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Senior wins national young entrepreneur award

Joseph Hamilton, a senior at St. Mary's High School, was recently named a recipient of a National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Award.

In its 13th year, the award is part of a scholarship program designed to reward and encourage entrepreneurial talents among high school students.

Joseph and his brother, Daniel, a 2011 St. Mary's graduate, started Charlie and Checkers, a unique entertainment company for all ages. Blending comedy, magic, juggling, and music, the brothers have



Joseph Hamilton juggles during the White House Easter Egg Hunt.

performed for the homeless, disabled, and elderly. For the third straight year, they performed at the White House Easter Egg Hunt.

"America's young people have caught the entrepreneurial bug, and we could not be more confident in our next generation of business owners," said Molly Young, Director of the NFIB's Young Entrepreneur Foundation. "We are impressed year after year with the quality of these hard-working, innovative high school students who are making their entrepreneurial dreams

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2015 AP & Senior Exam Schedule

Mon., May 4	Tues., May 5	Wed., May 6	Thur., May 7	Fri., May 8
<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP Chemistry</p> <p>See "Senior Exam Notes" on Page 2</p>	<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP Calculus</p>	<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP English Literature (Juniors)</p>	<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP Computer Science</p> <p>Last Day of Classes for Seniors</p>	<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP US History (Juniors)</p> <p>8:00-10:00 a.m. AP Calculus School Final Exam</p> <p>12:00-2:00 p.m. Social Justice II & Soc. Just II / RPM Exam</p>
Mon., May 11	Tues., May 12	Wed., May 13	Thur., May 14	Fri., May 15
<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP Biology</p> <p>8:00-11:00 a.m. Spanish 3 Final Exam (Seniors Only)</p> <p>12:15-2:15 p.m. AP Stats School Final Exam (Seniors Only)</p>	<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP US Government (Seniors)</p> <p>8:00-10:00 a.m. Economics Final Exam</p> <p>12:15-2:15 p.m. Physics Final Exam</p>	<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP English Language (Seniors)</p> <p>12:00-3:30 p.m. AP Statistics</p> <p>12:00-2:00 p.m. Pre-Calculus Final Exam (Seniors Only) Pre-Calculus Honors Final Exam (Seniors Only) Math IV B Final Exam</p>	<p>8:00-11:30 a.m. AP World History</p> <p>9:00-11:00 a.m. English 12 Final Exam</p>	<p>No Exams</p> <p>Special Schedule Moving-Up Ceremony with May Crowning 8-9 a.m.</p> <p>Senior Retreat 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Seniors need to be in homeroom this day.</p>

Calendar of AP and Regents review classes

Please note that teachers can also do other review and after school meetings with students – those may be added at teacher discretion from now until June.				May 1
				Practice AP US Exam Practice AP Government Exam
May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8
AP Calculus & AP US & Living Env (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw) (after Student Senate meeting)	AP Government AP World History	Chemistry (Mr. Derrico) Earth Science (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw) Living Env (Mr. Conner)	AP Biology AP World History Chemistry (Ms. Anthone) Earth Science (Mrs. Aures) Global Studies (Mrs. Junik)	
May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
Living Env (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw)	AP World History	AP World History Chemistry (Mr. Derrico) Earth Science (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw) Living Env (Mr. Conner)	Chemistry (Ms. Anthone) Earth Science (Mrs. Aures) Global Studies (Mrs. Junik)	Geometry A (Ms. Schaffstall)
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
After Student Senate meeting: Living Env (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw)	Geometry A (Ms. Schaffstall)	Chemistry (Mr. Derrico) Earth Science (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw) Living Env (Mr. Conner)	Earth Science (Mrs. Aures) Global Studies (Mrs. Junik)	No School
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29
No School	Algebra A (Mr. Hall) Geometry A (Ms. Schaffstall)	Chemistry (Mr. Derrico) Earth Science (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw) Living Env (Mr. Conner)	Chemistry (Ms. Anthone) Earth Science (Mrs. Aures) Global Studies (Mrs. Junik)	Geometry A (Ms. Schaffstall)
June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5
After Student Senate meeting: Living Env (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw)	Algebra A (Mr. Hall) Geometry A (Ms. Schaffstall)	Chemistry (Mr. Derrico)	Chemistry (Ms. Anthone) Earth Science (Mrs. Aures) Global Studies (Mrs. Junik)	Geometry A (Ms. Schaffstall)
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
Algebra A (Mr. Hall) & Living Env (Mrs. Walh-Henshaw)	Geometry A (Ms. Schaffstall)		Exams Begin (Review classes listed on Exam Schedule)	

Notes for Senior Exams

Here are some notes concerning the Senior Exams (schedule on page 1):

- Students only have to be in school for their scheduled exams and all day May 15.
- The Administration is allowing the Seniors to be in Pride Day Dress for the exams (see Student Handbook for details). If students do not cooperate with this dress code, they will be required to be in Regular Dress Code.
- Students must turn in their textbooks prior to taking their exam. Failure to do so may result in the students/parents

being charged for their replacement.

