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Cheerleaders spread love to child with spina bifida

Here's a story of how the students of St. Mary's High School care, from the Cheerleading Coach Sara Gromek:

"One day, Emily Keicher came into our practice before a game and watched us cheer. She watched us stunt, dance, and

tumble and even did a few tricks herself!

We all fell madly in love with her, so we had the idea to send her a little 'thank you for visiting' package.

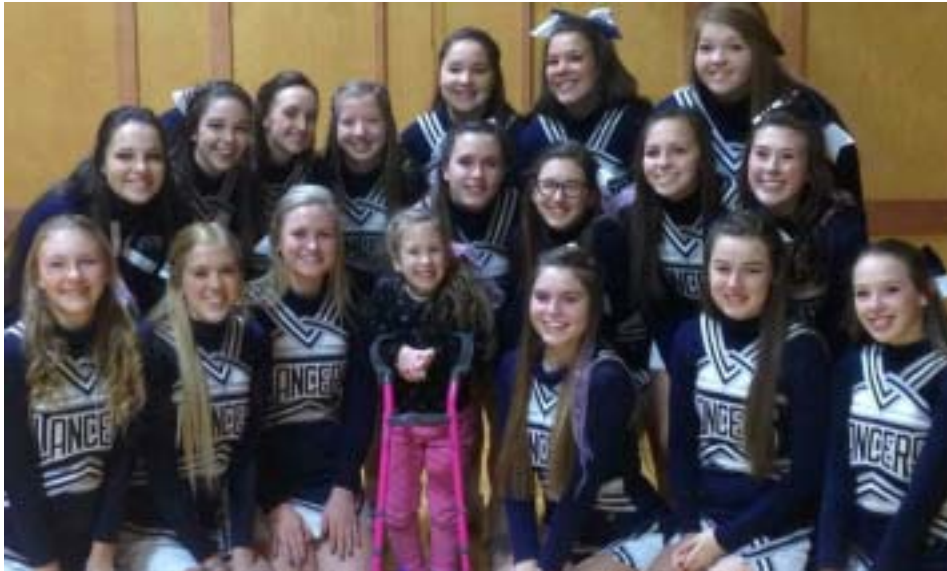
"We all wrote her notes, sent pictures, pom-poms, a bow that matches the team's,

some stuffed animals, and asked her to be an 'official SMH cheerleader.' She truly is an amazing little girl, and my girls are always happier after seeing her."

And here is what Emily's parents, Chris and Elizabeth, said:

"We just wanted to express our appreciation for how wonderful your entire cheerleader squad and coaching staff made our daughter Emily feel. From the first time she was peeking in at them from the door a few weeks ago, to the package of letters and pom-poms inviting her to be an honorary cheerleader, they have been so inviting, caring, and thoughtful. And they thought about doing it all in their own! And once again this evening, they went above and beyond to make Emily feel like a part of the team. The smile on her face was priceless.

"This certainly speaks volumes about the administration and leadership team that is in place at St. Mary's."



Lady Lancers cheerleaders surround Emily Keicher.

STEAM Challenge programs math for 4th graders

By Ms. Jennifer Anthonie
STEAM Coordinator

Over the course of the past three months, sophomore students involved in the Game Developer STEAM Challenge have been working very hard in preparation for a unique and exciting opportunity. In this challenge, students were asked to develop a math computer game designed to teach a New York State Common Core concept at the fourth grade level.

Students were required to

contact a local area fourth grade teacher for an interview, as well as research the Common Core Standards to gain insight as to which topics the fourth graders would be learning and which concepts would be appropriate to use for the game. Once the students completed their background research, they spent weeks designing and coding their games using the online application, Scratch.

Students spent many painstaking hours tweaking their code and playing their games over and over

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Brittany Wachowski and Samantha Grabski work with students from Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament School.

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and over again to ensure they got it to be just right and would run smoothly.

Upon the games' completion, two fourth grade classes – one from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Depew and the other from Christ the King in Snyder – were invited to St. Mary's for a field trip to play the students' math games and provide the students with feedback as to how they did.

Not only was this a fun experience for all involved, but the field trips also served as an important learning experience for our St. Mary's students. The Game Developer students had the unique opportunity of seeing first-hand how the product they developed affected their target audience. The feedback the students received from the fourth graders and their teachers proved to be extremely valuable.

Students said that seeing the fourth graders play their games and elicit positive reactions “made it worth all of the hard work” and described the experience as “very rewarding”.

