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Commencement Exercises 2015



Barbara Rosche Hapeman '65 receives an honorary diploma from her daughter, Mrs. Kranz.



Brandon Wachowski in the opening procession.



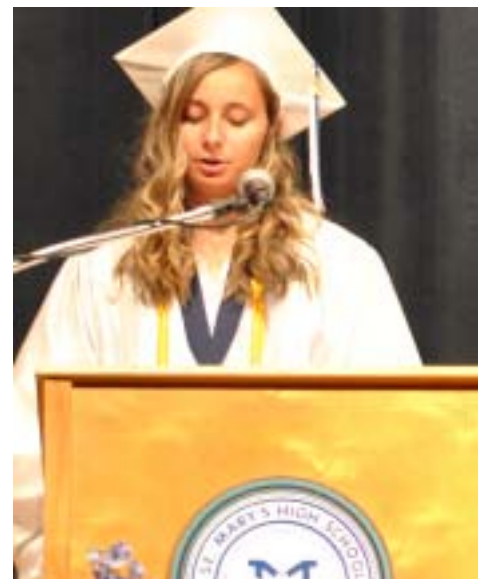
Nicholas Federico, Mary Eddy, Jennifer Dudzinski, and Ashley Drzymala during the ceremony.



Salutatorian Agatha Milholland



Guest Speaker Sister Margaret Carney, President of St. Bonaventure University.



Valedictorian Kaitlyn Tytka

Hannah Gresham receives Marian Award

At the Commencement Ceremonies held on June 3 at Villa Maria College, St. Mary's High School presented the school's Marian Award to Orchard Park native Hannah Gresham.

The Marian Award, the highest award presented to a St. Mary's graduate, recognizes the senior who has shown friendliness to all people, willingness to help others, leadership, and active support of the school. It is the only award presented at Graduation.

Hannah was involved in many activities at St. Mary's High School: president of her class; member of the National Honor Society, Scholars Program, Science Olympiad, SEEK, SADD, and the Student Mentoring Program; and she played girls' soccer and lacrosse.

Hannah plans to major in Biochemistry at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

"A St. Mary's education has taught me that helping others can be one of the most valuable experiences in life," Hannah wrote in her nomination essay. "The skills gained through such work cannot be acquired through any other channel."

As a Marian Award recipient, Hannah received a trophy and a special gift from the school's administration.

Hannah is the daughter of Christopher and Nancy; she has one brother, Christopher, who is a junior at St. Mary's.



Hannah Gresham receives the Marian Award from Principal Mrs. Rebecca Kranz.

Other nominees for the Marian Award included Austin Klink, Kayla Murphy, Gillian Sacco, and Anthony Stitt.

Policies Regarding Course / Exam Failures / Summer School

St. Mary's parents and students should be aware of the following information regarding end of the year failures and summer school.

- All students returning to St. Mary's in September must be current in fulfilling graduation requirements for their grade level. Required course and/or Regents exam failures **MUST** be made up before September.
- St. Mary's policy for passing a course – the overall average must be 65 or above and the final exam grade must be 55 or above.
- In order to receive Regents credit, the Regents exam grade must be 65 or above.
- The Counseling Center will mail failure notices on June 26 to all students who fail required courses and/or exams. This information cannot be given out by telephone. Summer school information will also be included with this notification.
- Registration for most summer school programs begins June 29, and classes for most programs begin July 6.
- Some public school districts offer summer

school programs. **Parents are advised to contact their local public school district for specific information about the summer school program for their specific district.** Public school summer programs are available without extra fees to all private school students who live in the district.

- For students whose public school system does not offer summer school, or for students who would prefer another program, there are summer school programs that accept students from any school district. These programs charge a fee for each course.
- Occasionally a student seeks a private tutor instead of a summer school program in order to make up a course failure. Please note the following:
 - The tutor must be a teacher certified in that subject area. A copy of the certification must be submitted to St. Mary's Counseling Center.
 - The student must meet with the tutor for a minimum of 24 hours for a full credit course and 12 hours for a half credit course. The tutor needs to

submit a log of the hours to the St. Mary's Counseling Center.

- The student must take and pass a final exam (that is provided or approved by St. Mary's) or the appropriate Regents exam. **Those students who need to take a Regents exam must register at their district public school (or another site) to take this exam in August.**
- The tutor should call St. Mary's Counseling Center to arrange contact between the tutor and the St. Mary's Department Chairperson to discuss curriculum and the exam.
- Please be aware that this is usually

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What's next for the Class of 2015?

St. Mary's High School is extremely proud of the Class of 2015. We are pleased to list all of the colleges to which the graduates plan to attend in the fall (*intended major is in parentheses*).

Good luck, Graduates, with your post-graduation plans:

- Paul Bargnesi – SUNY - University at Buffalo (Pre-Dental)
- Emily Bellet – Erie Community College (Undecided)
- Andrew Blaszak – Daemen College (Physical Therapy)
- Lonnie Bowlds – Gannon University (Philosophy)
- Seth Bromund – Undecided
- Paige Burkard – D'Youville College (Pharmacy)
- Kayle Cassel – Roberts Wesleyan College (Nursing)
- Joseph Coleman – Erie Community College (Environmental Studies)
- Theresa Cometto – SUNY - Geneseo (Biology)
- Jacob Concannon – Mercyhurst University (Criminal Justice)
- Raymond Cooper – Erie Community College (Construction Management/Engineering)
- Teresa Cronmiller – D'Youville College (Nursing)
- Nicolas DeSanto – SUNY - University at Buffalo (Pharmacy)
- Ashley Drzymala – Daemen College

Class earns nearly \$10 million in scholarships

At the Senior Family Brunch, it was announced that the 90 members of the Class of 2015 had received scholarships totalling \$9,929,231.

These scholarships were from private organizations, as well as colleges and universities.

At the Brunch, the following special scholarship recipients were announced:

- Zyga Memorial Scholarship** – Zachary Szpila
- Fraternal Order of Eagles** – Paige Burkard & Riverleigh Martinez
- Richard J. Rosche Memorial Scholarship** – Hannah Hapeman
- The New York State Board of Regents Scholarships for Academic Excellence** – Hannah Gresham, Rebecca Hojna, Kaitlyn Tytko
- Board of Trustees Essay Contest** – Second Place: Ashley Drzymala, First Place: Alexandra Zelazny
- Lancer Parent Partnership Scholarship** – Kayla Murphy & Zachary Szpila

- Rocking Horse Scholarship** – Joseph Hamilton
- The President's Award for Education Excellence** – Kaitlyn Tytko
- The President's Award for Education Achievement** – Nicholas Federico
- The State of New York Office of the State Comptroller Award** – Kayla Murphy
- American Citizenship Award** – Alyssa Ziobro
- Community All-Star Award** – Hannah Gresham
- Ryan Markel Scholarship** – Tristan Wilkowski
- Wegmans Food Markets Employee Scholarship** – Nicholas Federico
- United States Figure Skating Certificate of Figure Skating Success** – Alyssa Ziobro
- Most Improved since Freshman Year** – Seth Bromund
- Perfect Attendance for Four Years** – Kaitlyn Tytko

- (International Business)
- Jennifer Dudzinski – SUNY - University at Buffalo (Film Studies)
- Mary Eddy – SUNY - Buffalo State College (Theater)

- Nicholas Federico – Rochester Institute of Technology (Game Design & Development)
- David Filion – Canisius College (Biochemistry - Pre-Med)
- Jonathon Fontaine – SUNY - Alfred State (Large Machinery Operation)
- Samuel Freeman – Genesee Community College (Criminal Justice)
- Nicole Giardina – SUNY - Fredonia (Childhood Education)
- Brittany Gorny – Slippery Rock University (Dance/Journalism)
- Katie Grabski – D'Youville College (Dietetics)
- Hannah Gresham – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Biochemistry)
- Xinyue Chloe Guan – Diablo Valley College (Business)

Hockwater, O'Neill receive Potiencki Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to seniors Danielle Hockwater and Marc O'Neill who were named recipients of the Det. Wasyl Potiencki Memorial Scholarship.

