga  
 Brady O'Brien from Lancaster  
 Arianna Palmer from Lancaster  
 Harnasia Parker from Buffalo  
 Justin Poumpsey from Buffalo  
 Nicholas Pronobis from Cheektowaga  
 Brianna Propis from Lancaster  
 Zachary Ratcliff from Cheektowaga  
 David Reid from Amherst  
 Emily Renkas from Lancaster  
 Sarah Rickettson from Elma  
 Kristen Rider from East Amherst  
 Olivia Rivarola from West Seneca  
 Juan Rodriguez from Buffalo  
 Olivia Rodriguez from Cheektowaga  
 Susan Romance from Cheektowaga  
 Raymond Romero-Horta from Buffalo

Matthew Rosinski from Cheektowaga  
 Nathan Schenk from Kenmore  
 Danielle Scherer from Darien  
 Ian Shea from East Amherst  
 Emily Sierk from Lancaster  
 John Speyer from West Seneca  
 Payton Stachewicz from Cheektowaga  
 Anna Stang from Tonawanda  
 Alyssa Strimple from Depew  
 Ava Suda from Cheektowaga  
 Emersyn Szczesniak from Lancaster  
 Alana Szumla from West Seneca  
 Mikayla Texido from W. Seneca  
 Cayli Timkey from Gasport  
 Emma Trapper from Lancaster  
 Jayden Tyner from Buffalo  
 Matthew Vallone from Depew  
 Marcos Vazquez from Buffalo  
 Remir Velazquez from Buffalo  
 Bridget Vogl from West Seneca  
 Austin Walsh from Depew  
 Julia Walsh from Buffalo  
 Tara Wanat from Cheektowaga  
 Stephen Weisenburger from Cheektowaga  
 Joshua Weiss from Lancaster  
 Jacob Wentland from Depew  
 Madison Wesolowski from Cheektowaga  
 Patrick Whalen from Depew  
 Peter Wild from East Aurora  
 Jacob Wilk from Buffalo  
 Toriann Wipperman from Depew  
 Adam Wojtaszczyk from Lancaster  
 Andrew Wozniak from Lancaster  
 Zachary Wozniak from Cheektowaga  
 Alex Wright from Buffalo  
 Rebecca Young from Depew  
 Jayden Zajac from Lancaster  
 Caroline Zanghi from Elma  
 Nicole Ziolkowski from Depew



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## Sophomore earns perfect violin audition score

Sophomore Grace Fuller recently auditioned as a Level-6 violist for the All-Erie County Orchestra. Even to audition is quite an accomplishment, but Grace took it to the ultimate level, as she scored a perfect 100 at the audition, something that very few performers do.

According to Grace, when she auditioned, she was so nervous that she was sure she had made mistakes. She played *Rondo* by Mozart, a piece she had recently played for a fall concert.

“I thought that I had done very well – maybe even *close* to perfect – but not a



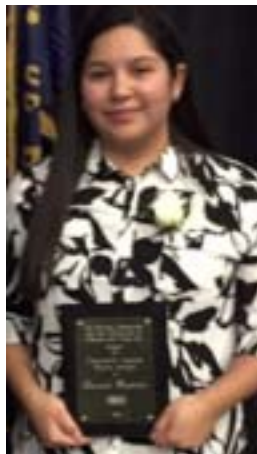
perfect score,” Grace recalled. “But when I was told that I got a 100, I was so excited.”

Grace has been playing violin since she was four years old. “And I hope that I will continue to play it for years to come,” she continued. “I’m not sure that I will go to college to study violin, but I will continue to play.”

By scoring so well in her audition, Grace is now qualified to play in the All-County Orchestra. Unfortunately, because of other commitments, including the St. Mary’s musical, she will not be able to continue with the orchestra. “But to get a perfect score is great for my resume,” she concluded.

## Gresham receives NFJC Award

Congratulations to senior Hannah Gresham who recently received the National Federation of Just Communities Community Leaders Award.