The fourth graders and their teachers enjoyed the experience, as well.

“All of the games were amazing,” said Dylan from Christ the King School. “The games were fun, challenging, and cool,” added Haley. “The games were really interesting because the students created the games,” shared Abigail.

St. Mary's is hoping to continue their partnership with Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and Christ the King on more projects in the future.

Of the 12 different games that were developed for this challenge, the fourth

graders' favorites were Samantha Grabski and Brittany Wachowski's Flappy Bird Game; Andrea Seeloff and Stephanie Nemmer's Finny the Fish's Fractions Game; Anna Heerd, Faith Meyers, and Savannah Meyers' Alien Game; and Mark Cronmiller's Garfield Game. These games received the largest amount of positive feedback from the fourth graders.

To Check out the story that appeared on Time Warner Cable News highlighting our day with fourth graders, be sure to visit www.twcnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2015/02/3/steam-math-challenge.html.

Transportation requests due by April 1

Parents of St. Mary's students must request transportation services directly from the public school district.

The deadline for submitting written requests for transportation for the 2015-16 school year is April 1.

Failure to submit a request by this deadline might lead to the suspension of bus privileges for those families.

Most school districts require families to apply for transportation on the district website, though some districts still have forms to fill out and submit. Mrs. Fiume, who coordinates transportation for St. Mary's students, will be sending letters home soon with more information.

Note – Students in the Buffalo and Lockport school districts do not need to apply for transportation.



OLBS students are fascinated during the 3-D printer demonstration.

Districts hold Spring Break at different times

With Spring Break just around the corner, students and families should be aware that not all school districts hold their Break at the same time.

Please note that if your public school district is closed for Break and St. Mary's

is open, families are required to provide their own transportation to get the students here.

Students will not be excused for missing school due to no bus transportation during a Break.

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Dog can no longer eat the homework

Dear Lancer Family,

I was at a disadvantage when I was growing up. We did not have a dog. So I could not use “the dog ate my homework” as an excuse for not completing my assignments. Nor did I think that I could use our bird,



Beanie, as a scapegoat. I was pretty sure my teachers wouldn’t buy that.

Here in Lancerville, we are quite excited to announce that we have rolled out Google accounts for each of our students. Through training classes that have taken place over the last week, they have been introduced to the functions of Google, including Gmail, Drive, Docs, etc. This will allow students to more easily communicate with teachers, because they are all in the same email system. Additionally, through the use of Google Drive, students will be able to do all of their word processing and presentation creating “in the cloud.” This means that wherever they have access to the internet, they will be able to access their files. They no longer have to be within the school building and network to get to those files.

So, when a student has to type a paper or an assignment, they can no longer come in and say, “The dog ate my homework.” Because any assignment saved in the cloud will be able to be accessed right here

at school. This will also help in cases where stubborn printers may not be working at home when you need them to. If it is saved in Google Drive, they can print when they get to school.

This is another step that we are taking towards

helping our students become 21st-century learners. Being able to communicate electronically is an important skill, as many of you know. This also paves the way for students to submit their assignments electronically, instead of having to print and use paper. Some of our teachers have already taken advantage of this method. It makes researching material easier, and it increases the ability for students to collaborate with one another on projects using the powerful Google tools. Having recently added 12 brand new Chromebases to the library, we have experienced students being very excited about the new

technology.

During the upcoming week of March 9-13, each student will be asked to take home, review, and sign – along with their parents – a new Technology Usage Agreement. This is to update the school’s policy now that the students have a school email address and Google account. Please review the policy and return it to the school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the new accounts or technology, please contact the school. You can speak to myself or someone from the Technology Department (Mr. Meyerhofer or Mr. Moreno). And give your dog an extra pat on the head to assure him that he will no longer be the homework scapegoat.

Sincerely,

Principal
Class of 1992



Fundraising
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**Please Support the
St. Mary’s Scrip Program!**

Fighting the Winter Blues during Spirit Week



Heroes vs. Villains Day



Powder Puff Action

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Counselor to Classes of 2015 & 2017

Counselor to Classes of 2016 & 2018

Different styles of decision making

You know that your teen's decision-making skills will get better as she gets older and gains more experience.

But did you know that she may make decisions in a different manner than you do?

With your teen, discuss the five different styles of decision-making.

Which type of decision-maker do each of you think you are? Are you:

- **Decisive?** People in this category often act quickly. They base their decisions on the information that is immediately available to them. They rarely change their minds.