Named for a Cheektowaga Police officer, the scholarship



is in memory of Det. Potiencki who died in a car accident while on duty in October 2002. The scholarship is awarded each year to students who are pursuing careers in law enforcement or related fields.

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What's next? *(continued from page 3)*

Joseph Hamilton – Canisius College
(Entrepreneurship)

Hannah Hapeman – Le Moyne College
(Pre-Law)

Charles Hayes – Erie Community College
(Radiology)

Nicholas Heigl – SUNY - Buffalo State
College (Sports Management)

Danielle Hockwater – SUNY - University at
Buffalo (Business Administration)

Rebecca Hojna – SUNY - University at
Buffalo (Biochemistry)

Zachary Ineson – Ferris State University
(Marketing)

Zailiang Eagle Jian – University of New
Hampshire (Airline Management)

Dehlen Jones – Thiel College (Undecided)

Katrina Kenneweg – ARMY - after James
Madison University (Intelligence
Analysis)

Austin Klink – Canisius College (Unde-
cided)

Sydney Kozminski – SUNY - Buffalo State
College (Undecided)

Michael Kruse – Daemen College (Physical
Therapy)

Victoria Kwitowski – SUNY - University at
Buffalo (Bio-Medical Engineering)

Nicholas Lukasik – Erie Community College
(Journalism)

Magdalene Manuel – D'Youville College
(Psychology)

RiverLeigh Martinez – D'Youville College
(Nursing)

Leah Meyer – Duke University (Pre-Med)

Jessica Michalski – Niagara University
(Hospitality Management)

Agatha Milholland – University of
Rochester (English)

Kayla Murphy – Canisius College (Pre-Med)

Mark Murr – Erie Community College
(Undecided)

Nicholas Nasca – John Carroll University
(Pre-Law)

Christopher Nowak – Erie Community
College (Undecided)

Austin Oakes – SUNY - Buffalo State
College (Business Administration)

Marc O'Neill – Hilbert College (Criminal

International students honored



Because of a scheduling conflict, senior members of the St. Mary's International Program received their diplomas at the school's Moving Up Ceremonies on May 15.

Congratulations to Zhaoyuan John Zhang, Zhaoyu Elaine Zhang, Yu Charlotte Wang, Qiuyang Chew Young Wang, Zailiang Eagle Jian, and Xinyue Chloe Guan.

Justice)		sity (Biochemistry)
Christian Osborne – Medaille College (Psychology)		Kaitlyn Schott – Keuka College (Art Therapy)
Christopher Peete – Erie Community College (Psychology)		Jacob Shepard – Canisius College (Biol- ogy/Pre-Med)
Tia Piotrowski – Trocaire College (Hospital- ity Management)		Diondre' Smith – SUNY - Buffalo State College (Health & Wellness)
Brianna Poules – Gannon University (Nursing)		Mason Smith – Ferris State University (Pharmacy)
John Propis – SUNY - Buffalo State College (Journalism)		Julie Sobczynski – Canisius College (Accounting)
Ryan Ratajczak – SUNY - University at Buffalo (Engineering)		Jackson Sperduti – St. Bonaventure University (Industrial Management)
Jacob Ratigan – Erie Community College (Criminal Justice)		Anthony Stitt – Erie Community College (Business)
William Roskopf – University of Pittsburgh (Engineering)		Shelby Strausbaugh – Roberts Wesleyan College (Nursing)
Gillian Sacco – D'Youville College (Pharmacy)		Alexandria Szpila – St. John Fisher College
Matthew Schneider – Mercyhurst Univer-		<i>(Continued on page 5)</i>

What to do with your St. Mary's stuff

Attention graduates:

As you look around your room getting ready for college, are you asking yourself, "What am I going to do with all of my St. Mary's stuff?"

Well, here's an idea for you — why not donate all of them back to St.

Mary's! Bring your donation to the Main Office during regular office hours. The current students would appreciate your generosity.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Ard at 683-4824. Thank you for remembering us.

What's next? *(continued from page 4)*

- (Biology)
Zachary Szpila – St. John Fisher College
(Business Management with a Minor
Biology/Chemistry)
- Benjamin Tobolski – SUNY - Buffalo State
College (Early Education)
- Jacob Tomaszewski – Canisius College
(Business)
- Mariah Troidl – SUNY - University at
Buffalo (Nursing)
- Christopher Truesdale – Niagara University
(Biotechnology)
- Kaitlyn Tytko – Daemen College (Physician
Assistant)
- Brandon Wachowski – Erie Community
College (Architecture Technology)
- Qiuyang Wang – Michigan State Univer-
sity (Chemical Engineering)
- Yu Charlotte Wang – Lehigh University
(Psychology)
- Brandon Weber – BOCES Trade (Welding)
- Matthew Wierzbicki – SUNY - Buffalo State
College (Biology)
- Michael Wierzbicki – SUNY - Buffalo State

Seniors, keep in touch!

For the past four years, you have been a student here at St. Mary's. Even though you have graduated, that does not mean that you are no longer a part of the St. Mary's family.

And as part of the family:

- Please keep us updated on the happenings in your life. When you win awards, graduate, marry, etc., please drop us a note so that we may share the good news.
- We are going to keep you on our *Currents* distribution list so that you may see all of the great things happening here.

When you have accomplishments to share, or if you don't want to receive *Currents*, please e-mail Mr. Kidder at kkidder@smhlancers.org. Good luck with all of your future endeavors.

- College (Criminal Justice)
- Amber Wilk – SUNY - Buffalo State College
(Undecided)
- Tristan Wilkowski – Erie Community
College (Automotive Technology)
- Sean Wilson – Medaille College (Business)
- Alyssa Yebernetsky – Erie Community
College (Nursing)
- Alexandra Zelazny – Allegheny College

- (Biology)
- Zhaoyu Elaine Zhang – University of
Houston (Undecided)
- Zhaoyuan John Zhang – Academy of Art
University (Motion Picture)
- Alyssa Ziobro – Undecided

SchoolReach becomes SchoolMessenger

For the past few years, St. Mary's High School has been using a service called SchoolReach to communicate important messages to our students and families. As of May 25, SchoolReach was taken over by another company called SchoolMessenger.

While the hope is that the transition to the new company will be smooth, we understand that some errors may have occurred.

Several messages have already been sent out using the new system. If you are not receiving these messages as you have in the past – whether they are email or phone calls – please contact Mrs. Fiume (cfiume@smhlancers.org) so that he can be sure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this transition time.

From the Enrollment Office

Open House 2015

The annual Fall Open House will take place September 25 and 27.

Mr. Beck O'Connor, Enrollment Director, is looking for families willing to place an Open House sign on their front lawn for passing drivers to see.

If you can help, please call Mr. O'Connor at 683-4824, ext. 237, or email him at boconnor@smhlancers.org.

Upcoming Freshman Events

<p>Freshman & Parent Mixer Thursday, August 6 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Orientation for Freshmen, Transfer Students, and Parents Wednesday, September 2 6:30 p.m.</p>
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Upcoming Enrollment Events

<p>Open House Friday, September 25 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, September 27 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Admission Exam Prep Classes Saturdays, November 7, 14, 21</p>	<p>Admission Exam Saturday, November 28 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon</p>
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Several changes to 2015-16 calendar

After meeting and discussing our current vacation schedule, the Administrative Team has decided to make changes to the upcoming schedule for the 2015-2016 school year.

