

# CURRENTS

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## Szymanski inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame *Athletes receive end-of-year awards*

St. Mary's High School held its annual Sports Award Banquet and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction on June 24 at Beginning's Banquet Facility in Sloan.

The Banquet included the induction of the newest member of the St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame, Dr. David Szymanski, a 1975 graduate of St. Mary's, and the presentation of the End-of-the-Year Awards.

While at St. Mary's, Dr. Szymanski excelled on the basketball and tennis courts. He was an All-Catholic basketball and tennis player. In tennis, he was ranked as the #1 16u player in Western New York.

After St. Mary's, he went to the University of North Carolina at Asheville on a full athletic scholarship for both basketball and tennis. And he graduated #4 in his class.

From there he went to earn a master's from Vanderbilt University and an MBA and PhD from the University of Wisconsin



*Honorees at the St. Mary's High School Sports Banquet included (seated left to right) Don Pieczynski, David Szymanski, Leah Meyer, (standing) Marc O'Neill, Jacob Concannon, Ann Hamilton, Alexandria Szpila, and Ashley Drzymala.*



*New Hall of Fame member Dr. David Szymanski (left) was inducted by his classmate and friend Lawrence Mulcahy '75, a 2014 inductee into the Hall.*

at Madison.

After serving as a professor at Texas A&M for 23 years, Dr. Szymanski is presently the Dean of the Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the Major Athletic Awards for the 2014-15 school year. These award winners were:

- **Male Athlete of the Year** – Takal Molson
- **Female Athlete of the Year** – Leah Meyer
- **Ken Jakubowski Award** (Service to

Athletics) – Ashley Drzymala

- **Harry Paul Award** (Service to Athletics) – Jacob Concannon
- **Lady Lancer Hustle Award** - Alexandria Szpila
- **Joe Monin Award** (Lancer Hustle Award) – Marc O'Neill
- **Chelsea Kiebzak Award** (Dedication to Basketball) – Ann Hamilton
- **Dick Wojciechowski Award** (Dedication to Basketball) – Sean Wilson
- **Coach of the Year** – Don Pieczynski

### *August Currents* only issue mailed

The August issue of *Currents* is the only issue in the school year which is always printed and mailed home to all families of St. Mary's High School.

Issues the rest of the year will be e-mailed directly to families using the SchoolReach information. They will also

be available electronically at the St. Mary's website ([smhlancers.org](http://smhlancers.org)).

Those who would like printed copies should email Mr. Kidder at [kkidder@smhlancers.org](mailto:kkidder@smhlancers.org).

Copies may also be picked up in the Main Office.

# Freshmen, what will your first weeks be like?

When do you start?

Your first day of classes as freshmen will be Wednesday, Sept. 9. On that day, the only other students in the building will be your mentors. You will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Bus transportation will be available that day, both before and after school.

**What do you need to bring?**

A book bag/back pack – that's all.

**Where do you go?**

When you get to St. Mary's, you will report to homeroom. The lists of homeroom assignments will be posted in the hallway.

During homeroom, you will be given a locker assignment and a lock. (All locks for lockers MUST be issued by St. Mary's High School.) You will also receive a folder with paper and a pen to use for the rest of the day.

When you meet with your teachers, they will give you a few things. First, they will give you your textbooks. Also, they will be giving you their course expectations. This will list their grading policy as well as what they expect you to do in their class. You will also receive a list of supplies you will need for each class.

We want your first day to be as pleasant as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. O'Connor, Enrollment Director, or the guidance counselors, Mrs. Neudeck or Mrs. Whitwood.

We look forward to seeing you on September 9!