- Buses will pick up students at the usual time in the morning and leave at the regular time. (Remember – the rest of school will still be in session.)
- Some teachers may offer review sessions at times when students are not taking exams. Students should check with their teachers to see when these review sessions are scheduled.
- If students are at St. Mary's High School when they are not scheduled to take an exam or in a review session, they are required to be in the Library for

quiet study or the cafeteria.

Questions regarding the Senior Exam guidelines and schedule should be directed to Mrs. Kranz.

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Work Program registration begins May 15

Many families have contacted St. Mary’s regarding the Work Program, in which students can assist with summer projects while earning tuition credit. Registration for the program takes place on-line only. **Please note that applications for this year’s program**

will be available on the St. Mary’s website beginning on May 15 at 9 a.m.

Questions regarding the Work Program and the application process may be directed to Mrs. Melanie Adams, Assistant Enrollment Director for Student Accounts.

Parts of Language finals scheduled

The Listening Portion of the final exams for French 1, French 2, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, and Spanish 2 Honors classes is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 27, during regular class time.** Speaking finals are by

appointment with Spanish 1, 2 and 2 Honors beginning May 26 through June 1. All students must be present at scheduled times for their appointments to receive credit. There are no make-ups offered.

St. Mary’s introduces STEAM Elective

By Ms. Jennifer Anthonie
STEAM Coordinator

It is with great excitement that I write you to share the details of a very unique opportunity available to junior and senior students for the 2015-2016 school year!

Next year, St. Mary’s will be offering its first *STEAM Elective: It’s Easy Being Green!* This course is going to be completely student driven – students will be granted the freedom to plan and decide exactly which projects they want to do and how they will be implemented – with the goal of making St. Mary’s a “green-er” working environment.

Further, students will have a budget of \$5,000, generously provided by the Oishei Foundation through the STEAM Grant, to provide for their projects. Think of what they will be able to achieve with those

kinds of funds!

The elective will be implemented as a full-year course in which students meet two days per cycle, similarly to how physical education classes and study halls run. Students willing to making the full-year commitment to the elective will earn a half-credit towards their academic diploma and a grade that will be factored into their overall averages each quarter.

Students who are interested in participating but are uncertain about making the commitment to a full-year course are still able to be involved. These students will have the ability to opt-in to the course one quarter at a time. This allows students to participate while also managing a balanced schedule. Students who decide upon this option will earn a partial credit towards their academic diploma and a grade for each quarter they participate.

This is truly a one-of-a-kind opportunity St. Mary’s is offering its students. It is my great hope students will capitalize on this opportunity. Not only will the students involved contribute to improving the St. Mary’s community, but they will also have the opportunity to improve their overall averages, build their résumés, and gain hands-on experience working in the STEAM fields. Participation in this elective will introduce students to new career opportunities and possibly be the impetus for a happy and successful career in one of the STEAM subjects. There is absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain!

– Notes from the Health Office –

Did you miss the physicals?

Sports physicals were offered at St. Mary’s High School in March. Student athletes who chose not to have a physical at school or were absent on the day of physicals are responsible to have a purple physical form completed by the student’s doctor. This form MUST be on file in the Health Office by August 1.

Failure to comply will result in not

being able to start practice with the rest of the team.

Forms are available in the Health Office, the Main Office, and on the school website, www.smhlancers.org.

Those who have any questions should contact Mrs. Murphy, the school nurse, at 683-4824, ext. 220 or bmurphy@smhlancers.org.



**Monday, June 29
at the Lancaster
Country Club**

*For more information and
for a registration form
go to www.smhlancers.org*

Counseling Corner

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Counselor to Classes of 2015 & 2017

Counselor to Classes of 2016 & 2018

Start preparing for final exams now

There's probably only one thought on your teen's mind right now: summer! So remind her that final exams stand between her and that nice, long break. And she'll do herself a favor if she starts preparing for those exams sooner rather than later.

Encourage your teen to spend a few days this month getting a jump start on her final exams. Suggest that she:

- Stock up on materials. Ask your teen what she needs for effective studying – note cards, sticky notes, highlighters, pens. Suggest she get

more supplies now if she's running low.

- Talk with teachers. Many teachers will offer hints about what to focus on when studying. A comment like, "Remember how often we referred to the concepts in chapter six," can be very helpful.
- Organize notes. Finals are all about review. Your teen will be ahead if she has all her notes in one place and in an order that makes sense to her.
- Create a study plan. Most tests require

serious study and review. Encourage your teen to use a calendar to block out study time and schedule the other things she needs to do before the end of the school year.