- **Flexible?** Similar to decisive decision makers, these people act on limited information. However, they are open to changing their minds. If their first solution to a problem doesn't work, they will switch to another one. And they will reevaluate decisions as more information becomes available.

- **Hierarchical?** These types of decision-makers collect as much information as they can before making a decision. They look at all the information and determine the best solution. And they stick with their

decision – because they worked out all the details before they made it.

- **Integrative?** These people are like scientists. They collect and evaluate a lot of information, but realize there are many solutions that could work for the problem. They test each idea, imagining the outcome in their minds.
- **Systemic?** These people collect as much information as possible and come up with as many solutions as possible. They then rank the solutions from best to worst and try out each one down the list until the problem is solved.

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Motivate teen writing by sharing

It seems like teenagers barely communicate in complete words today, let alone full written sentences. But that doesn't mean writing is becoming any less important.

In fact, the ability to write well could be the difference between your teen's getting a good job or getting passed over.

But how can you encourage your teen to write? One survey found that teens are more motivated to write when they know their writing will be seen by others in print or online.

Suggest that your teen look into:

- The school newspaper or a literary magazine. By participating in one of these, your teen is improving her writing and adding an extracurricular activity to her school résumé.
- Writing contests. Encourage your teen

to search online or ask her English teacher or the librarian about entering her work in writing contests. From poetry to fiction to essays, there's a contest out there that's sure to fit your teen's work. Check out the teen writing community at www.stageoflife.com for essay contests and more! Just beware of scams: Young writers should avoid any contest that asks for an "entrance fee."

- **Online literary magazines.** With your teen, check out a website like www.teenink.com. Teen Ink accepts submissions from students between the ages of 13 and 19.

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Volunteering helps gain job experience

Your teen has tried to get a job but he's never had a job. "How can I get work experience if no one will hire me?" he asks.

The answer is volunteering. While he helps others, he will also develop a set of skills that may show a potential employer that he can do the job.

A teen who is responsible about meeting commitments when he's not getting paid is even more likely to meet them when there's a paycheck involved.

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Pi Day perfect for donating pies

Earn bonus points and help less fortunate

By Ms. Maria Schaffstall
Math Club Moderator

The St. Mary's Math Club Mathletes are holding a Pi Day Donations Event on March 13, the day before Pi Day. The school will be accepting store purchased and sealed pies, either dry or frozen, for donations to the local Lancaster Food Pantry.



St. Mary's Math Club members will be collecting the pies in the morning of Friday, March 13, before homeroom in the school's cafeteria.

For those of you who don't know, Pi Day is based around the well-known mathematical constant used to determine the size and area of circles. Pi Day is normally celebrated by academic scholars

on March 14, which happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday. Pi Day is so called because when written numerically it follows the first three digits of the mathematical constant π , 3.14. This year, however, Pi Day will give us a whole 10 digits when we reach 3/14/15 at 9:26:53 in the morning, making it a Pi Day of the century!

Students will receive bonus points from their respective math teachers for every pie they bring in, with the maximum of three pies to receive credit.

We will accept more than three pies, but students may only receive bonus points for up to three pies.

We hope that you participate in this epic Pi Day and help donate delicious pies to the less fortunate.

Tytka named to All-WNY Academic Team

Congratulations to senior Kaitlyn Tytko who was recently selected as a finalist for *Business First's* 2015 All-Western New York Academic Team.



In addition, Kaitlyn was named to the Erie-East Academic Team, consisting of the top 10 seniors in this part of the eight-county region.

"The committee was greatly impressed with (Kaitlyn's) academic performance and extracurricular activities," wrote G. Scott Thomas in the congratulatory letter.

Kaitlyn's photo will be published with those of the other nine Erie-East honorees in *Business First's* 2015 Guide to Western New York Schools, which will hit newsstands on June 12.

Campus Ministry

March recalls two important Church men

For Julius Caesar the "Ides of March" were fatal, but for us they can be life giving and a source of inspiration. We recognize and celebrate two men who responded to God's call.

Strictly speaking the Ides fall on March 15, but on March 17 and 19, the Church recalls the work and example of Saints Patrick and Joseph. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and St. Joseph is the husband of Mary. Legend and myth surround what we know of their lives and works, but we revere their faithfulness to God's summons.

Born in 390 A.D. to an aristocratic British family, Patrick was abducted and taken as a slave to Ireland just before his

16th birthday. He spent six years there before escaping and returning to Britain. His experience in Ireland led to his conversion from atheism to Catholicism. He, against the wishes of his family, studied Latin and was ordained a priest. In 432 A.D., he returned to Ireland and began his lifelong work of ministering to the native peoples.