Following a model practiced by other private and public schools, we are altering our Breaks. We want to provide students with an opportunity for more time to travel and to spend time with their families during the Easter holiday. Thus, St. Mary's High School is extending our Spring Break in 2016 and eliminating the February Break.

Our Spring Break will be from Saturday, March 19, through Sunday, April 3.

In February, students will not have

school on Monday, Feb. 15, for Presidents' Day, and on Friday, Feb. 19, which is our Staff Retreat Day. School will be in session for students on February 16, 17, and 18.

Many school districts are still having a February Break and will not be providing school bus service on February 16, 17, and 18. If you live in one of those districts, you will have to provide your own transportation to and from school on those dates. You will be informed of your school district's schedule with the calendar every district sends out to all district residents at some time during the summer. Most districts also post their calendars on their websites. The NFTA Metro bus for our

Buffalo students will be running as usual. All of our students will be required to be in school February, 16, 17, and 18, and will not be excused due to lack of transportation.

We are informing you now, to give you plenty of advance notice to make transportation arrangements for your students.

If transportation is an issue, please contact the Dean of Student Affairs' Office at 683-4824, extension 214, and we will try to help you arrange car-pooling.

Here are the highlights to the 2015-16 School Calendar:

- Sept. 9 – Half Day for Freshmen
- Sept. 10 – Full Day for all Students
- Sept. 14 – Picture Day
- Sept. 14 – Meet the Teacher Night
- Sept. 25 & 27 – Open House for Prospective Students
- Oct. 12 – Columbus Day
- Oct. 14 – Standardized Testing Day (12 noon dismissal); Senior College Visitation Day
- Nov. 5 & 6 – Fall Play
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 25 (half day), 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 18 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 26-29 – January Exams
- Feb. 5 – Faculty/Staff Inservice / Auction
- Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day
- Feb. 19 – Faculty / Staff Retreat
- March 10-12 – Spring Musical
- March 21 - April 1 – Spring / Easter Break
- April 18 – Professional Development Day
- May 19 – Junior/Senior Prom
- May 20 – Administrators Day
- May 22 – Baccalaureate Mass / Senior Family Brunch
- May 25 – Graduation
- May 30 – Memorial Day
- June 7 – Last Day of Classes
- June 9-23 – June/Regents Exams

A complete calendar for the 2015-16 school year will be mailed home to all families as part of the August mailout. The calendar will also be on the St. Mary's website soon.

Wanted – Parent Assistants

St. Mary's High School is looking for parents / volunteers for various positions for the 2015-16 School Year.

Main Office Assistant

Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Duties: Answer phone, welcome visitors, sort mail, provide lunch break for Main Office Secretary, assist with various projects (mailouts, copying, proof reading, assembling programs, etc.), other duties as necessary

Lunch Monitor

Hours: 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Duties: Monitor students, sign out students, clean tables between and after lunches, assist with post-lunch cafeteria cleaning, other duties as necessary

Tuition Credit may be available for those who qualify!

**For more information or to apply, contact Mrs. Adams
(683-4824, ext. 226 or madams@smhlancers.org)**



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Counselor to Classes of 2015 & 2017

Counselor to Classes of 2016 & 2018

Visit colleges this summer

NOW through fall is the time for seniors and their parents to visit the colleges they are considering. Whether home or away, families need to experi-

ence the campus and talk about how it will fit their student's needs. This is the most important step in the college selection process and is vital in helping

you and your student decide where to apply next fall.

Once you have viewed the website and read all you can about the school, call the admissions office to set up an appointment.

For suggestions on how to make the most out of the college visit, The College Board (the SAT people) has a check-list. Go to bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide.

Students met several times with their counselors, and each has a list of potential schools. Feel free to call with your questions. Guidance counselors will be available throughout the summer.

Schedules coming soon

Work continues on student schedules for the 2015-16 school year. Once the schedules are ready, the Counseling Center will be mailing home all schedules.

If you would like to save the postage, please email Mr. Kidder (kkidder@smhlancers.org), and he will email you your schedule as soon as it

is available.

Remember – according to the school policy, all changes to course selections must be submitted by August 1. Requests after that date will not be honored.

Those who have questions should contact their Guidance Counselor.

– Notes from the Health Office –

Medication Pick-up & Policy, Fall Sports

Policy Regarding Medication Pick-up

If your student was prescribed medication during the 2014-2015 School Year and there is medication in the Health Office, this must be picked up by June 22 or it will be disposed of.

Policy Regarding Medication In School

Forms are available in the Main Office, the Health Office, and on the school website. All medication, including *non-prescription drugs such as Tylenol, Motrin, etc.*, given in school must be prescribed by a licensed medical doctor.

A written request from the physician must be on file. This request must indicate the dosage and frequency of the prescribed drug. A written request

from the parent to administer medication must be on file. The parent must assume responsibility to have the medication delivered to the Health Office in a *properly labeled original container*.

Fall Sports

Anyone playing sports must have a current physical on file in the Health Office. Students interested in playing a fall sport must complete and turn in the green Interval Health History form that will be mailed home in the late July mailing. This form must be completed **after** August 1st.

This form must be turned in **on/before** the dates listed below. In addition, every student who plans on

playing a fall sport must have a current physical on file in the Health Office by August 1st.

Failure to comply will result in not being able to start practice with the rest of the team.

Extra forms will be available in the main office and on the school website under the "Parent" section.

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

Sport	Physical must have been performed on or after this date and be on file in the Health Office	Interval Health History (IHH) must be completed by parent/guardian and returned to the Health Office by this date
All Fall Sports	August 1, 2014	August 7, 2015

Students elect leaders for next year

The students of St. Mary's High School recently elected their student leaders for the 2015-16 school year:

Student Senate

President – Madeline Wnuk
 Vice President – Alexander Hokaj
 Treasurer – Shala Wright
 Administrative Assistant – Caitlyn Meyer
 Chaplain – Andrew Wargo



Madeline Wnuk



Alexander Hokaj



Shala Wright



Caitlyn Meyer



Andrew Wargo

Senior Class

President – Julie Pijacki

Vice President – Kendra Ciezki
 Secretary – Carolyn Kidder
 Treasurer – Hanna Streck

Homeroom Representatives – David Owczarczak, Helen Gibson, Allison Rusinski, Ann Hamilton, Benjamin Blackhall, Joelle Cianciosa

Mrs. Mig named NHS Teacher of Year



English teacher Mrs. Maryellen Migliore was recently named the National Honor Society Teacher of the Year. The presentation was part of the school's Moving Up Ceremony on May 15.

Mrs. Mig is pictured receiving a special gift from NHS officers, President Hannah Hapeman, Vice President Kayla Murphy, Treasurer Agatha Milholland, and Secretary Gillian Sacco.

Junior Class

President – Asia Alexander
 Vice President – Grace Fuller
 Secretary – Collin Tytka
 Treasurer – Alex Paul
 Homeroom Representatives – Kathryn Vogl, Sydney Zajac, Anna Heerd, Charles Bristol, Nathan Waley

Sophomore Class

President – Lucas Cousins
 Vice President – Ryan Tytka
 Secretary – Rachel Cichocki
 Treasurer – Emily Bookmiller
 Homeroom Representatives – Stephanie Baran, Dino Fudoli, Shannon Murty, Emily Pijacki

May Crowning Ceremony



Senior Kaitlyn Tytka looks on as fellow senior Matthew Schneider places a crown on the statue of St. Mary at the school's annual May Crowning Ceremony.