## The First Two Weeks of School

<u>Mon., Sept. 7</u> <b>No School</b> Labor Day	<u>Tue., Sept. 8</u> <b>No School for Students</b> Faculty/Staff Orientation 8am - 2:30pm	<u>Wed., Sept. 9</u> <b>A-Day</b> FRESHMEN ONLY <i>11:30 a.m.</i> <b>DISMISSAL</b>	<u>Thur., Sept. 10</u> <b>A-Day</b> ALL STUDENTS FULL DAY	<u>Fri., Sept. 11</u> <b>B-Day</b> ALL STUDENTS FULL DAY
<u>Mon., Sept. 14</u> <b>C-Day</b> <b>Special Schedule</b> Student Pictures Opening Liturgy Class Meetings Orientation Student Senate 2:30pm Meet the Teachers Night 6-8:30pm	<u>Tue., Sept. 15</u> <b>C-Day (again)</b> Walk-a-thon Pledges Due Fall Play Auditions 2:30pm	<u>Wed., Sept. 16</u> <b>D-Day</b> Fall Play Auditions 2:30pm	<u>Thur., Sept. 17</u> <b>E-Day</b> Math Club Meeting 2:30pm	<u>Fri., Sept. 18</u> <b>F-Day</b> Fall Play Callbacks 2:30pm

## Walk-a-Thon taking place September 22

For several years, the Student Senate of St. Mary's High School has sponsored the annual Walk-a-thon. The students have walked the streets of Lancaster and, in the process, raised funds which are used for school classes, clubs, and organizations and to help fund the Student Senate Scholarship.

Like last year, the Student Senate has decided to incorporate a school picnic into the Walk-a-thon, presently scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 22. After a walk of about three miles, the Walk-a-thon will arrive at

Firemen's Park in Depew. Here the students will be treated to a picnic lunch while able to enjoy the basketball courts, sand volleyball court, and more. The students will walk back to school at the end of the day.

Created in 2006, the Student Senate Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman who has the potential to be a future student leader of the school.

In this mailing, families will find a letter from the Student Senate Co-Moderators, Mrs. Lynn Tytka and Mr. Kidder, going into more details about the Walk-a-Thon. There will also be a Walk-a-thon pledge sheet. All Walk-a-thon pledges are due Tuesday, Sept. 15.

## Transportation information

Information regarding transportation is sent to parents from the public school district at the end of August. This information is not sent to St. Mary's High School.

If you do not receive your bus information, or if you have questions or problems with the arrangements, please call the Transportation Department of your school district.

Incoming freshmen from Buffalo may receive their bus passes when they come for orientation on September 2.

Upperclassmen will get theirs on the first day of school.

*Remember: Students are never allowed to ride a bus from a school district other than their own. Public school districts are only insured for their own residents.*

## Currents

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# Congratulations, Fourth Quarter Honor Roll Students

## Top five Seniors

## Top five Juniors



Agatha Milholland

Kayla Murphy

Rebecca Hojna

Kaitlyn Tytka

Hannah Gresham

Carolyn Kidder

Madison Fermo

Hanna Streck

Kendra Ciezki

Julie Pijacki

### Senior 1st Honors

Andrew Blaszak  
Paige Burkard  
Theresa Cometto  
Teresa Cronmiller  
Nicolas DeSanto  
Ashley Drzymala  
Jennifer Dudzinski  
Nicholas Federico  
David Filion  
Samuel Freeman  
Katie Grabski  
Hannah Gresham  
Xinyue Chloe Guan  
Joseph Hamilton  
Hannah Hapeman  
Danielle Hockwater  
Rebecca Hojna  
Zachary Ineson  
Katrina Kenneweg  
Austin Klink  
Sydney Kozminski  
Michael Kruse  
Victoria Kwitowski  
Nicholas Lukasik  
Magdalene Manuel  
Leah Meyer  
Jessica Michalski  
Agatha Milholland  
Kayla Murphy  
Marc O'Neill  
Tia Piotrowski  
Brianna Poules  
Ryan Ratajczak  
William Roskopf  
Gillian Sacco  
Matthew Schneider  
Kaitlyn Schott

Jacob Shepard  
Mason Smith  
Julie Sobczynski  
Shelby Strausbaugh  
Alexandria Szpila  
Mariah Troidl  
Kaitlyn Tytka  
Matthew Wierzbicki  
Michael Wierzbicki  
Amber Wilk  
Sean Wilson  
Alyssa Yebernetsky  
Alexandra Zelazny  
Alyssa Ziobro

### Senior 2nd Honors

Paul Bargnesi  
Emily Bellet  
Kayle Cassel  
Jacob Concannon  
Mary Eddy  
Nicole Giardina  
Brittany Gorny  
Nicholas Heigl  
RiverLeigh Martinez  
John Propis  
Jacob Ratigan  
Anthony Stitt  
Zachary Szpila  
Benjamin Tobolski  
Jacob Tomaszewski