The Community Leaders Awards recognize individuals/organizations in Western New York who have made significant contributions to this region through their involvement in volunteer activities and/or their special achievements in specific areas of community and professional life. These individuals/organizations exemplify the NFJC core mission of promoting goodwill, understanding, respect, and trust.

This year’s luncheon was held on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Buffalo Convention Center.

## Scholarships *(continued from page 1)*

- Leadership Scholarships for Lancaster/Depew Students – **Sarah Filion** from Lancaster, **Austin Walsh** from Depew
- Gus Galasso Scholarships – **Riley Brotz** from Lackawanna, **Emily Molnar** from Depew
- Huefner Family Scholarship – **Jakob Jerebko** from Lancaster
- Mrs. Judy Brzuszkiewicz Memorial Scholarship – **Peter Wild** from East Aurora
- Katherine Czapski Kipp Memorial Scholarship – **Torianne Wiperman** from Depew
- Mrs. Judy Hokaj Memorial Scholarships – **Juliet Carl** from Buffalo, **Emily Renkas** from Lancaster
- Gordon Hoppe Scholarship – **Alyssa LaMartina** from Williamsville
- Albin Kocalski Scholarship – **Payton Stachewicz** from Cheektowaga
- Msgr. David LiPuma Scholarship – **Emma Trapper** from Lancaster
- Fr. Leon Ross Scholarship – **Julia Hartloff** from East Aurora, **Matthew Rosinski** from Cheektowaga
- Pope Francis Service & Academic Scholarship – **Ashley Cruz** from Cheektowaga
- Rose McKeating Scholarship – **Susan Romance** from Cheektowaga
- Board of Trustees Scholarship – **Nicholas Bonamici** from Cowlesville
- Student Senate Leadership Scholarship – **Nicole Ziolkowski** from Depew
- Alumni Academic Scholarship – **Madison Hoeflich** from Elma
- Alumni Service Scholarship – **Matthew Vallone** from Depew
- Service / Academic Scholarships – **Arianna Palmer** from Lancaster, **Sarah Rickettson** from Elma
- Academic Scholarships – **Carilyn Duke** from West Seneca, **Rita Fabrizi** from Depew, **Christian Germann** from Depew, **Nicole Gorny** from Cheektowaga, **Nicholas Pronobis** from Cheektowaga, **Brianna Propis** from Lancaster, **Olivia Rodriguez** from Cheektowaga, **Alyssa Strimple** from Depew, **Tara Wanat** from Cheektowaga, **Joshua Weiss** from Lancaster, **Jacob Wentland** from Depew, **Jacob Wilk** from Buffalo.

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# Campus Ministry



## *Lent – what a time!*

February heralds a time of anticipation. It looks forward to the celebration of romantic love on Valentine's Day; the patriotic respect on Presidents' Day, and the awareness of our faith relationship on Ash Wednesday. This day, February 18, marks the beginning of the Lenten season, that will conclude on Holy Thursday, April 2, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

During this six-week period we are called to pray, fast, and give alms. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6, gives

instructions on how this can be done in a humble manner.

Why do we receive ashes? The practice of sackcloth and ashes has biblical roots, tracing back over twelve hundred years (see Daniel 9:3-6 or Samuel 13:19). It was then and is now a sign of the presence of sin in our life, our remorse and repentance. The exhortation that we are dust and will return to dust recalls God's creation of humankind from the dust of the earth in Genesis 2. The reception of the blessed, sacramental ashes today reminds

us of our own mortality, our human failings, and a humble display of our striving to be good, practicing Catholics and Christians.

The season of Lent prepares us for the most significant and important Feast of the Resurrection, a.k.a. Easter. During this time may our prayer be more sincere, our fasting more beneficial, and our alms giving more generous. No one said it would be easy.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.  
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## Student artwork to benefit Friends of Night People

One of the greatest things in life is when our passions and talents can collide with the opportunity to help those less fortunate than us. In February, students from St. Mary's Ceramics and Advanced Ceramics classes have that chance. Bowls

they created will be sold at an Empty Bowls event to benefit Friends of the Night People, a local organization that helps the poor and homeless in Buffalo.