Scrip News

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

Over the summer, Scrip Coordinator, Mrs. Mary Rozler will be placing an order on August 3. The Scrip order form is available on the school website at www.smhlancers.org.

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



Tables available! Only \$10!

Questions?

Call Pam Aquino

at 683-4824, ext. 223



16th Annual

Golf Tournament

Monday, June 29

Lancaster Country Club

\$150 per golfer

includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, drinks, gift

Packages also available

*For more information, contact
Kevin Kelleher or Pam Aquino at 683-4824*

Evening of Fine Arts



Ciezki, Tytka inducted into Lancaster Hall of Fame

The Youth Bureau of the Town of Lancaster recently held its annual Youth Hall of Fame Induction.

Congratulations to junior Kendra Ciezki and senior Kaitlyn Tytka who were inducted into the Hall.

Twenty-two youths and two adults were inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining the ranks of 457 young people who have been honored and inducted into the Hall of Fame, along with 34 adults.

“These individuals are the unsung heroes of Lancaster and deserve our heartfelt thanks for their contributions to our community,” said Lancaster Youth Bureau Executive Director John Trojanowsky.

“There are givers and takers throughout our society. These individuals are the givers who generously give of their time, talent, and energies to make our community a better place to live.”

Thanking bus drivers

The first Monday of May is recognized as Bus Driver Appreciation Day. In honor of this day, members of the St. Mary’s Student Senate presented a gift bag and prayer card to all of the bus drivers as they arrived to school. In addition, School Chaplain Rev. Richard DiGiulio blessed the drivers and their buses, that they would safely transport their students.



Kaitlyn with her parents Lynn and Christopher.



Kendra with her dad John.



Father DiGiulio blesses one of the drivers.

Presentations show reasons for giving

As part of the school’s end-of-year celebrations, St. Mary’s High School welcomed representatives from several charities in order for students to present checks for money raised throughout the school year.

Representatives from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Charities, Kids Escaping Drugs, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and the James Metz Memorial Fund attended the ceremonies held on Wednesday, June 10.

During the 2014-15 school year, St. Mary’s held a variety of fundraisers, including a Sock Drive, Pi(e) Day Collection, Food Drive, as well as monthly Jeans Days to raise awareness and funds for local charities as well as families in the St. Mary’s community who needed assistance.



Representatives from local charities received donations from St. Mary’s students at the recent End-of-Year Awards Ceremony.

“The students of St. Mary’s are very generous with their time and funds,” said St. Mary’s Principal Rebecca Kranz. “We wanted to take the opportunity to allow the students to see where their donations go,

so that they can know that their generosity makes a difference.”

Throughout the year, St. Mary’s students, faculty, and staff contributed over \$5,000 for outside charities.

Campus Ministry

June is a time of trials and triumphs

June is a time of trials and triumphs. For the freshmen, sophomores and juniors, the trials of final and Regents exams dominate the month’s beginning, and its end will mark those efforts and results.

For the seniors, the triumph of graduation took place and the celebrations begin.

The trials and triumphs of fathers will be honored on June 21.

The saintly and best example of fatherhood is St. Joseph. While legends and speculation about him and his life abound, there is very little factual knowledge.

The Gospels tell us of his devotion, obedience, and trust in God and His will;

however, there is no information about his full biography. There is evidence that he was an artisan, a carpenter by trade, and well known and respected in his village.

St. Luke writes that after the “temple incident,” when Jesus was 12, the family returned to Nazareth. There, at the guardianship of Joseph, Jesus “advanced in wisdom and age.” There is no further Gospel witness of Joseph. The mystery of a man so influential and powerful remains unknown.

As the St Mary’s family lives this month, let us pray that the trials ahead may become triumphs behind.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.
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Lancer Parent Partnership

The Lancer Parent Partnership will again host a Freshmen Parent Mixer on Thursday, Aug. 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event runs concurrently with the Freshmen Student Mixer and is a great way to introduce St. Mary’s to the incoming freshmen class parents!

The evening includes trivia, prizes, an ice cream social, and a special raffle for a freshmen student prize.

If anyone is available to help with the event, please contact Sandy Gibson at ekgib15@msn.com. Volunteers would need to arrive by 6 p.m. This is an event that has grown in popularity every year, and last year 80 people attended. It’s lots of fun and a wonderful welcome to the newest St. Mary’s families!

Students win Art Alive! Award



For the second year in a row, St. Mary's High School's Art Club won the People's Choice Award in the Albright-Knox Art Gallery's Art Alive! Competition.

Held on Saturday, June 6, students, teachers, and friends created living

representations of works of art for the 19th annual Art Alive! living art contest.

Under the leadership of Art teacher Ms. Laura James, the students of St. Mary's chose to recreate the famous picture *Lunch Atop A Skyscraper*.

Congratulations to St. Mary's Art Club members Jennifer Baran, Emily Bookmiller, Victoria Camillo, Shannon Murty, Alicia Pacer, Marysia Paradis, Julie Pijacki, Veronica Rozler, Andrea Seeloff, Julia Soluri, Ryan Tytko.

Underclassmen receive academic, service awards

On June 9 and 10, St. Mary's High School held Awards Ceremonies honoring students for all that they have accomplished in and out of the classroom.

Over 200 people attended the June 9 ceremony as awards for academic accomplishments were presented. This included several special awards presented to the members of the junior class (see list).

On June 10, as part of the end-of-year celebration, students were recognized for their service to the school, in clubs and organizations. The ceremony also included recognition of the outgoing members of Student Senate and the taking of the oath by incoming Student Senate members.

Congratulations to all honorees!

Here is the list of Special Awards and the recipients:
Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal – Austin Calkins
Rochester Institute of Technology Innova-



Junior Hanna Strek receives the Bauch & Lomb Award from Science Department Chair Mrs. Linda Aures. More pictures are coming soon to the St. Mary's website.

tion and Creativity Award – Victoria Powell
Sage College Award – Kendra Ciezki & Jennifer Piskor
George Eastman Young Leaders Award – Julie Pijacki

The Triple C Award – Jimmy (Jia We) Gu & Tess Giovino

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award – Joseph Stoj

The Bausch & Lomb Award Honorary Science Award – Hanna Strek

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal – Carolyn Kidder

The Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences – Carolyn Kidder

The University of Rochester Xerox Award – Nicholas Kobis

St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience – Bridget Herod

The Clarkson School Scholars Award – Madison Fermo

The President's Award for Education Excellence – Carolyn Kidder

The President's Award for Education Achievement – Andrew Grega

Dress Code for 2015-16

Recently, the Principal's Advisory Board met to discuss the different sources, the Ad Board decided on the Dress Code that Dress Code for the 2015-16 School Year. After receiving input from follows.

The purpose of the Dress Code is to teach self-discipline associated with personal hygiene and grooming and to encourage students to take pride in a personal appearance that would be acceptable in most modern business environments.

The following dress code is in effect from the beginning of homeroom until dismissal. Homeroom teachers will check dress code every morning and will immediately send anyone with questionable attire to the Discipline Office. Students are expected to be dressed in clean, properly-sized clothes that are well maintained. No students will be allowed to attend class out of dress code which includes their haircut / style / color. This dress code is also in effect during January and June exams.