### Junior 1st Honors

Austin Calkins  
Olivia Carl  
Joelle Cianciosa  
Kendra Ciezki  
Madison Fermo

Victoria Gorny  
Christopher Gresham  
Jia Wei Jimmy Gu  
Ann Hamilton  
Jack Hathaway  
Bridget Herod  
Carolyn Kidder  
Jessica Kranz  
Leah May  
Mikala McCartney  
Katherine Netti  
Nina O'Scier  
Caliegh Passucci  
Julie Pijacki  
Jennifer Piskor  
Victoria Powell  
Kayla Prentki  
Grace Pyszczeck  
James Roetzer  
Veronica Rozler  
Allison Rusinski  
Andrew Salamone  
Joseph Stoj  
Hanna Streck  
Regan Weiss  
Emma Winiarski

### Junior 2nd Honors

Jennifer Baran  
Bradley Berchou  
Garrett Braniecki  
Marissa Dantonio  
Anna DiDomenico  
Joseph DiGesare  
Mitchell DiPirro  
Bailey Dolegowski  
Allyson Fischer

Lisa Gali  
Helen Gibson  
Alexander Hokaj  
Maddisen Irish  
Nicholas Kobis  
Gabrielle Mauro  
Erica Michalski  
David Owczarczak  
Jessica Ratigan  
Jonathan Rowe  
Nicholas Samson  
Andrew Solomon  
Emily Thomas  
Isabel Van Remmen  
Megan Vogel  
Madeline Wnuk  
Alyssa Zirnheld  
Kevin Zolnowski

### Sophomore

#### 1st Honors

Asia Alexander  
James Ando  
Alexander Bish  
Charles Bristol  
Daniel Cress  
Mark Cronmiller  
Grace Fuller  
Anna Heerd  
Victoria Jankowski  
Marissa Loniewski  
Caitlyn Meyer  
Faith Meyers  
Savannah Meyers  
Kristi Smith  
Alexander Stegmeier  
William Story  
Collin Tytka

Kathryn Vogl  
Sai Frida Zheng

### Sophomore

#### 2nd Honors

Alexandra Bielli  
Joshua Fontaine  
Grace Freeman  
Samantha Grabski  
Stephanie Hossenlopp  
Erin Hufford  
Alex Paul  
Zachery Penksa  
Hannah Pufpaff  
Andrea Seeloff  
Brittany Wachowski  
Nathan Waley  
Sydney Zajac

### Freshman

#### 1st Honors

Shae Antonicelli  
Stephanie Baran  
Kristen Barczykowski  
Emily Bookmiller  
Eric Brown  
Gabrielle Burkard  
Rachel Cichocki  
Lucas Cousins  
Jacob Fay  
Christina Federico  
Maria Fontaine  
Ander Jankowski  
John Kandler  
Zackary Laistner  
Veronica LaPort  
Antonino Marino

Sophie May  
Shannon Murty  
Chelsea Okon  
Summer Slade  
Jessa Syracuse  
Ryan Tytka  
Jacob Was  
Madeline Was  
Shala Wright

### Freshman 2nd Honors

Kelsie Allen  
Victoria Camillo  
Matthew Ciezki  
Erin DiPirro  
Onalee Duane  
Blake English  
Joseph Flading  
Heather Gotro  
Daniel Hatfield  
Chloe Isbrandt  
Jessica Kozminski  
Nicole Kruse  
Jacob Lukasik  
Nicole Nazzarett  
Danielle Norton  
Alicia Pacer  
Marysia Paradis  
Emily Pijacki  
Frank Propis  
Kyle Schaffstall  
Julia Soluri  
Rileigh Tobolski  
Jillian Vitale  
Wyatt Von Wrycza  
Kylie Wagner  
Andrew Wargo  
Jacob Winiarski

## Top five Sophomores

## Top five Freshmen



Daniel Cress

Victoria Jankowski

Marissa Loniewski

Kathryn Vogl

Collin Tytka

Shannon Murty

Chelsea Okon

Emily Bookmiller

Shae Antonicelli

Sophie May

**EARN FREE SUPPLIES**  
**at OFFICE DEPOT**

Every time you give our School ID number when buying qualifying school supplies,  
St. Mary's receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for Free Supplies!  
**The School ID for St. Mary's High School is 70073221**



# Food service changing to Personal Touch

School food service is changing at St. Mary's High School!