Don't forget to do your part to help your teen get ready for those final exams! Make sure she has a quiet place to study and gets a good night's sleep the night before tests.

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Teach your student how to handle disappointment

The boy she hoped would ask her to the dance asked someone else. The spot she wanted on the soccer team went to another player. Life, sadly, does not always give us what we want. That's as true for teens as it is for adults.

Learning to accept and cope with disappointment is a big step on the road to responsibility. Here are ways you can help your teen handle life's inevitable disappointments:

- Encourage her to talk about them.

Often, teens tend either to overreact or to clam up entirely. Help your teen express her disappointment with words.

- Don't try to fix things. You won't help your teen learn coping skills. Be sympathetic, of course: "I'm so sorry that happened." Be supportive: "I think you're a talented soccer player." *Don't* call the coach and insist she get on the team.
- Be a good role model. It's hard as a parent to share your personal disappointments, but it's one of the best ways to show your teen how you have learned to cope. "I am so disappointed that I didn't get that promotion," you might say. "I'm going to keep trying."

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Learning through teaching

One of the best ways to learn something is to teach it to someone else. This summer, motivate your teen to dive into a subject by asking her to become your tutor.

Choose something you'd like to know more about – something your teen already understands. Maybe you want to learn how to play one of her favorite video games.

Maybe you want to learn how to solve some of those complicated trigonometry problems she mastered. Or perhaps you just want to find out what

the settings on your smart phone can do!

Now, ask your teen if she's willing to tutor you – and take your learning seriously. Mark down times when you can work together. And be sure to give her the respect that any teacher deserves.

Your teen will have to do some in-depth learning to teach you. She'll grow in self-confidence. And you'll learn something new!

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St. Mary's updates NHS Induction Process

St. Mary's High School is announcing the following updated procedures for selection into the Marian Chapter of the National Honor Society, based on the NHS ideals of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character (updated information is in bold):

- During the summer, the NHS Induction Coordinator will review the academic records of all juniors and seniors to determine those students who meet the Scholastic Eligibility for selection. **The Scholastic Eligibility is having a cumulative average of 95 percent or higher. Eligible students of the Marian Chapter of National Honor Society will also be required to have finished Geometry A or Honors courses prior to being invited to be a candidate.**
- During the first full week of the school year, the Induction Coordinator will meet with scholastically-eligible students to distribute the Candidate Packets, which contains all forms that a candidate must fill out to be considered for selection.
- Soon after, the Induction Coordinator will hold an evening Candidate/Parent

Informational Session. At this meeting, the Coordinator will explain the selection process in more detail and review all forms in the Candidate Packet.

- Soon after this meeting, students will indicate if they wish to be considered for induction by returning the signed Notice of Intent.
- As part of the Candidate Process, the following will be completed:
 - Activity Form – students will list their school, service, and/or leadership activities in and out of school.
 - Leadership Referral Forms – to be completed by supervisors of student's leadership activities.
 - Service Referral Forms – to be completed by supervisors of student's service activities.
 - Character Evaluation – to be completed by faculty and staff of St. Mary's High School.
 - Personal Essay – written by student to summarize their achievements, interests, and other information they believe should be considered.
- Students are required to have completed 25 hours of service beyond what is

required for Religion classes (that is, Junior Candidates must complete at least 55 hours of service; Senior Candidates need to complete at least 85 hours).

- All materials will be due by the middle of October. The materials will be submitted to the Faculty Council for their review and consideration.
- If during the review process, the Council would like additional information, candidates may be asked to attend an interview conducted by the Induction Coordinator and/or members of the Faculty Council.
- In early November, the Faculty Council will report to the Principal the results of the deliberations for final approval. The Induction Coordinator will then notify candidates in writing of their selection or non-selection into NHS.
- Induction of the new members into the National Honor Society will take place in November.

More complete information regarding the Selection process will be found in the Student-Parent Handbook, available on the St. Mary's High School website, www.smhlancers.org.

Important Dates as Senior Year nears end

With the end of the school year fast approaching, the Administration would like to remind the members of the Class of 2015 and their families of the following important dates:

- Monday, May 4, through Thursday, May 14 – AP Exams (see schedule on page 1)
- Thursday, May 7 – last day of classes for Seniors
- Friday, May 8, through Thursday, May 14 – Senior Exams (see schedule on page 1)
- Friday, May 15 – Closing Ceremonies with Seniors (Parents Welcome) and Senior Retreat (Mandatory)
- Thursday, May 21 – Prom
- Sunday, May 31, 10 a.m. – Baccalaureate

- Mass (Mandatory) & Family Brunch
- Wednesday, June 3, 9 a.m. – Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory)
- Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. –

Graduation (Mandatory)
 More information and complete schedule of events will be available in future mailouts.