Ladies

- Properly sized navy, khaki, or gray dress pants (with the "SMH" logo) purchased from Flynn & O'Hara are the only pants allowed for ladies. The pants may not be ripped or torn. *Pants from American Eagle or Aeropostale are not allowed.*
- A properly-sized **solid-colored** Oxford buttoned blouse with a buttoned collar, long or short sleeve, tucked in, may be worn all year except on Liturgy days (*On Liturgy days, blouse must be blue or white*). The school recommends purchasing these from Flynn & O'Hara to ensure that you have the correct style.
- Dress shirts may not have extra darts or seams causing the shirt to be a tight fit.
- The official St. Mary's High School Polo shirts may be worn all year except on Liturgy days. Club and athletic polo shirts are not allowed as part of the regular dress code. Regular polo shirts must be tucked in at all times; banded polo shirts do not have to be tucked

Information/Fitting Night – Wednesday, July 1

St. Mary's will be hosting a Extracurricular / Dress Code Information Night for incoming Freshmen on Wednesday, July 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The night will include presentations by members of the Athletic and Performing Arts Departments, who will explain all that is required to be a student-athlete or a student-performer at St. Mary's.

In addition, representatives from Flynn & O'Hara will be available for fittings and ordering of items as part of

the school dress code (polos, skorts, blazers, etc.). Mr. Matt Ard, Dean of Student Affairs, will be on hand to answer questions about the dress code.

Flynn & O'Hara Order Forms will be available the night of the fitting; they will also be available in the school's Main Office for those who want a form before July 1.

More information regarding the July 1 event is available by contacting the school at 683-4824 or lancer@smhlancers.org.

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- Embroidered St. Mary's sweatshirts, St. Mary's sweaters, St. Mary's fleeces, or solid navy blue, solid white, or solid gray sweaters may be worn over the dress shirt, a white, navy, or gray turtleneck, or the St. Mary's polo shirt. *Thermal or long-sleeve t-shirts are not allowed.* Club and athletic sweatshirts and fleeces are not allowed as part of the regular dress code.
- "Sweater" is defined as a long-sleeved, heavy-gauge, knitted, wool or cotton garment that fits the body loosely. Sweaters may have zip-up fronts.
- Turtleneck sweaters (solid navy, solid white, or solid gray) may be worn without a dress shirt / polo shirt underneath.
- Navy blue blazers or navy blue vests may be worn over the dress shirt, white St. Mary's polo shirt, or a white, navy, or gray turtleneck.
- T-shirts worn under a dress shirt must be white with no lettering or design.
- Black, navy, white, or beige stockings or black, navy, gray, or white knee socks and shoes must be worn. No patterns,

bows, buttons, or other designs are allowed on the socks/stockings.

- All girls are *required* to purchase the uniform skort that is available from Flynn & O'Hara. The skort must be **no more than two inches above the knee**. They are only *required* to wear the uniform skort on Liturgy days or other special occasions requiring formal dress.
- Dress shoes must be worn and cannot be backless, canvas, slippers, or boots.
- Shoes must be properly worn.

Gentlemen

- Properly sized navy, khaki or gray dress pants worn with a solid brown, solid black, or solid white colored belt. The school recommends purchasing these from Flynn & O'Hara to ensure that you have the correct style. Pants with rivets, sewn-on pockets, stripes, or ripped/torn cuffs are not to be worn. Pants may not be worn below the waistline. *Pants from American Eagle or Aeropostale are not allowed.*

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- A properly-sized **solid-colored** Oxford buttoned dress shirt with buttoned collar, fully buttoned and tucked in may be worn all year except on Liturgy days (*On Liturgy days, shirt must be blue or white*). Shirt must be worn with a tie. Bow ties may be worn.
- The official St. Mary's High School Polo shirts may be worn all year except on Liturgy days. Club and athletic polo shirts are not allowed as part of the regular dress code. Polo shirts must be tucked in at all times. T-shirts worn under polo shirts may be solid navy, white, or gray. No lettering or design from the t-shirt may be visible.
- Embroidered St. Mary's sweatshirts, St. Mary's sweaters, St. Mary's fleeces, or solid navy blue, solid gray, or solid white sweaters may be worn over the dress shirt with tie, a white, blue, or gray turtleneck, or the St. Mary's polo shirt. *Thermal or long-sleeve t-shirts are not allowed.* Club and athletic sweatshirts and fleeces are not allowed as part of the regular dress code.
- "Sweater" is defined as a long-sleeved, heavy-gauge, knitted, wool or cotton garment that fits the body loosely. Sweaters may have zip-up fronts.
- Turtleneck sweaters (solid navy, solid white, or solid gray) may be worn without a dress shirt / polo shirt underneath.
- Navy blue blazers or navy blue vests may be worn over the dress shirt with tie, St. Mary's white polo shirt, or a white, blue, or gray turtleneck.
- T-shirts worn under a dress shirt must be white with no lettering or design.
- Solid brown, solid black, solid navy blue, or solid grey dress shoes with socks must be worn.
- Boat shoes may be worn. They must be solid or two-tone brown, black, navy blue, or grey with socks.
- Dress shoes cannot be backless, canvas, slippers, or boots. No athletic shoes may be worn.

- Shoes must be properly worn.
- No makeup or nail polish may be worn.

The following rules apply to all students:

- No sandals or open-toed shoes may be worn. No slippers or moccasins may be worn.
- No outerwear may be worn.
- The only acceptable sweatshirts and fleeces are embroidered SMH or approved class sweatshirts (without hoods).
- Body piercing is limited to two earrings per ear for girls, no earrings for boys, including dress down days. Spacers used to increase the size of holes in ears are prohibited. Wearing a bandage over illegal piercings is not permitted.
- Visible tattoos and heavy metal chains are not allowed including dress down days.
- Long-sleeve shirts worn under short sleeve shirts are not allowed.
- No Capri pants or shorts may be worn.
- No gloves of any kind may be worn.
- No wristbands or sweatbands may be worn.
- Nothing sheer or see-through may ever be worn, including dress down days.
- Nothing sleeveless may ever be worn, including dress down days.
- Students are not allowed to have writing or drawings on their skin at any time.
- Sleeves on polo shirts may not be rolled and collars may not be flipped up.
- During June Exams, footwear regulation is relaxed – flip-flops, sneakers, etc. are allowed.

Hair

- Hair should be kept neat, clean, and combed at all times. No bizarre haircuts or hair colors are permitted. There should be no spikes, puffs, Mohawks, etc. Boys' hair must be no longer than collar length, and the front must be at least one-finger's-width off of the eyebrows. No portion of the head will be shaved. Any bizarre

hairstyle will result in daily detention until the problem is corrected.

- Students are expected to be clean-shaven on a daily basis. No facial hair is permitted. Sideburns must be trimmed, neat, and not extend below the earlobe.

Pride Day Dress

- Students may wear any official St. Mary's attire including class shirts, school sports t-shirts/sweatshirts, school sweatpants, school shorts, school hats.
- Solid navy/gray pants or navy/gray pants with white stripes down the leg may be worn.
- No jeans are allowed.
- Earring and facial hair regulations remain in effect.
- Sneakers or sandals may be worn if the student is wearing Pride Day Dress.

Liturgy Day Dress

To achieve a sense of unity in the celebration of important moments in the life of the St. Mary's community and to deepen our awareness of our Catholic faith, all students will attend all school liturgies and prayer services. On days when a liturgy is scheduled, students must follow the rules for "liturgy day dress:"

- No polo shirts will be allowed.
- Gentlemen are required to wear
 - A blue or white dress shirt and tie as defined previously.
 - A single breasted navy blue blazer with two or three buttons

The school recommends purchasing these from Flynn & O'Hara to ensure that you have the correct style.

- Ladies are required to wear
 - A blue or white dress shirt as defined previously
 - A uniform skort.
 - Dress code sweaters, approved St. Mary's sweatshirts, vests, blazers are permitted over the dress shirts.