Little is known of St. Joseph. The Scriptures describe him simply as a "just man." In this context, a "just man" was one who was open to God's will and responded to it. Legend has it that Joseph was born in Bethlehem, became skilled as a wood-worker, and was the father of Jesus. Aside from the Christmas stories, our knowledge

of Joseph is limited to a scene when Jesus is 12 and taken to the Temple. There is an 18-year gap between the Temple incident and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It is believed that during this time Joseph died.

Outside the Ides, the Church on March 25 will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, Mary's "Yes" to God's call.

We can respond, as did Mary, Joseph, and Patrick, to God's call during this season of Lent. Matthew's Gospel tells us how. We are to pray, to fast, and to give alms. How's it going so far?

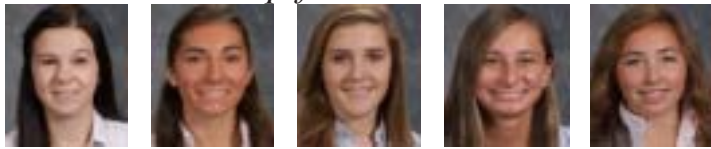
Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.
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Thank you for making Lancer '15 Successful!



Congratulations, Second Quarter Honor Roll Students

Top five Seniors



Agatha Milholland Rebecca Hojna Kayla Murphy Kaitlyn Tytka Shelby Strausbaugh

Top five Juniors



Carolyn Kidder Madison Fermo Kendra Ciezki Austin Calkins Victoria Powell

<u>Senior 1st Honors</u>	Wilson, Sean P	Fermo, Madison M	Herod, Bridget L	Vogl, Kathryn G	Slade, Summer
Blaszak, Andrew J	Zelazny, Alexandra L	Gibson, Helen P	Hokaj, Alexander J	Zheng, Sai Frida	Soluri, Julia
Burkard, Paige A	Ziobro, Alyssa K	Gorny, Victoria C	Horton, Samuel A		Syracuse, Jessa
Cometto, Theresa V		Gresham, Christopher	Irish, Maddisen K	<u>Sophomore</u>	Tytka, Ryan
Cronmiller, Teresa M	<u>Senior 2nd Honors</u>	Hamilton, Ann R	Kranz, Jessica L	<u>2nd Honors</u>	Was, Jacob
Drzymala, Ashley R	Bargnesi, Paul A	Hathaway, Jack M	MacKay, Kaila M	Bakeman, Elizabeth R	
Dudzinski, Jennifer C	Cassel, Kayle M	Kidder, Carolyn R	Mauro, Gabrielle	Bish, Alexander P	<u>Freshman</u>
Filion, David M	Coleman, Joseph	Kobis, Nicholas J	McKeating, Brendan	Fontaine, Joshua R	<u>2nd Honors</u>
Grabski, Katie A	DeSanto, Nicolas	May, Leah L	Michalski, Erica L	Freeman, Grace A	Allen, Kelsie
Gresham, Hannah M	Eddy, Mary M	McCartney, Mikala M	Owczarczak, David G	Greene, Jill	Brown, Scott
Guan, Xinyue Chloe	Federico, Nicholas J	Netti, Katherine J	Ratigan, Jessica S	Hossenlopp, Stephanie	Camillo, Victoria
Hapeman, Hannah T	Fontaine, Jonathon	O'Scier, Nina J	Rusinski, Allison J	Hufford, Erin M	Ciezki, Matthew
Hockwater, Danielle	Freeman, Samuel D	Pijacki, Julie H	Samson, Nicholas J	Pufpaff, Hannah E	Cousins, Lucas
Hojna, Rebecca L	Giardina, Nicole M	Piskor, Jennifer	Stoj, Joseph Ronald	Smith, Kristi A	DiPirro, Erin
Ineson, Zachary D	Gorny, Brittany A	Powell, Victoria B	Thomas, Emily A	Tredo, Jacob M	Duane, Onalee
Kruse, Michael T	Hamilton, Joseph R	Prentki, Kayla	Van Remmen, Isabel	Wipperman, Haley N	Flading, Joseph
Kwitowski, Victoria A	Heigl, Nicholas D	Pyszczyk, Grace A	Zajac, Genevieve A	Zelazny, Maya A	Gotro, Heather K.
Manuel, Magdalene	Kenneweg, Katrina S	Robinson, Tony J	Zolnowski, Kevin		Hapeman, Sarah
Meyer, Leah M	Klink, Austin W	Roetzer, James J		<u>Freshman</u>	Hatfield, Daniel W.
Michalski, Jessica A	Kozminski, Sydney N	Rozler, Veronica M	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>1st Honors</u>	Isbrandt, Chloe