The Empty Bowls event is again being held in conjunction with the 5th Annual

Buffalo Soup-Fest, on February 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. The Buffalo Soup-Fest will feature approximately 30 restaurants who will serve over 100 varieties of soup. Admission is \$5, and soup tickets are \$1 each.

In addition to the Friends of the Night People, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army, the BuffaloFAMBase, and The B-Team Buffalo.

In addition to the participation of the Lancer Art students, the Buffalo Soup-Fest has multiple other St. Mary's connections. The Soup-Fest was established in 2009 by Matt and Margaret Carlucci, class of 2000. Also on the organizing committee are teacher, Mr. Peter Herr, Linda Wagner Herr, '82, and Adam Herr, '11. One of the presenting sponsors of the Buffalo Soup-Fest is Brooklyn Brewery, represented by Lindsey Styborski, '01. Buffalo Soup-Fest apparel and other Buffalo-themed tee shirts will be produced and sold at the event by Artdog Designs, owned by Kevin Powers, '83, and the Kids Zone will feature video games set up by Oogie Games, whose COO is Matthew Walter '90.

For more information about the Buffalo Soup-Fest visit [buffalosoupfest.com](http://buffalosoupfest.com).

## *Lancer Parent Partnership*

### *Still time to sign up to be model*

The online model sign up form for this year's Fashion Show is still available on the St. Mary's website. All students and faculty are encouraged to sign up if they would like to model in the show. The form will be removed from the website on Friday, Feb. 13. Any applicants who sign up after February 13 will be placed on a waiting list.

The annual Fashion Show – to be held on Tuesday, April 21, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens – is a wonderful evening of fun, food, fashions, and fabulous prizes!

Tickets will be \$40 and include admission, a door prize ticket, a three-course dinner, and the show. Tables of 10

are available. A cash bar will be available, as well as a theme basket raffle. Please invite your friends and family from outside the St. Mary's community and help us showcase this great event to benefit our students!

Anyone who would like to help with the planning of the Fashion Show should e-mail Sandy Gibson at [ekgib15@msn.com](mailto:ekgib15@msn.com). There are many ways to help, including assisting with the models, decorating, obtaining theme basket donations, and helping with admissions and raffles the night of the event. We are also looking for vendors and stores for fashions that our models can showcase.



# Counseling Corner

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Counselor to Classes of 2015 & 2017

Counselor to Classes of 2016 & 2018

## Students need to learn breadth and depth

In high school courses, students are challenged to attain a breadth and depth of understanding.

Breadth involves having a broad understanding of the overall subject. In U.S. history, it means being able to name three causes of both the Civil War and the Great Depression.

To gain a broad understanding:

- A single reference, such as a textbook, might be all that is needed. The goal is to understand the key points or most important events.
- Memory is the key. Students need to understand how things fit together knowing, for example, that

Hemingway and Fitzgerald wrote at roughly the same time.

Depth involves learning the details of a particular subject: Why the Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, for example. In-depth understanding requires learning as much about a single topic as possible.

To gain a deep understanding:

- Consult different reference sources. A student should understand different points of view on a subject and then draw his own conclusions about it.
- Analysis is the key. A student should ask questions when learning in

depth: Why did that occur? How might things have gone differently?

Research has shown that students who study topics in greater depth often have an advantage when they reach college. So if your teen can't stop talking about last week's lesson in chemistry, encourage him to do additional research on the topic.

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## "Success mindset" is important

The band director handed out a difficult new piece. But your teen wasn't worried. "I'll just practice until I get it."

Then later, his math teacher introduced a new math skill. He rolled his eyes. "I can't learn this," he said. "I'm no good in math."