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This dress code may also be in effect for other special occasions and field trips. Announcements will be made in advance.

Jeans Day Dress

Throughout the school year, organizations may run a jeans day as a fundraiser for outside charities. These need to be proposed and approved through the Principal's Advisory Board.

On a jeans day, students may wear:

- Jeans — they may not be ripped/torn or excessively oversized.
- Sweatpants, windpants, cargo pants, corduroy pants, Capri pants
- Sneakers or sandals

They may NOT wear:

- Jean shorts or shorts of any kind
- Jean skirts or skirts of any kind

• Hats

Modesty will always be stressed. Earring and facial hair regulations remain in effect. If a student chooses not to participate, they must be in regular dress code.

Baccalaureate Mass / Graduation

The following policy must be adhered to during these events: the Baccalaureate Mass, Senior Family Brunch, and Graduation Ceremony. Failure to follow these rules will result in the student not being allowed to participate in that event. The graduation fee will not be refunded.

Because these are formal events hosted by the school, there will be strict adherence to the school dress code policy regarding hair, earrings, body-piercing, and facial hair. Messages on caps/gowns are

not permitted.

- Ladies must be modestly dressed in a dress, skirt/blouse, or a pants suit. Dress shoes or dress sandals must be worn. *No flip-flops*. No bizarre socks, stockings, or shoes may be worn.
- Gentlemen must wear dress pants, a dress shirt (preferably white) and tie, as well as dress shoes.

In all cases regarding these events, the final decision regarding participation will be decided by the Administration of the school.

The Dean of Student Affairs will make the final determination as to whether or not a student's attire violates the dress code. Modesty will be stressed. Any bizarre appearance, in clothing or hair, is unacceptable.

Host a Student! Change a Life!

St. Mary's High School is looking for host families for our International Student Program. Several students from around the world will be joining our St. Mary's Family for the upcoming school year. We are looking for families in our community to host a student.

There is a \$800 monthly reimbursement for costs associated with hosting a student.

This is a perfect opportunity for families to learn about other cultures. We are excited about International Students joining our community and enriching the lives of our students.

What are the Benefits of Hosting?

- Make a difference in the life of a young person.
- Enrich the lives of your family.
- Increase the cultural awareness in your community.
- Support diversity and cross-cultural awareness at home.
- Teach a student about American values.
- Experience the joy of having a new family member to love.
- Build a life-long friendship.
- Practice hospitality and generosity in your own home.
- Grow closer as a family.
- Receive a stipend of \$800 per month to offset costs associated with hosting a student.

What are the Requirements for Hosting?

- A private bedroom & access to a bathroom.
- A wireless Internet connection.
- English must be the primary language spoken at home.

For more information, please contact Mr. Steven Grieco, at 683-4824, ext. 235, or sgrieco@smhlancers.org

2015 Summer Reading Assignment

English 9 –

Regents and Honors

All freshmen **must read** *Night*, by Elie Weisel.

In addition to this book, **9 Regents** must read **one** book from the following list; **9 Honors** must read **two** books from the following list:

Alas, Babylon (Pat Frank) – A story about civilization and life after nuclear war.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Mildred Taylor) – This novel depicts the many dimensions of racism in the South during the 1930's. The Logans, an African American family, struggle to keep their 400 acres during the Great Depression.

Summer of My German Soldier (Bette Greene) – During WWII, a young American girl falls in love with a German prisoner of war as she helps him to escape.

Ten Little Indians, also titled *And Then There Were None* (Agatha Christie) – Mystery story of the murder of 10 strangers trapped on an island.

The Boys of Winter (Wayne Coffey) – Non-fiction account of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" U.S. Hockey Olympic Gold Medal team.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book**; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an **original sentence** properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 15.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be given on Tuesday, Sept. 15, on *Night*; a second in-class writing assignment will be given on Wednesday, Sept. 16, on your second book choice; English 9 Honors will write a third in-class assignment on Thursday, Sept. 17, on your third book choice. It would be beneficial to take notes on

Don't forget the St. Mary's Library!

When you're looking for a book on the Summer Reading List, don't forget the St. Mary's Library!

The Library has several copies of the books on this list; they may be checked out for a period of three weeks.

And if the books aren't in when you

come to the Library, they should be available once the other students return their copies.

The Library is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. throughout the Exams. Beginning June 29, the hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon every day.

theme, setting, characterization, and mood while reading.

English 10 –

Regents and Honors

All sophomores **must read** *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding.

In addition to this book, **10 Regents** must read **one** book from the following list; **10 Honors** must read **two** books from the following list:

In the Middle of the Night (Robert Cormier) – Years before Denny was born, his father was involved in a tragic accident. The family doesn't talk about it, but the tragedy continues to haunt the family. When Denny decides to learn more about the accident, he becomes entangled in its web.

A Night to Remember (Walter Lord) – The

author recounts the last hours of the *Titanic* from the perspectives of many of the ship's passengers.

Rebecca (Daphne du Maurier) – The classic story of the second Mrs. DeWinter, who followed the man she loved from Monte Carlo to his lavish country estate, Manderly. There, she is drawn into the brooding passions of a romance dead but not forgotten – for always, everywhere, is the evil, eternal presence of ... Rebecca!

Briar Rose (Jane Yolen) – The story of Briar Rose (Sleeping Beauty) is linked to the Holocaust when a young woman promises her dying grandmother that she will return to Poland and discover the truth about her past.

House (Frank Peretti and Ted Dekker) – A supernatural thriller by this famous pair

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Prom Court 2015



Nicholas Kobis and Julie Pijacki were Prince and Princess while Jessica Michalski and Jackson Sperduti were Queen and King at this year's Prom, held May 21 at Lancaster Country Club.

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of Christian writers that gives new meaning to the phrase “haunted house.”

Fahrenheit 451 (Ray Bradbury) –

Bradbury’s classic science fiction novel of censorship and defiance.

Castaway Kid (R.B. Mitchell) – The true

story of an abandoned kid who was one of the last “lifers” in an American orphanage.

Saving Juliet (Suzanne Selfers) – A

modern-day teenage girl goes back to Shakespeare’s Verona in an attempt to

prevent the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet from happening.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book** you read; include each word’s definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 15.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on Tuesday **and** Wednesday, Sept. 15 **and** 16, on your summer reading books. English 10 Honors students will spend September 17 writing on their third book choice. It would be beneficial to take notes on theme, setting, characterization, and mood while reading.

English 11 Regents

All English 11 R students **must read** *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry.

In addition to this play, **English 11 Regents** must read **a second book** from the following list:

Black Boy (Richard Wright) – A sensitive and rebellious African American youth survives a life of poverty, familial strife, and Southern bigotry to pursue his goal of becoming a writer in the North.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Betty Smith) – A classic! Francie Nolan lives in turn of the century Brooklyn, New York. She struggles against all odds to survive and thrive.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Mark Haddon) – This is the story of an autistic boy’s quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog.

Into Thin Air (Jan Krakauer) – A first-person account of an expedition to Mt. Everest that turned from dream climb to nightmare.

Catch 22 (Joseph Heller) – A classic! In (Continued on page 18)

Students/Teacher of March



Victoria Kwitowski



Samuel Horton



Andrea Seloff



Scott Brown



Mr. Herr

Students/Teacher of April



Kaitlyn Schott



Joseph Stoj



Sydney Zajac



Maria Fontaine



Mrs. Whitwood

Students/Teacher of May



Kayle Cassel



Allison Rusinski



Jacob Tredo



Emily Bookmiller



Ms. van Groenewoud

Students/Teacher of June



Nicole Giardina



Jonathan Rowe



Elizabeth Bakeman



Stephanie Baran



Mrs. Tandy

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this satirical novel, Captain Yossarian confronts the hypocrisy of war and bureaucracy as he frantically attempts to survive.