Milholland, Agatha B	Lukasik, Nicholas R	Salamone, Andrew J	<u>1st Honors</u>	Antonicelli, Shae	Kozminski, Jessica
Murphy, Kayla R	Martinez, River Leigh	Strek, Hanna	Alexander, Asia A	Baran, Stephanie	Kruse, Nicole M.
Piotrowski, Tia L	O'Neill, Marc A	Vogel, Megan A	Ando, James A	Barczykowski, Kristen	LaPort, Veronica E.
Ratajczak, Ryan R	Poules, Brianna J	Weiss, Regan T	Bristol, Charles E	Bookmiller, Emily	MacDonald, Matthew
Sacco, Gillian A	Propis, John E	Winiarski, Emma	Cress, Daniel J	Brown, Eric	Marino, Antonino
Schott, Kaitlyn R	Roskopf, William R	Wnuk, Madeline L	Cronmiller, Mark D	Burkard, Gabrielle	Mazurowski, Benjamin
Shepard, Jacob C	Schneider, Matthew F	Zirnheld, Alyssa M	Fuller, Grace M	Cichocki, Rachel	Norton, Danielle
Smith, Mason P	Tobolski, Benjamin R		Heerd, Anna R	Fay, Jacob	Pacer, Alicia M.
Sobczynski, Julie A	Tomaszewski, Jacob	<u>Junior 2nd Honors</u>	Jankowski, Victoria R	Federico, Christina	Pijacki, Emily
Strausbaugh, Shelby	Yebernetsky, Alyssa	Berchou, Bradley D	Loniewski, Marissa L	Fontaine, Maria	Pike, Madeline
Szpila, Alexandria B		Dantonio, Marissa A	Meyer, Caitlyn	Jankowski, Ander	Szablewski, Christian
Szpila, Zachary M	<u>Junior 1st Honors</u>	DiDomenico, Anna D	Meyers, Faith V	Kandler, John	Vitale, Jillian J.
Troidl, Mariah	Braniecki, Garrett F	DiGesare, Joseph D	Meyers, Savannah H	Laistner, Zackary	Wagner, Kylie Rae
Tytka, Kaitlyn A	Calkins, Austin T	DiPirro, Mitchell D	Paul, Alex F	May, Sophie	Wargo, Andrew
Wierzbicki, Matthew	Carl, Olivia N	Dolegowski, Bailey R	Stegmeier, Alexander	Murty, Shannon	Was, Madeline
Wierzbicki, Michael	Cienciosa, Joelle M	Gali, Lisa A	Story, William L	Okon, Chelsea	Winiarski, Jacob
Wilk, Amber M	Ciezki, Kendra N	Gu, Jia Wei Jimmy	Tytka, Collin	Schaffstall, Kyle	Wright, Shala

Top five Sophomores



Daniel Cress Victoria Jankowski Marissa Loniewski Kathryn Vogl Frida Zheng

Top five Freshmen



Shannon Murty Chelsea Okon Emily Bookmiller Sophie May Ryan Tytka

Mr. Grieco named Athletic Director

Mr. Mark Tramont, President of St. Mary's High School, recently made the following announcement:

"I am proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Steven Grieco as the Athletic Director of St. Mary's High School.

"Steven has, for the past eight years, been a great asset to the St. Mary's family as our Enrollment Director. He has also proven himself to be invaluable in his equally challenging roles coordinating both the international student program as well as tuition and financial aid.

"In his new role Steven will continue

to work with our International Student program and assist in the enrollment area.

"With his degree in Sports Management from Medaille as well as his many years coaching baseball and playing semi-pro ball, Steven will prove to be an asset to St. Mary's High School. Steven's new position is slated to begin in March 2015.

"Please join Mr. Nick Fiume and the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Rebecca Kranz, Principal, and Mr. Kevin Kelleher, Vice President, in congratulating Steven, his wife Kelly, and their children Vinnie, Gabby, and Izzy on his new position.

Blood Drive coming March 26

The St. Mary's High School Donate Life Club will be hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 26.

Working in cooperation with UNYTS, donations will be accepted from 8 a.m. until about 1 p.m.