Parents invited to Moving Up Ceremony

On Friday, May 15, St. Mary's High School will be holding the Moving Up Ceremony and May Crowning.

The events that day will include special prayers for the seniors as they leave the student body and for the other classes as they move up in the school community. There will also be a preview of the Senior Video and the traditional May Crowning by two members of the Senior Class.

Parents are invited to attend this celebration. Ceremonies will begin at 8 a.m., to last about an hour.

Mark Your Calendar!

**St. Mary's High School
will be holding**

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On

Saturday, June 27

Tables will be available!

Only \$10!

More information available soon!

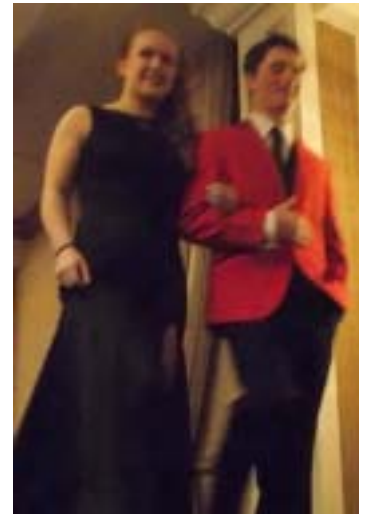
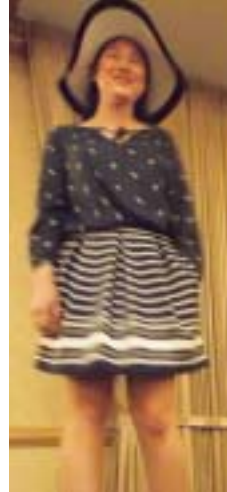
Questions? Call Pam Aquino at 683-4824, ext. 223



Lancer Parent Partnership



Fashion Show 2015



More pictures coming soon to the St. Mary's website

Young entrepreneur award *(continued from page 1)*

happen.”

Joseph will be honored with four other high school students at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., on July 23rd. During the event, the winners of the NFIB Young Entrepreneur of the Year and the



Joseph juggles during a recent performance.

NFIB Dan Danner Leadership Award will be announced, each receiving a \$15,000 scholarship. The remaining three finalists will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

“I am very honored to be given this great opportunity, and I am humbled to be offered this scholarship,”

Joseph commented. “I am so proud of how the business has grown. I can’t wait to see what happens (in July when the awards are presented)”

“We are proud of our boys’ ability to independently operate their own business and Joey’s advanced perception of what it takes to be successful in a business,” said Sandy Hamilton, Joseph and Daniel’s mother.

“NFIB congratulates this year’s



The White House crowd is enthralled as Joseph (in the ball) and his brother Daniel perform some magic.

winners for their tremendous accomplishments and hopes the scholarships will assist these young entrepreneurs as they continue on their paths towards successful futures,” NFIB’s Ms. Young added.

At St. Mary’s High School, Joseph is a member of the soccer and lacrosse teams as well as Student Senate, National Honor Society, Scholars Program, and Tech Crew. He plans to attend Canisius College in the fall.



Campus Ministry



Happy Easter – Part 2

As April showers will produce May flowers, we know that Mayflowers produce Pilgrims among the celebrations of Mothers’ Day, Pentecost, and Memorial Day.

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to Mary in her vocation as the Mother of Jesus. It is a blessing that we remember and pray for all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, adopted mothers, and birth mothers. May God bless them, always.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, the Church will celebrate the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judg-

ment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and awe as well as the wonder of the Lord bestowed on us, just as they are at Confirmation.

Pentecost also marks the formal end of the Easter season, but not the end of Easter. The teaching of the Church is that Easter never ends. Each time the liturgy is celebrated, we celebrate the “Easter Event.” It is the sacrament of the Eucharist that makes the Risen Christ present to us. Every time we participate in the liturgy and receive Eucharist we recall, remember, and celebrate the Resurrection. HAPPY EASTER is then a greeting that can be exchanged anytime and forever.

Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 25, the Monday after Pentecost. Here is a prayer for the memory of those women and men who have died in service to their country: “Heavenly Father, we remember those who have given their lives for the cause of our nation. Grant that their sacrifice may bear blessings in the Christian quality of our lives. May they be at peace and rest with You. May we remember and be thankful, always. Amen.”