The truth is that the same skills your teen learns to master his music are the ones that will help him learn the difficult math problems. But many students do not see the connection between practice and results in the classroom.

Researchers at Stanford have learned a powerful lesson about motivation. They divided students into two groups.

They praised one group for their ability ("You must be smart to get that right"). They praised the other group for

their effort ("You really worked hard to figure that out").

Over time, students in the group praised for their ability backed off a challenge. But the teens praised for their work effort said, "Bring it on."

How do you see school success? Do you believe your teen can learn anything if he works at it? That is what researchers now call the "success mindset." It's critical to helping students stay motivated to face – and overcome – challenges.

Thomas Edison once said, "Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." Turns out that he was exactly right!

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## Expectations are road map to success

Setting high expectations for your teen is the first step towards school success. Think of your expectations like a road map – without the map, there's no guarantee your teen will end up at the final destination (or even know what it is). With the map, she'll be able to successfully find her way.

To ensure your expectations for your teen are clear:

- Talk about future goals. Help your teen make plans for the future and figure out how to make those plans a reality.
- Discuss the link between effort and outcome. Assure your teen that you are more concerned that she give her best effort than that she get all A's.

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## We all need a little “perspective”

*“I’d like some fresh, clear, well-seasoned perspective. Can you suggest a wine to go with that?”*

Anton Ego. *Ratatouille*.

Overall, I have to admit that I am a pretty positive person. I will confess, however, that there are days that I am not that positive, when I am tired, or frustrated, or just plain grumpy. On days like this, to help me become a little more positive, I remember to add a little perspective to my life. For example ...

Ever since my kids were little, I have tried to build an ice rink in our back yard. Some years it has worked; others it has not.



Remembering the ice rink is a way that I am able to keep my perspective, to stay positive, even on the coldest winter days. For you see, when the temperature is near zero, I try not to complain, because I know that this is a perfect day for the ice rink, to make it a little thicker, a little smoother for the family to enjoy.

Another example ...

Have you ever been driving, and there is a car that just rides your tail the whole time? You can almost see the brand of glasses that they are wearing, that’s how close they are. Instead of getting angry at that driver, we have

always played a game in our family – come up with a good reason why this person is driving so recklessly. Perhaps his wife is about to give birth. Maybe she late for their job, and if she is late one more time their boss said that she would be fired. Or how about they have to get to their airport before the love of their life leaves, and they will never be together again? Just thinking of these possibilities – to put the situation in perspective – makes the driver a little less annoying, a little more tolerable.

I think that there are many times at school when having a different perspective may make the days, the situations, little easier.

Instead of getting frustrated about the new math topic you are learning, remember that this will help you advance in your goal of being an engineer. When you become upset with your friend, take a step back and think about what your life would be like without that person in it. When you are tired of rehearsing that scene or practicing that play for the umpteenth time, focus on how this will prepare you for the final performance or the big game.

With a little more perspective in our lives, nearly everything can be turned from a problem into an opportunity.

*Keith L. Kidder '85*

*Director of Special Programs*

## Leah Meyer receives Gatorade award



Leah Meyer recently received the Gatorade New York State Player of the Year Award at a ceremony held at St. Mary’s High School. With her at the presentation were her parents, Michael and Tracy, and her sister Caitlyn. For more on the award – including links to the Channel 2 story and video of Leah’s hits from the season – go to the St. Mary’s volleyball website.

## Expectations

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- Make time to talk about school and schoolwork. Your teen will feel that you are interested in her education.
- Ask your teen to create routines for homework and chores. This shows your confidence in her ability to get the “little things” done by herself – and prepares her to tackle larger goals.

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- Notes from the Health Office -

# Spring Athletes / Physical Sign-up

### Spring Sport Athletes:

All athletes must have a current physical on file in the Health Office. In addition, prior to the start of tryouts or practice at the beginning of each season, a health history review for each athlete must be conducted.