Students who are 16 years (with parental permission) or older may donate blood. Walk-ins are also welcome. For a complete list of guidelines to donate blood, go to www.unyts.org/services/community-blood-services.

Anyone who would like to donate blood is encouraged to make an appointment. Please contact Donate Life Moderators Mrs. Kelly Barry (kbarry@smhlancers.org) or Mr. Keith Junik (kjunik@smhlancers.org) to make the appointment.

Crew team scores well in first competition

On February 7, the new St. Mary's Rowing Team took part in their first-ever competition, as they participated in the annual Crusader Erg Challenge, an Indoor Rowing Competition held at Canisius High School in Buffalo.

Participating in the First-Year Category of the Women's Scholastic Novice Division, St. Mary's rowers performed very well, taking three of the top four places.

Junior Alyssa Zirnheld won first place in the division, easily defeating the other rowers with a time of 7:58 in the 2,000-meter race. Fellow juniors Grace Pyszczyk took third place, and Isabel Van Remmen finished in fourth place. There were fourteen racers entered in the event.

"I am very pleased and proud of these girls for handling their first rowing competition so well," said St. Mary's Coach Hilary



Crew medal winners were (left to right) Isabel Van Remmen, Alyssa Zirnheld, and Grace Pyszczyk.

Epes. "Now, everyone actually knows St. Mary's has a rowing program!"

St. Mary's High School introduced Women's Rowing for the 2014-15 school year. Under the leadership of Coach Epes, the Lady Lancers are rowing out of the South Buffalo Rowing Club.

Volunteering

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Here are volunteer opportunities your teen might consider:

- Working in a hospital. If your teen is considering a medical career, he should check out your local hospital. In many hospitals, volunteers are able to interact directly with patients.
- Creating a website. Many small volunteer organizations don't have websites. If your teen has computer skills, perhaps he could create a home page for a local organization. He'll then have a real-world example to show a potential employer.
- Helping your local library. In many places, library budgets have been cut back. Your teen might be able to plan a story hour for young children. He could create a book group for elementary school students and their parents. If he is considering a career in education, this would be a great start.

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2014-15 Spring Sports Schedules

Varsity Softball

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted.

Home games are played at Walden Pond.

Thurs, April 2, 5pm, Wildcat Scrimmage (Depew HS)
 Mon, April 13, @ Christian Central (Lou Gehrig)
 Wed, April 15, @ O'Hara
 Sat, April 18, Getner Memorial Tournament
 Mon, April 20, @ Mt. St. Mary's (Northtown Center)
 Sat, April 25, 9am, Depew Wildcat Tournament (Walden Ponds)
 Wed, April 29, vs. Mt. Mercy
 Fri, May 1, vs. Sacred Heart
 Wed, May 6, vs. Immaculata
 Thurs, May 7, @ Nichols
 Mon, May 11, @ Nardin (Lincoln Park)
 Wed, May 13, @ Niagara Catholic
 May 16-20 – MMAA Playoffs

Tennis

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted.

Home matches are played at Como Park

Thurs, March 26, vs. Mt. Mercy
 Tues, April 14, @ Sacred Heart
 Thurs, April 16, @ Park
 Tues, April 21, vs. Niagara Catholic
 Thurs, April 23, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
 Tues, April 28, vs. Buffalo Seminary
 Thurs, April 30, @ Niagara Catholic
 Tues, May 5, vs. Park
 Thurs, May 7, @ Nardin
 Tues, May 12, @ Buffalo Seminary
 Sat, May 16, 12 noon – All-Catholics (UB)
 Sun, May 17, 12 noon – All-Catholics (UB)

JV Baseball

All games begin at 4:15pm

Thurs, April 16 vs. O'Hara
 Fri, April 17 @ St. Joe's
 Wed, April 22 vs. Timon
 Thurs, April 23 vs. St. Francis
 Mon, April 27 vs. St. Joe's
 Thurs, April 30 vs. St. Francis
 Fri, May 1 @ Canisius (Delaware Park)
 Tues, May 5 vs. St. Joe's
 Thurs, May 7 vs. Canisius
 Fri, May 8 @ Canisius (Delaware Park)
 Sat, May 9 @ O'Hara
 Mon, May 11 @ St. Joe's
 Tues, May 12 @ Timon (Cazenovia Park)
 Thurs, May 14 vs. Canisius
 Mon, May 18 @ St. Francis
 Fri, May 22 @ St. Francis