A Mary month of May to all the St. Mary’s Family.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.
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Congratulations, Third Quarter Honor Roll Students

Top five Seniors

Top five Juniors



Agatha Milholland

Hannah Gresham

Rebecca Hojna

Kayla Murphy

Kaitlyn Tytko

Carolyn Kidder

Madison Fermo

Kendra Ciezki

Austin Calkins

Hanna Streck

Senior 1st Honors

Blaszak, Andrew
Burkard, Paige
Cometto, Theresa
Cronmiller, Teresa
Drzymala, Ashley
Federico, Nicholas
Filion, David
Freeman, Samuel
Grabski, Katie
Gresham, Hannah
Guan, Xinyue Chloe
Hapeman, Hannah
Hockwater, Danielle
Hojna, Rebecca
Ineson, Zachary
Kruse, Michael
Kwitowski, Victoria
Manuel, Magdalene
Meyer, Leah
Michalski, Jessica
Milholland, Agatha
Murphy, Kayla
Piotrowski, Tia
Ratajczak, Ryan
Roskopf, William
Sacco, Gillian
Schneider, Matthew
Schott, Kaitlyn
Shepard, Jacob
Smith, Mason
Sobczynski, Julie
Strausbaugh, Shelby
Szpila, Alexandria
Szpila, Zachary
Troidl, Mariah
Tytko, Kaitlyn

Wierzbicki, Michael
Wilk, Amber
Wilson, Sean
Yebernetsky, Alyssa
Ziobro, Alyssa

Senior 2nd Honors

Bargnesi, Paul
Bellet, Emily
Bromund, Seth
Cassel, Kayle
Concannon, Jacob
Dudzinski, Jennifer
Eddy, Mary
Fontaine, Jonathon
Gorny, Brittany
Hamilton, Joseph
Heigl, Nicholas
Kenneweg, Katrina
Klink, Austin
Kozminski, Sydney
Lukasik, Nicholas
Martinez, RiverLeigh
O'Neill, Marc
Poules, Brianna
Propis, John
Ratigan, Jacob
Stitt, Anthony
Wierzbicki, Matthew
Zelazny, Alexandra

Junior 1st Honors

Calkins, Austin
Carl, Olivia
Cianciosa, Joelle
Ciezki, Kendra
Fermo, Madison

Gresham, Christopher
Gu, Jia Wei Jimmy
Hamilton, Ann
Hathaway, Jack
Herod, Bridget
Kidder, Carolyn
Kobis, Nicholas
Kranz, Jessica
May, Leah
McCartney, Mikala
Netti, Katherine
Pijacki, Julie
Piskor, Jennifer
Powell, Victoria
Prentki, Kayla
Pyszczyk, Grace
Roetzer, James
Rozler, Veronica
Rusinski, Allison
Salamone, Andrew
Stoj, Joseph
Strek, Hanna
Weiss, Regan
Winiarski, Emma
Wnuk, Madeline
Zolnowski, Kevin

Junior 2nd Honors

Berchou, Bradley
Braniecki, Garrett
Dantonio, Marissa
DiDomenico, Anna
DiGesare, Joseph
DiPirro, Mitchell
Gali, Lisa
Gibson, Helen
Gorny, Victoria

Hokaj, Alexander
Irish, Maddisen
Li, Tianyi Gary
Mauro, Gabrielle
Michalski, Erica
O'Scier, Nina
Owczarczak, David
Passucci, Caliegh
Ratigan, Jessica
Rowe, Jonathan
Samson, Nicholas
Thomas, Emily
Van Remmen, Isabel
Vogel, Megan
Zajac, Genevieve
Zirnheld, Alyssa

Sophomore

1st Honors

Ando, James
Cress, Daniel
Cronmiller, Mark
Fontaine, Joshua
Fuller, Grace
Heerd, Anna
Jankowski, Victoria
Loniewski, Marissa
Meyer, Caitlyn
Meyers, Faith
Meyers, Savannah
Paul, Alex
Smith, Kristi
Stegmeier, Alexander
Story, William
Tytko, Collin
Vogl, Kathryn
Zheng, Sai Frida

Sophomore

2nd Honors

Alexander, Asia
Bakeman, Elizabeth
Barberio, Joseph
Bish, Alexander
Bristol, Charles
Deguire, Alexandria
Freeman, Grace
Greene, Jill
He, Tianjingjing Karen
Hossenlopp, Stephanie
Hufford, Erin
Penksa, Zachery
Pufpaff, Hannah
Rowley, Lucinda
Seeloff, Andrea
Tredo, Jacob
Wipperman, Haley
Zajac, Sydney
Zelazny, Maya

Freshman

1st Honors

Antonicelli, Shae
Baran, Stephanie
Barczykowski, Kristen
Bookmiller, Emily
Brown, Eric
Burkard, Gabrielle
Cichocki, Rachel
Fay, Jacob
Federico, Christina
Fontaine, Maria
Gotro, Heather
Jankowski, Ander
Kruse, Nicole

Laistner, Zackary
LaPort, Veronica
May, Sophie
Murty, Shannon
Okon, Chelsea
Syracuse, Jessa
Tytko, Ryan
Was, Jacob
Wright, Shala