What Happened (Peter Johnson) – This novel, written by a Canisius High School graduate and set in an all-boys Buffalo high school, is an account of a car accident that unfolds slowly from the voice of an unnamed narrator.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown words found in **each book**; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 15.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, for the play *A Raisin in the Sun*. A second in-class writing assignment will be done on **Wednesday, Sept. 16**, for the second book you chose to read. It would be beneficial for you to take notes on the following literary elements found in each book: setting, characterization, conflict, and theme.

English 12 Regents

All English 12 Regents students **MUST** read *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte.

In addition to this novel, English 12 Regents **MUST** read a second book from the following list:

Bleachers (John Grisham) – As their football coach hovers between life and death, his former players gather at their high school field to recollect the good and bad times of their lives and high school football careers.

Farewell to Arms (Ernest Hemingway) – Set in Italy, this is a poignant love story taking place against the backdrop of WWI. A classic!

The Bell Jar (Sylvia Plath) – Sylvia Plath's only novel tells the story of college student Esther Greenwood – her

nervous breakdown and fight to regain both her sanity and her life. A classic!

Native Son (Richard Wright) – For Bigger Thomas, an African American man accused of a crime in the white man's world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations, and only death.

In Cold Blood (Truman Capote) – The documentary account of a 1959 murder in a small Kansas town.

The Things They Carried (Tim O'Brien) – These stories follow a platoon of American soldiers through a variety of personal and military encounters during the Vietnam War.

Ophelia (Lisa M. Klein) – A retelling of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* through the voice of Ophelia.

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown vocabulary words found in each book; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 15.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, for the novel *Jane Eyre*. A second in-class writing assignment will be done on **Wednesday, Sept. 16**, for the second book you chose to read. It would be beneficial for you to take notes on the following literary elements found in each book: setting, characterization, conflict, and theme.

AP English Language and Composition (Grades 11 & 12)

Part I – All AP Language students must read *Eats, Shoots, & Leaves*, by Lynne Truss; a punctuation test based on the punctuation rules discussed in the book will be given in class on **Tuesday, Sept. 15.**

Part II – All AP Language students **must**

read *On Writing*, by Stephen King; this memoir will be used as our first in-class rhetorical analysis essay, to be written on Wednesday, **Sept. 16** (this type of essay will be discussed and explained before the 16th).

Part III – All AP Language students **must** choose **one** of the following to read:

Farewell to Arms (Ernest Hemingway) – Set in Italy, this is a poignant love story taking place against the backdrop of WWI. A classic!

The Bell Jar (Sylvia Plath) – Sylvia Plath's only novel tells the story of college student Esther Greenwood – her nervous breakdown and fight to regain her sanity and her life. A classic!

Native Son (Richard Wright) – For Bigger Thomas, an African American man accused of a crime in the white man's

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Failures & Summer School

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much more costly than any summer school program.

- By July 6 the Counseling Center needs to be notified where course/exams will be made up. This can be done by telephone (683-2349) or email.
- Counselors may also be reached at the above number to address any questions or concerns.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING MATH COURSE FAILURES:

Please consult with your counselor before enrolling in a summer school math class. Math course names and numbers differ from school to school.

It is important that you enroll in the course that best matches the curriculum that you need to make up.

For this reason you may want to consider private tutoring.

Helping out at Komen Race



On Saturday, June 13, the St. Mary's Volunteer Corps, organized by Vice President Mr. Kevin Kelleher '89, worked the WNY Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

According to English teacher Mr. Max Mauro, who also volunteered at the event, not only were the St. Mary's students the

most noticeable group from any area high school but they pitched in wherever they were needed and enjoyed cheering on the runners at the start and finish.

"Their enthusiasm and class act made an impression on the organizers as well the participants," said Mr. Mauro. "I also heard more than a few times from the crowd, 'Go

Lancers!' It was an I AM THIRD kind of day."

The St. Mary's volunteers included (left to right) Shannon Murty, Rachel Cichocki, Antonino Marino, Grace Fuller, Charles Rath, Anna Heerd, Mr. Mauro, Mr. Kelleher, Ryan Tytk, Joseph Flading, Madeline Wnuk, and Collin Tytk.

Start thinking "service hours"

Summer is the perfect time to start working on your service hours for the 2015-16 school year.

Remember – here are the service hour requirements:

- Freshmen – 10 hours
- Sophomores – 20 hours
- Juniors – 30 hours (half not for St. Mary's)
- Seniors – 40 hours (half not for St. Mary's)

Here are several service opportunities coming up:

St. Mary's High School has the following events at which volunteers are needed:

- Garage Sale – June 27, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Golf Tournament – June 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Car Show & Chicken Dinner – August 16, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shift times are flexible. For information or to sign up, contact Mrs. Pam Aquino at 683-4824, ext. 223 or

paquino@smhlancers.org.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Lancaster is looking for assistance with the following:

- A take-home mailing project to be picked up at the Rectory on June 19 and returned on June 26
 - Feast Day Celebration – August 16, from 3 to 11 p.m.
 - Newsletter mailing – August 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the rectory
 - Volunteers to stuff bulletins – as needed, usually on Friday afternoons
- Any interested students should contact Mrs. Diane Zwirecki, Communications Coordinator for the parish, at 683-6445 ext. 24 or dianez@stmarysonthehill.org.

Anyone who has other service opportunities that they wish to share should send them to Mr. Kidder at 683-4824 ext. 215 or kkidder@smhlancers.org.

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world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations, and only death.

In Cold Blood (Truman Capote) – The documentary account of a 1959 murder in a small Kansas town.

ASSIGNMENT:

This book of choice will be used as our second in-class rhetorical analysis essay, to be **written on Thursday, Sept. 17**.

It would be beneficial for you to take notes on rhetorical elements used by King and the author of your third book; rhetorical elements include: tone, diction, syntax, irony, symbolism, ambiguity, allusion, arrangement, structure, connotation, figures of speech, style, repetition, etc.

FYI – you must discuss 3 rhetorical elements in a rhetorical analysis essay.

Softball team wins league championship

It took some thrilling softball and overcoming great odds, but the St. Mary's Varsity Softball team won the 2015 Msgr. Martin League Championship. This is the team's first Championship since 2011.

The Lady Lancers entered the playoffs as the fourth seed, facing a tough Mt. St. Mary's team in the quarterfinals. St. Mary's pulled off a thrilling 1-0 victory, as Bailey Dolegowski scored the only run while also recording an unassisted double-play to thwart a Thunder threat.

In the semis, St. Mary's came up against the number one seed Sacred Heart, a team that had "mercied" the Lady Lancers



The members of the 2015 Championship Softball team are (front row) Erin Hufford, Onalee Duane, (second row) Sarah Hapeman, Brianna Poules, Kaitlyn Schott, Carrie Kidder, Jen Piskor, (back row), Shelby Strausbaugh, Annie Hamilton, Hannah Hapeman, Marissa Dantonio, Bailey Dolegowski, Haley Wipperman, Kaitlyn Tytko, and Victoria Kwitowski (missing, Alex Szpila). They were coached by Kevin Hufford, Mike Rappl, Brian Poules, and Mike Schott.

earlier in the season. But just like last year, St. Mary's pulled the upset, downing the Sharks 4-1, led by Brianna Poules' three-run homerun and Erin Hufford's complete-game win.

University where, unfortunately, they lost to St. Anthony's of Long Island by a score of 9-4 in the semifinals.