Varsity Baseball

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted

Sat, March 28, 12 noon vs. Albion
 Tues, March 31, 4pm vs. Newfane
 Wed, April 1, 4pm vs. West Seneca East
 Wed, April 15, 4:30pm @ Nichols
 Fri, April 17, 4:30pm vs. Nichols
 Mon, April 20, vs. St. Joe's
 Wed, April 22, 4:30pm @ St. Joe's
 Fri, April 24, vs. O'Hara
 Mon, April 27, @ O'Hara
 Wed, April 29, vs. Canisius
 Fri, May 1, @ Canisius (Delaware Park)
 Mon, May 4, @ Christian Central
 Wed, May 6, vs. Christian Central
 Fri, May 8, vs. St. Francis
 Mon, May 11, @ St. Francis
 Wed, May 13, @ Timon (Cazenovia Park)
 Friday, May 15, vs. Timon
 Sat, May 23, 12 noon – Georgetown Cup Quarterfinals (location TBA)
 TBA – Georgetown Cup Semifinals (location TBA)
 June 2, 3, 4, 4pm – Georgetown Cup Finals (Coca-Cola Field)

Men's Lacrosse

All games begin at 5pm unless noted.

Home games are played at Westwood Park

Tues, April 14, @ Gow
 Thurs, April 16, @ Buffalo (Riverside HS)
 Mon, April 20, 5:30pm, @ Mercyhurst Prep (Erie, Pa.) (Veterans Stadium)
 Fri, May 1, vs. Kenmore
 Mon, May 4, vs. Gow
 Fri, May 8, vs. Mercyhurst Prep (Erie, Pa.)
 May 12-16 – ILC Playoffs

Women's Lacrosse

All games begin at 4:40pm unless noted.

Home games are played at Westwood Park

Wed, March 25, 5pm, vs. Niagara Wheatfield
 Sat, March 28, 11am, @ Villa (Erie, Pa.)
 Mon, March 30, vs. Williamsville North
 Mon, April 13, @ Springville
 Tues, April 14, vs. Immaculata
 Wed, April 15, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
 Fri, April 17, vs. Nardin
 Mon, April 20, @ Mt. Mercy
 Sat, April 25, 11am, @ Niagara Falls
 Tues, April 28, @ Sacred Heart
 Wed, April 29, 5pm, vs. Villa (Erie, Pa.)
 Mon, May 4, @ Immaculata
 Wed, May 6, @ Mt. St. Mary's
 Fri, May 8, @ Nardin
 Mon, May 11, vs. Mt. Mercy
 Thurs, May 14, vs. Buffalo Seminary
 Tues, May 19, vs. Sacred Heart
 Fri, May 22, @ Buffalo Seminary

JV Softball

All games begin at 4:15pm. Home games are played at Walden Pond.

Mon, April 13, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
 Wed, April 15, @ O'Hara
 Mon, April 20, @ Mt. St. Mary's (Northtown Center)
 Mon, April 27, vs. Nichols
 Wed, April 29, @ Sacred Heart (Shoshone)
 Fri, May 1, vs. Sacred Heart
 Mon, May 4, vs. Nardin
 Fri, May 8, @ Nichols
 Mon, May 11, @ Nardin (Lincoln Park)
 Wed, May 13, vs. O'Hara

– Notes from the Health Office –

Physical Sign-up

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. Mary's on March 17th.**

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 9TH.**

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



Lancer Parent Partnership



Fashion Show tickets go on sale March 10

The Lancer Parent Partnership Fashion Show Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m. in the St. Mary's High School Library. All are welcome to join the committee and assist with the planning.

This year's event, "Lights, Camera, Fashion!" will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant. Vendors include Silpada, Mary Kay, Jamberry Nails, Miche Bags, Origami Owl, Thirty-One Gifts, and Brothers of Mercy. Stores showcasing their fashions are Millennium, Tuxedo Junction, TJ Maxx, Old Navy, GAP, Rue 21, Chico's, JP Taylor, and Bridal Chateau.

As the Lancer Parent Partnership's only fundraiser, the event raises money for student scholarships, as well as

parent networking socials and faculty and staff appreciation events.

In addition to the nine departmental scholarships traditionally funded by the Lancer Parent Partnership, two additional scholarships will be awarded to members of the Class of 2015 who exhibit strong leadership and extraordinary community service.

If you are unable to attend the March meeting but would still like to help, please e-mail Sandy Gibson at ekgib15@msn.com. There are many ways to help, including assisting with the models, decorating, and helping with admissions and raffles the night of the event.