Freshman

2nd Honors

Allen, Kelsie
Brown, Scott
Camillo, Victoria
Ciezki, Matthew
Cousins, Lucas
DiPirro, Erin
Duane, Onalee
English, Blake
Hatfield, Daniel
Isbrandt, Chloe
Kandler, John
Marino, Antonino
Nazzarett, Nicole
Norton, Danielle
Pacer, Alicia
Paradis, Marysia
Schaffstall, Kyle
Slade, Summer
Soluri, Julia
Vitale, Jillian
Wagner, Kylie
Wargo, Andrew
Was, Madeline
Winiarski, Jacob

Top five Sophomores

Top five Freshmen



Victoria Jankowski

Marissa Loniewski

Daniel Cress

Kathryn Vogl

Grace Fuller

Sophie May

Chelsea Okon

Shannon Murty

Emily Bookmiller

Shae Antonicelli

Seniors participate in Channel 17 show

Program focuses on challenges facing teenagers

St. Mary's High School was pleased to be a part of a Focus on Education project conducted by the local public broadcasting station, WNED Channel 17.

For this project titled *Student Voices*, Channel 17 brought in to their Buffalo studio students from several area high schools on two separate occasions.

In February, students were asked to list the challenges that they face as they proceed through high school. They were also asked why they think students drop out of school. Senior Anthony Stitt

represented St. Marys in the day-long discussion.

In the lively dialogue, students came up with many difficulties students face including bullying, social pressures, family issues, jobs, and many, many more.

In April, Anthony, along with fellow senior Austin Klink, returned to Channel 17, this time for a taping of the show.

In the first part of the taping, news anchors from Channel 17 and WBFO, the local NPR radio station, interviewed seven high school students asking them for their personal perspective of high school challenges and hearing their stories of the difficulties that they and their schoolmates face in trying to obtain a high school education.

In the second half of the show, the sides were switched, as students were allowed to ask questions of school

administrators and community education service providers, challenging them to improve schools so that students will want to stay in school, graduate, and succeed in life.

Once the producers edit all of the video they shot in April, the show will air on Monday, May 18, at 9 p.m. on Channel 17. The show will be repeated on Saturday, May 23, at 2:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 27, at 10 p.m.



Austin Klink (left) and Anthony Stitt take their places prior to the recording at Channel 17.

Scrip News

Thanks to all parents who have been faithfully ordering Scrip this school year.

For all of you who have yet to start, please give it a try. Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming up. There are plenty of ideas for you on the Great Lakes Scrip website at www.glscrip.com.

If you would rather not give a gift card, perhaps you could order the cards and shop with them instead.

Orders must be received in the school office by 10 a.m. Monday mornings to receive cards on Friday. Send orders in with cash or check with your child and have them dropped off to Mrs. Tartick in the Main Office first thing Monday morning.

The Scrip order form is available on the school website at www.smhlanders.org.

Mrs. Rozler will NOT be placing a Scrip order the week of May 18, as she will be going out of town.

More information regarding the Scrip Program at St. Mary's is available by contacting Mrs. Rozler at mrozler@smhlanders.org.

Have a great month of May!

Attendance Policy for May 21, day of the Prom

On May 21, the day of the Prom, Juniors will be taking the Field Test for the Common Core U.S. History Regents from 8 to *approximately* 10:15 a.m. This test is **mandatory** for all Juniors, and they must be present for the entire test.

All Juniors will be dismissed when they complete the test, whether they are attending the Prom or not, and will need their own transportation home on that day. Any Juniors who are absent from school on that day will NOT be allowed to attend the Prom, and no refunds will be made.

Underclassmen who are attending the Prom must be present in school from homeroom through at least the end of 4th period, 10:50 a.m. If they need to be dismissed after 10:50, they must turn in a written notice from their parents to the Attendance Office as soon as they arrive that morning.

Any underclassmen who are not in school from 7:53-10:50 a.m. will NOT be allowed to attend the Prom, and no refunds will be made. Any classes missed by underclassmen after 10:50 a.m. will be unexcused absences.

Pope Francis dedicates 2015 to Consecrated Life ...

... and how Consecrated Life is defined in the Catholic Church: *“Consecrated life is a way of living by men and women who feel called to follow Jesus Christ in a manner that is recognized by the church. It includes the public profession of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.”*

It has been my privilege to be part of St. Mary’s High School community for the past 12 years serving as the Spiritual Advisor. What joy it is, and has been, to share my life with students, parents,

teachers, and staff and to reach out beyond the school community to include and serve the residents of the Lancaster Towers.

Being a Franciscan Sister defines who I am. It permeates every relationship I have. It embraces who I’ve become. And is a source of transforming me more and more each day.

I LOVE being a Sister! A sister to everyone I meet! Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life – life in abundance.” I certainly have enjoyed life in abundance

at St. Mary’s!