Students interested in trying out for a spring sport must turn in Interval Health History Forms, completed by a parent/guardian, to the Health Office/Main Office by **February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Failure to comply will result in not being able to start practice with the rest of the team. The Pink Health

Form will be available in the Health Office, the Counseling Office, the Main Office, and are also available on the school website under the "Parents"; and then the "Health" section.

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### PHYSICAL signups

#### for NEXT school year 2015-2016

Every student playing a sport must have a current physical on file in the Health Office prior to the first tryout/practice date. Students wishing to have a school physical **MUST** sign up in the Health Office. Students will **NOT** be automatically signed

up if they had a physical the previous year. **The school physician will be here at St. Marys on March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Additionally, any student who did not play a sport this year but is interested in playing a sport next school year; or anyone who is interested in getting a physical for working papers needs to sign up for a physical with Mrs. Murphy in order to have a physical. **THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

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

## 2014-15 Winter Sports Schedules

### Boys' Varsity Basketball

*Games begin at 7:30pm, unless noted*  
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

### Girls' JV Basketball

Thur, Feb. 12, 5pm, vs. Immaculata

### Girls' Varsity Basketball

*Games begin at 7:30pm, unless noted*  
Wed, Feb. 4, 6pm, @ O'Hara  
Mon, Feb. 9, @ Buffalo Seminary  
Thur, Feb. 12, 6:30pm, vs. Immaculata

### Boys' JV Basketball

*Games begin at 6pm, unless noted*  
Tues. Feb 3, @ Niagara Catholic  
Tues. Feb. 10, vs. Walsh  
Wed. Feb. 11, vs. Fredonia  
Fri. Feb. 13, @ O'Hara  
Sun. Feb. 15, 2:30pm, @ Canisius

### Hockey

Mon, Feb. 2, 7:50pm, vs. West Seneca East (West Seneca)  
Thur, Feb. 5, 9pm, vs. Sweet Home (Northtown)  
Sat, Feb. 7, 1:45pm, vs. St. Joe's (Brighton)  
Sat, Feb. 14, 5:30pm, vs. West Seneca West (Northtown)

### Wrestling

Tues. Feb. 3, 6pm, vs. Gow  
Sun. Feb. 8, time TBA, All-Catholic Tournament (St. Mary's)

### Boys' Bowling

*All matches begin at 3:35pm. Matches are played at Airport Lanes.*  
Tues, Feb. 3, Position Round  
Thur., Feb. 5, All-Catholic Match  
Sat, March 7, State CHSAA Tournament

### Freshman Basketball

Wed. Feb. 4, Time TBA, @ Lockport

## Athletes of the Week



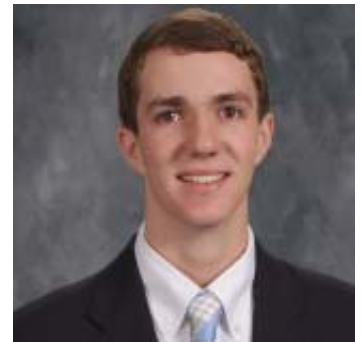
Dec. 22 to Jan. 2  
Leah Meyer



Jan. 5 to 9  
Sean Wilson



Jan. 12 to 16  
Christian Szablewski



Jan. 19 to 23  
Eric Brown



# Cast of *Bye, Bye Birdie* announced

## Tickets go on sale Monday, March 2

Following auditions during the first week back from Christmas Break, the directors of this year's Spring Musical had the hard task of selecting the cast for the production of *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

Congratulations to the following who have been chosen to be a part of the cast:

- Rose Alvarez – Anna Heerdt
- Albert Peterson – Alexander Hokaj
- Kim MacAfee – Grace Fuller
- Conrad Birdie – Nicholas Federico
- Mrs. Mae Peterson – Victoria Jankowski
- Mr. Harry MacAfee – Andrew Salamone
- Mrs. Doris MacAfee – Kayla Murphy
- Hugo Peabody – Austin Klink
- Ursula Merkle – Christina Federico
- Randolph MacAfee – Jeffery Rosner
- Deborah Sue – Victoria Powell
- Mayor – James Roetzer
- Margie – Madeline Wnuk
- Mrs. Mayor – Rebecca Hojna
- Alice – Veronica Rozler
- Mrs. Merkle – Ashley Drzymala



- Glory Rasputin – Jessica Michalski
- Policeman – Gary Li
- Helen – Rachel Cichoki
- Harvey Johnson – William Story
- Dancers – RiverLeigh Martinez, Brittany Gorny, Heather Gotro, Tia Piotrowski, Helen Gibson, Maya Zelazny, Alexandra Bielli, Brittany Wachowski, Kendra Ciezki, Hanna Streck, Asia Alexander, Regan Weiss, Alexandria Szpila, Mary Eddy
- Ensemble – Leah May, Jennifer Baran, Jennifer Dudzinski, Caliegh Passucci, Allyson Fischer, Raymond Cooper, Jennifer Piskor, Samantha Grabski, Kristi Smith, Nicholas Samson, Andrea Seelof, Matthew MacDonald, Marissa Paradis, Julie Sobczynski, Olivia Carl, Carrie Kidder, Zachary Szpila, Kaitlyn Tytko, Joelle Cianciosa, David Owczarczak, Julie Pijacki, Jenna Erwin, Julia Soluri, Sophie May, Christopher Truesdale, Shala Wright, Marissa Loniewski, Haley Wipperman, Aggie

- Millholland, Jackson Sperduti, Bailey Dolegowski, William Roskopf, Joe Digesare, Onalee Duane, Nicole Giardina, Marc O'Neill, Jillian Vitale, Jake Concannon, Jon Pasternak, Shannon Murty, Jessica Kozminski, Tori Camillo, Marie Caruana, Dino Fudoli, Karen He, Frida Zheng, Hannah Hapeman, Blake English, Justus Pigford, Joe Flading

Tickets for the March 21, 22, and 23 performances of the spring musical *Bye, Bye Birdie* will go on sale on **Monday, March 2, at 7:30 a.m.** in Mr. Kidder's Office (behind the Library).

**Tickets are reserved seating only. No tickets will be sold before March 2.**

The tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$7 for high school or college students, \$6 for children and senior citizens. A weekend pass for all three performances is also available at \$20 each (may not be all same seats).

More information is available by calling Mr. Kidder at 683-4824, ext. 215.

## Lunch Menu – February 2 to 27

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Student Lunches: \$4</b> <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>	<b>2</b> Specialty mac & cheese (Buffalo Chicken Finger), pasta salad	<b>3</b> Chicken breast sandwich, pasta salad	<b>4</b> Specialty pizza	<b>5</b> Tacos in a bag	<b>6</b> No School
	<b>9</b> Chicken Parm, side pasta, bread stick	<b>10</b> Steak quesadilla, pasta salad	<b>11</b> Specialty pizza	<b>12</b> Shepherd's pie, breadstick	<b>13</b> Buffalo Best Pizza (barbecue chicken or cheese & pepperoni)
	<b>16</b> No School	<b>17</b> No School	<b>18</b> No School	<b>19</b> No School	<b>20</b> No School
	<b>23</b> Cheeseburger, French fries	<b>24</b> Chicken Finger Sub	<b>25</b> Specialty pizza	<b>26</b> Tacos in a bag	<b>27</b> Stuffed shells, bread sticks

Lunches provided by:



D'Avolio Kitchens



# February 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2-C Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm Incoming Freshman Registration 6-8pm  <i>Hockey vs. West Seneca East 7:50pm</i>	<b>3-D Day</b> SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm Scholars Time TBA  <i>MBowl Position Round 3:35pm MVBB @ Niagara Catholic 6, 7:30pm Wrestling vs. Gow 6pm</i>	<b>4-E Day</b> SEEK 2:30pm <i>MVarBB vs. Park 6:30pm WVarBB @ O'Hara 6pm FreshBB @ Lockport</i>	<b>5-F Day</b> Jeans Day Weekly Mass 7:30am No Afterschool Activities  <i>MBowl All-Catholic Tourney 3:35pm Hockey vs. Sweet Home 9pm</i> <b>Jeans Day</b>	<b>6</b> <b>No School for students</b> Faculty/Staff In-service Lancer Auction 6pm  <b>No School for Students</b>	<b>7</b> ACT Testing Date  <i>MBowl State CHSAA Tourney Hockey vs. St. Joe's 1:45pm</i>
<b>8</b> Spirit Week → Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Baseball Team 12-5pm  <i>Wrestling All-Catholics at St. Mary's</i>	<b>9-A Day</b> Ext HR / PM <b>Liturgy Schedule</b> (Class Meetings / Spirit Week Liturgy) Student Senate 2:30pm  <i>WVarBB @ Buffalo Seminary 7:30pm</i>  <b>Pride Day Dress</b>	<b>10-B Day</b> NHS 2:30pm  <i>MBB vs. Walsh 5, 6:30pm</i>  <b>Superhero vs. Villain</b>	<b>11-C Day</b> Campus Ministry 7:30am Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm  <i>MBB vs. Fredonia 6, 7:30pm</i>  <b>Mathlete vs. Athlete</b>	<b>12-D Day</b> Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Math Club 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm Powderpuff Football Game 3pm  <i>WBB vs. Immaculata 6, 7:30pm</i>  <b>Balltime vs. Bedtime</b>	<b>13-E Day</b> <b>PM Assembly Schedule (Fun Assembly)</b> <i>MBB @ O'Hara 6, 7:30pm</i>  <b>Battle of the Bands</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Hockey vs. West Seneca West 5:30pm</i>
<b>15</b> <i>MBB @ Canisius 2:30, 4pm</i>	<b>16</b> <b>No School</b> Mid-Winter Break Offices Closed St. Mary's Day at Kissing Bridge  <b>Offices Closed</b>	<b>17</b> <b>No School</b> Mid-Winter Break Offices Open 8am-1pm  <b>Offices Open 8am-1pm</b>	<b>18</b> <b>No School</b> Mid-Winter Break Offices Open 8am-1pm Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 9am  <b>Offices Open 8am-1pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>No School</b> Mid-Winter Break Offices Open 8am-1pm  <b>Offices Open 8am-1pm</b>	<b>20</b> <b>No School</b> Mid-Winter Break Offices Closed  <b>Offices Closed</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23-F Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm	<b>24-A Day</b> SOUL 7:20am	<b>25-B Day</b> Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	<b>26-C Day</b> Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm	<b>27-D Day</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>1</b> Foreign Language Week →	<b>2-E Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm	<b>3-F Day</b> SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm Scholars Time TBA	<b>4-A Day</b> Lenten Prayer Day Campus Ministry 7:30am SEEK 2:30pm	<b>5-B Day</b> Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm	<b>6-C Day</b> Junior Retreat 8am-3pm	<b>7</b>

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
to benefit  
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**Sunday, Feb. 8 • 12 noon-5 p.m.**  
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**\$8 Chinese Auction & 50/50 Raffle!**  
Pre-Sale & Take-outs also available! **\$8**

**St. Mary's Ski Day at Kissing Bridge**  
**Monday, February 16**  
**- \$40 -**



*Includes Transportation, Lunch & Lift Ticket*  
**For more information and to sign up, contact Mrs. Junik at [ejunik@smhlancers.org](mailto:ejunik@smhlancers.org)**

## *Game time for Scholars*



*Members of the St. Mary's Scholars Program recently gathered to play Board Games. This is just one of the monthly activities held by the organization; other events include attending plays, visits to art galleries, and a tour of Forest Lawn.*

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