The annual fashion show is a wonderful evening of fun, food, fashions, and fabulous prizes! Tickets are \$40 and include

admission, a door prize ticket, a four-course dinner, and the show. Tables of 10 are available.

The event will also feature a theme basket raffle, 50/50 split raffle, and a cash bar.

Theme baskets will be on display during the spring musical run March 19-21. Admission tickets and theme basket raffle tickets will be sold prior to each performance and during intermissions.

Tickets are available beginning March 10 through the School Office or may be purchased at one of the school musical performances.

Please invite your friends and family from outside the St. Mary's community and help us showcase this great event to benefit our students!

Lunch Menu – March 2 to 27

Student Lunches:
\$4

*Please note:
You may prepay for student lunches by sending checks made out to "St. Mary's High School" to Mrs. Skalski, Cafeteria Manager.*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Buffalo Chicken Finger Specialty mac & cheese, side salad, breadstick	3 Baked Ziti, Side Salad, Breadstick	4 Specialty Pizza	5 Steak Quesadilla, pasta salad	6 Grilled cheese, tomato soup, French fries
9 French Day – TBA	10 Chinese Day – Beef Stir Fry	11 Ireland Day – TBA	12 Hispanic Day – TBA	13 Italian Day – Stuffed shells, breadstick, side salad
16 Chicken Parm, side pasta, breadstick	17 Taco in a bag	18 Specialty Pizza	19 Chicken Quesadilla, side macaroni Salad	20 NO SCHOOL
23 Cheeseburger, French fries	24 Chicken Breast sandwich, side pasta salad	25 Specialty Pizza	26 Shepard's Pie, side salad	27 Macaroni & Cheese, breadstick, side salad

Lunches provided by:



D'Avolio Kitchens

March 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2-E Day Student Senate 2:30pm SAT Prep Class 3-5pm	3-F Day SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm Scholars Time TBA	4-A Day Lenten Prayer Day Campus Ministry 7:30am SEEK 2:30pm	5-B Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm	6- C Day Junior Retreat 8am-3pm	7
8 Foreign Language Week →	9-D Day Student Senate 2:30pm SAT Prep Class 3-5pm <i>First Day of Spring Sports</i>	10-E Day NHS 2:30pm	11-F Day Special Schedule (Lenten Reconciliation / Rosary) Senior Class Trip to OLV Basilica 10am-3pm	12-A Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Math Club 2:30pm Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm	13-B Day Pride Day Pi Day sponsored by Math Club Pride Day	14 SAT Testing Day 7th Grade Practice Admissions Exam 9am
15	16- C Day Student Senate 2:30pm	17- D Day SOUL 7:20am Sports Physicals	18-E Day Campus Ministry 7:30am Science Exploration Day at UB 8am-1:30pm Junior Class Trip to National College Fair 8-10:30am Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	19- F Day Eucharistic Adoration NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Musical 7:30pm	20 NO SCHOOL Administrative Day Musical 7:30pm No School	21 Musical 7:30pm
22 Donate Life Week →	23-A Day Student Senate 2:30pm	24-B Day	25-C Day PM Liturgy Schedule (Annunciation Liturgy) <i>WLax vs. Niagara Wheatfield 5pm</i> Liturgy Dress Code	26-D Day Jeans Day Weekly Mass 7:30am Blood Drive 8am-1pm NHS Tutoring 2:30pm <i>WTennis vs. Mt. Mercy 4:15pm</i> Jeans Day	27-E Day	28 <i>WLax @ Villa (Erie, Pa.) 11am</i> <i>VarBB vs. Albion 12noon</i>
29	30- F Day Student Senate 2:30pm Campus Ministry (Calendar) 2:30pm <i>WLax vs. Williamsville North 4:40pm</i>	31-A Day Lenten Celebration SEEK 2:30pm <i>VarBB vs. Newfane 4pm</i>	1-B Day Jeans Day End of Third Quarter <i>VarBB vs. West Seneca East 4pm</i> Jeans Day	2-C Day Holy Thursday NO SCHOOL Spring Break Offices Closed <i>Var SB @ Wildcat Scrimmage (5pm)</i> Offices Closed	3-D Day Good Friday NO SCHOOL Spring Break Offices Closed Offices Closed	4

Faculty & Staff on Retreat

A day of prayer and history at the Buffalo Religious Arts Museum



St. Mary's High School presents



March 19-21

Nightly performances at 7:30 p.m.

*\$8 for Adults
\$5 for Students & Senior Citizens*

For tickets, call 683-4824 or go to www.smlancers.org



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