With a grateful heart I wish to express my thanks to the Galasso Foundation for their generous financial assistance throughout all my years at St. Mary’s. Their generosity has made it possible for me to use contemporary theological programs, materials, equipment, etc. to enhance my ministry of spreading the Joy of the Good News!

For me...Religious life is...sharing God’s Love, Joy and Goodness with:



Visiting the classes.



Taking The Lancer Club to the Lancaster Towers.



Providing spiritual guidance.



Welcoming students to the St. Mary of the Angels Convent.

My wish and my prayer for you is... Follow your dream... Find your passion... Discover your purpose...

And you will find true joy, peace and happiness.

God bless you, Sister Rose Therese Di Gregorio, OSF

23rd Annual
Chris Griswold Memorial
5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run
to benefit the students of St. Mary’s High School

Saturday, May 16 in Como Park
10am - Walk/Fun Run • 10:30am - 5K Race

To sign up, go to smhlancers.org

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2015 Spring Sports Schedules

Varsity Softball

All games begin at 4:15pm.
Home games are played at Walden Pond.
Fri, May 1, vs. Sacred Heart
Wed, May 6, vs. Immaculata
Thurs, May 7, @ Nichols
Mon, May 11, @ Nardin (Lincoln Park)
Tues, May 12, @ Mt. St. Mary's (Northtown Center)
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
Tues, May 5, vs. Park
Tues, May 6, @ Nardin (Delaware Park)
Mon, May 11, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
Tues, May 12, @ Buffalo Seminary
Sat, May 16, 12 noon – All-Catholics (UB)
Sun, May 17, 12 noon – All-Catholics (UB)

Varsity Baseball

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted.
Fri, May 1, @ Canisius (Delaware Park)
Mon, May 4, vs. Christian Central
Wed, May 6, @ Christian Central
Thurs, May 7, @ St. Francis
Sat, May 9, 1pm @ Frewsburg
Mon, May 11, vs. St. Francis
Wed, May 13, vs Timon
Friday, May 15, @ Timon (Cazenovia Park)
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)

Women's Lacrosse

All games begin at 4:15pm unless noted. Home games are played at Westwood Park
Mon, May 4, @ Immaculata
Wed, May 6, 4:30pm, @ Mt. St. Mary's
Sat, May 9, 12:30pm @ Nardin (Pierce Field)
Mon, May 11, vs. Mt. Mercy
Thurs, May 14, vs. Buffalo Seminary
Tues, May 19, vs. Sacred Heart
Fri, May 22, 4:30pm @ Buffalo Seminary

JV Softball

All games begin at 4:15pm. Home games are played at Walden Pond.
Fri, May 1, vs. Sacred Heart
Mon, May 4, vs. Nardin
Wed, May 6, vs. Mt. St. Mary's
Mon, May 11, @ Nardin (Lincoln Park)
Tues, May 12, @ Mt. St. Mary's (Northtown Center)

Men's Lacrosse

All games begin at 5pm unless noted. Home games are played at Westwood Park
Fri, May 1, vs. Kenmore
Mon, May 4, vs. Gow
Wed, May 6 vs. Gow
May 12-16 – ILC Playoffs

JV Baseball

All games begin at 4:15pm
Fri, May 1 @ Canisius (Delaware Park)
Tues, May 5 vs. St. Joe's
Fri, May 8 @ Canisius (Delaware Park)
Sat, May 9, 12noon @ O'Hara
Mon, May 11, 4:30pm @ St. Joe's
Tues, May 12 @ Timon (Cazenovia Park)
Thurs, May 14 vs. Canisius
Fri, May 15 vs. Niagara Catholic
Mon, May 18 @ St. Francis
Tues, May 19 @ St. Francis

Lunch Menu – May 1 to 29

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Student Lunches: \$4 <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>					1 Stuffed Shells, side salad, breadsticks
	4 Pulled Pork Sandwich, pasta salad	5 Chicken Finger Subs, pasta salad	6 Specialty Pizza	7 Sahlen's Hot Dog, Mac 'n' Cheese	8 Spaghetti & Meatball, side salad, breadsticks
	11 Chicken Parm, side salad, breadsticks	12 Cheeseburgers, pasta salad	13 Specialty Pizza	14 Taco in a bag, side salad	15 Specialty Chicken Finger Mac 'n' Cheese, / side salad
	18 Buffalo Best Pizza - Cheese/Pep & BBQ Chicken, side sald	19 Chicken Breast Sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy	20 Specialty Pizza	21 Brunch for Lunch	22 No School
	25 No School	26 Chicken Quesadilla, pasta salad	27 Specialty Pizza	28 Hawaian Chicken & Rice, side salad	29 Cheeseburger, side pasta salad

Lunches provided by:



D'Avolio Kitchens



May 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1-D Day Homeroom Rep Forms Due Special Schedule (Pre-Prom Assembly) <i>Var & JV SB vs. Sacred Heart 4:15pm</i> <i>Var & JV BB @ Canisius 4:15pm</i> <i>MLax vs. Kenmore 5pm</i>	2 SAT Testing Day
3	4-E Day AP Chemistry Exam (AM) Student Senate (End-of-Year Party) 2:30pm <i>JV SB vs. Nardin 4:15pm</i> <i>Var BB @ Christian Central 4:15pm</i> <i>WLax @ Immaculata 4:15pm</i> <i>MLax vs. Gow 5pm</i>	5-F Day AP Calculus Exam (AM) SADD 7:30am Homeroom Rep Elections in Homeroom Friends & Family Referral Fiesta 4-7pm <i>Tennis vs. Park 4:15pm</i> <i>JVBB vs. St. Joe's 4:15pm</i>	6-A Day AP English Literature Exam (AM) Campus Ministry 7:30am SEEK 2:30pm <i>Var SB vs. Immaculata 4:15pm</i> <i>JV SB vs. Mt. St. Mary's 4:15pm</i> <i>Var BB vs. Christian Central 4:15pm</i> <i>WLax @ Mt. St. Mary's 4:15pm</i> <i>MLax vs. Gow 4:15pm</i> <i>Tennis @ Nardin 4:15pm</i>	7-B Day AP Comp Sci Exam (AM) Jeans Day Last Day of Classes for Seniors Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm <i>Var SB @ Nichols 4:15pm</i> <i>Var BB @ St. Francis 4:15pm</i>	8-C Day AP US History Exam (AM) Senior Exams <i>JVBB @ Canisius 4:15pm</i>	9 <i>JVBB @ O'Hara 12noon</i> <i>WLax @ Nardin 12:30pm</i> <i>Var BB @ Frewsburg 1pm</i>
10	11-D Day AP Biology Exam (AM) Senior Exams Student Senate 2:30pm <i>Var & JV SB @ Nardin 4:15pm</i> <i>Var BB vs. St. Francis 4:15pm</i> <i>JVBB @ St. Joe's 4:30pm</i> <i>WLax vs. Mt. Mercy 4:15pm</i> <i>Tennis vs. Mt. St. Mary's 4:15pm</i>	12-E Day AP American Government Exam (AM) Senior Exams NHS 2:30pm <i>Var & JV SB @ Mt. St. Mary's 4pm</i> <i>Tennis @ Buffalo Seminary 4:15pm</i> <i>JVBB @ Timon 4:15pm</i>	13-F Day AP English Language Exam (AM) AP Statistics Exam (PM) Senior Exams Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm <i>Var SB @ Niagara Catholic 4:15pm</i> <i>Var BB vs. Timon 4:15pm</i>	14-A Day AP World History Exam (AM) Senior Exams PM Liturgy Schedule (Ascension Thursday) NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Math Club 2:30pm <i>WLax vs. Buffalo Seminary 4:15pm</i> <i>JVBB vs. Canisius 4:15pm</i>	15-B Day Special Schedule (Moving Up Ceremony / May Crowning) Senior Retreat 9am-3pm <i>Var BB @ Timon 4:15pm</i> <i>JV BB vs. Niagara Catholic 4:15pm</i>	16 Chris Griswold Memorial Run/Walk - Fun Run/Walk 10am - 5K Run 10:30am <i>Var SB Playoffs begin</i> <i>Tennis All-Catholics 12 noon</i>
17 <i>Tennis All-Catholics 12 noon</i>	18-C Day Student Senate 2:30pm Foreign Language Assessments during school <i>JVBB @ St. Francis 4pm</i>	19-D Day SOUL 7:20am <i>WLax vs. Sacred Heart 4:15pm</i> <i>JVBB @ St. Francis 4:15pm</i>	20-E Day Campus Ministry 7:30am Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	21-F Day Pride Day Weekly Mass 7:30am Prom 6:30-11pm	22 No School Memorial Day <i>WLax @ Buffalo Seminary 4:30pm</i>	23 <i>Var BB Quarterfinals</i>
24	25 No School Memorial Day No School	26-A Day	27-B Day	28-C Day Weekly Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm	29-D Day	30
31 Baccalaureate Mass / Senior Family Brunch 10am at Salvatore's Italian Gardens	1-E Day Student Senate 2:30pm	2-F Day Common Core Exams Curriculum Committee 2:30pm	3-A Day Pride Day Graduation Rehearsal 9am Graduation 6:30pm Pride Day	4-B Day NHS Tutoring 2:30pm President's Ad Board 2:30pm	5-C Day	6

Getting Ready for the Show!



Junior Olivia Carl gets some styling to her hair as she prepares the year's Fashion Show, held April 21 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. See page 7 for more pictures from the Show.

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