Congratulations, ladies and coaches, on the Championship and a great season.

The Lady Lancers next met Nichols in the league finals, a team that defeated them last year in the same situation. The outcome was different this year as St. Mary's won 8-7 to claim the Championship. Brianna hit another homerun and Erin had another great outing in the win.

The Lady Lancers thus earned a spot in the Catholic High School State Championship Tournament held at Hofstra

Nicholas Todaro named varsity football coach

The Athletic Department of St. Mary's High School is pleased to announce that Nicholas Todaro has been named the new Varsity Football Coach at the school.

"We are excited to be able to have Nick join the St. Mary's High School family," said St. Mary's Athletic Director Steven Grieco. "His passion and energy for seeing student-athletes succeed – not only on the field but in the classroom and community as well – is exactly what we are looking for in our coaches."

A 2003 graduate of Hutch-Tech High School, where he was a two-year player on the varsity football team, Mr. Todaro

studied at SUNY Brockport and Canisius College, from which he earned his master's degree in physical education in 2013. He currently teaches Physical Education in the City of Buffalo.

His football coaching career began in 2007 as an assistant coach for the Junior Varsity Team at Bishop Timon / St. Jude High School in Buffalo. In 2008 and 2009 he was the head coach of the JV team before being named the Offensive Coordinator for the Timon Varsity Team. In 2011 he was the Junior Varsity Head Coach for Canisius High School in Buffalo, and from 2012 to 2014 he was the Defensive Coordi-

nator for South Park High School in Buffalo.

He lives in Buffalo with his wife Lyndsey along with their two sons Nole and Jaxen.

"I am truly honored and thankful to be named the Head Football Coach at St. Mary's High School," Mr. Todaro said. "I am so excited for the new challenges upcoming and working with the St. Mary's family, past and present. I would like to thank every player who played for me, every coach that worked with me, and most of all my committed family for helping make this dream a reality."

Good luck, college athletes

As we say farewell to the class of the 2015, the Athletic Department would like to make note of our new alumni who will be continuing on with their athletic careers at the next level.

- Andrew Blaszak – Bowling (Daemen)
- Jacob Concannon – Football (Mercyhurst)
- Ashley Drzymala – Volleyball (Daemen)
- Charles Hayes – Baseball (ECC)
- Zachary Ineson – Hockey (Ferris State)

- Leah Meyer – Volleyball (Duke)
- Christopher Nowak – Baseball (ECC)
- Marc O’Neill – Lacrosse (Hilbert)
- Brianna Poules – Softball (Gannon)
- Matthew Schneider – Baseball (Mercyhurst)
- Mason Smith – Hockey (Ferris State)
- Anthony Still – Football (ECC)
- Alexandria Szpila – Track (St. John Fisher)
- Sean Wilson – Basketball (Medaille)

Football game program coming

The St. Mary’s Football Team will be producing the very popular game day programs for the 2015 season.

The program will feature player pictures and biographies, information on the new coaching staff, and team records

and awards.

The team is looking for people or organizations to advertise in the program. Those interested should go to the St. Mary’s football website or contact Steve Grieco at sgrieco@smhlancers.org.

Fall sports start dates

Students planning to play a sport during the fall 2015 season should be aware of the following start dates:

- Football – Monday, Aug. 17th.
- Girls’ Soccer – Monday, Aug. 17th
- Boys’ Soccer – Monday, Aug. 17th
- Girls’ Volleyball – Thursday, Aug. 20th
- Boys’ Volleyball – Thursday, Aug. 20th
- Golf – Monday, Aug. 24th
- Girls’ Crew – TBA

The times and locations for tryouts will be available in the August issue of *Currents* or by calling Steven Grieco, Athletic Director, at 683-4824, ext. 235.

Open Gym for Girls VB, Football

Girls Volleyball has Open Gym every Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. from June 22 through August 3.

Football has Open Gym Sunday nights at 6 p.m.

For information on other sports, contact the coach or Mr. Grieco.

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2015 Summer Athletic Camp Series

Boys' Basketball

Ages 7-13 • Cost – \$75
July 6-10 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Girls' Basketball

Ages 7-13 • Cost – \$75
July 13-17 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Football

Ages 7-13 • Cost – \$75
July 20-24 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Baseball

Ages 7-13 • Cost – \$75
July 27-31 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Girls' Lacrosse

Ages 7-13 • Cost – \$75
July 27-31 – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Girls' Volleyball

With St. Mary's Coaches Don Pieczynski & Rocco Lucci

Middle School Students • July 20-24 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost – \$150

High School Students • Aug. 3-7 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost – \$190

More Information

(716) 683-4824, ext. 235 or sgrieco@smhlancers.org

Summer Athletic Camp 2015 Registration Form

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Present School _____ Grade _____

Camp: Baseball _____ Boys' Basketball _____ Girls' Basketball _____

Girls' Lacrosse _____ Volleyball (Middle School) _____ Volleyball (High School) _____

Football _____ Volleyball Experience: beginner; modified; jv; varsity
 club – team _____

Please mail to: Steven Grieco, St. Mary's High School, 142 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086

Make checks payable to St. Mary's High School

June & July 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 School Exams <i>Schedule available at smhlancers.org</i>	16 School & Regents Exams <i>Schedule available at smhlancers.org</i>	17 School & Regents Exams <i>Schedule available at smhlancers.org</i>	18 School & Regents Exams <i>Schedule available at smhlancers.org</i>	19 School & Regents Exams <i>Schedule available at smhlancers.org</i>	20
21 Fathers' Day	22 School & Regents Exams <i>Schedule available at smhlancers.org</i>	23 School & Regents Exams <i>Schedule available at smhlancers.org</i>	24 Rating Day 1 Spring Sports Banquet & Hall of Fame induction 6pm	25 Rating Day 2 Freshman & Sophomore Field Trip to Darien Lake	26 End of School Year	27 Garage Sale 8am-12noon
28	29 Golf Tournament 1 to 7pm Summer Hours begin 8am-12noon	30	1 Incoming Freshmen Information and Dress Code Fitting Night 6pm	2	3 School Closed School Closed	4 Independence Day
5	6 Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon Work Program #1 begins	7 Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	8 Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	9 Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	10 Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	11
12	13 Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	14 Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	15 Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	16 Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	17 Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	18
19	20 Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm Football Camp 9am-12noon Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Work Program #2 begins	21 Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm Football Camp 9am-12noon Lancer First Step 9am-12noon	22 Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm Football Camp 9am-12noon Lancer First Step 9am-12noon	23 Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm Football Camp 9am-12noon Lancer First Step 9am-12noon	24 Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm Football Camp 9am-12noon	25
26	27 Baseball Camp 9am-12noon Girls' Lax Camp 4:30-6:30pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Lancer Leadership Academy 9am-3pm	28 Baseball Camp 9am-12noon Girls' Lax Camp 4:30-6:30pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Lancer Leadership Academy 9am-3pm	29 Baseball Camp 9am-12noon Girls' Lax Camp 4:30-6:30pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Lancer Leadership Academy 9am-3pm	30 Baseball Camp 9am-12noon Girls' Lax Camp 4:30-6:30pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Lancer Leadership Academy 9am-3pm	31 Baseball Camp 9am-12noon Girls' Lax Camp 4:30-6:30pm Lancer Leadership Academy 9am-3pm	1

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God, bless the parents!



Father Ed Durkin and members of the Class of 2015 bless their parents and families as part of the Baccalaureate Mass, held on May 31 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

In the June/July issue of *Currents*

- *Congratulations, Graduates!*
- *Art Club wins Art Alive! award*
- *Changes for 2015-16 school calendar*
- *Summer Reading Assignment*
- *And much more!*

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