To keep pace with changing food trends and provide nutritious, quality meals to our students, we have partnered with a local food service management company to manage our Dining Services.

Personal Touch Food Service, founded and located in Buffalo, has 30 years' experience nourishing future leaders, such as ours at St. Mary's High School, in schools throughout Western New York. Their reputation is superb: providing quality, freshly prepared foods, nutritionally balanced menus and outstanding

service with a focus on the customer. We are confident and excited that Personal Touch will deliver food and services that our students are "hungry" for.

In addition to lunches, Personal Touch will also be offering an a la carte breakfast menu and several after-school items. Instead of running to the local fast food restaurants before practice, rehearsal, or the meeting, students can go to the cafeteria for healthy and delicious food.

On pages 5 & 6, you will find an application for Free/Reduced Price School Meals. After reading this information, if you think that you qualify based on the

Income Eligibility Guidelines, please complete Steps 1 through 4 and return it to St. Mary's by **August 15**.

We will communicate by September 1 if your student is eligible for either free or reduced meals.

Included in this mailing, you will also find information regarding the prepayment options available to all St. Mary's students and families, including how to prepay online.

Thank you in advance for your support, participation, and patience in implementing our new and improved Dining Services at St. Mary's High School.

## 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 for students of St. Mary's High School:

• 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:

• 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](mailto:paquino@smhlancers.org).

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Lancaster is also looking for volunteers:

• On Friday, Aug. 7, between 1 and 4 p.m., they need 6-8 students (or adults) who can help fill small bags with popcorn. These will be distributed at Masses during the weekend of August 8 and 9, to remind everyone about the parish's Feast Day Celebration.

• Feast Day Celebration – Sunday, Aug. 16, from 3 to 11 p.m.

• Newsletter mailing – Tuesday, Aug. 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](mailto: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](mailto:kkidder@smhlancers.org).

## 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!***

***Many of the positions are already filled. Please call the school as soon as possible – we want schedule established by September 1<sup>st</sup>!***

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

# 2015-2016 Application for Free & Reduced Price School Meals – St. Mary's High School

Complete one application per household. Please use pen (not pencil)

## STEP 1 List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (If more spaces are required, attach another sheet of paper.)

Definition of Household Member: Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related	Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Student? Yes No	Homeless, Migrant, Foster, Child, Runaway Child

## STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR? Yes / NO

If you answered NO > Complete STEP 3. If you answered YES > Write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

Write only one case number in this space.

## STEP 3 Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered "Yes" to STEP 2.)

**A. Child Income**  
Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned (in whole dollars) by ALL Household Members listed in Step 1 here.

Child Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How often? Weekly, BiWeekly, 20Month Monthly:

**B. Income of ALL Adult Household Members (including yourself)**  
List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income from each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Child Support / Alimony	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

How often? Weekly, BiWeekly, 20Month Monthly:

Total Household Members (Children and Adults):

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member:

Check if no SSN:

## STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits."

Street Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone and Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of adult completing the form: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of adult completing the form: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR REDUCED MEALS AT ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Household Size	REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART					FREE MEAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice Monthly	Bi Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice Monthly	Bi Weekly	Weekly
1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$908	\$838	\$419	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$638	\$589	\$295
2	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	556	20,709	1,726	863	797	399
3	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715	26,117	2,177	1,089	1,005	503
4	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607
5	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711
6	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,629	815
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023
For each additional family member add	7,696	642	321	296	148	5,408	451	226	208	104

How to Apply: To get reduced price meals for your children, you may carefully complete one application for your household and return it to St. Mary's High School. If you now receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member receives, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application that is not complete cannot be approved.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. **You do not need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive food stamps.**

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Nondiscrimination Statement: St. Mary's High School prohibits discrimination against its students, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact the school for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: All information contained in the reduced price application will be held in strictest confidence. The disclosure of eligibility information to a third-party organization requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian.

**We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.**

**Remember: All application and participant information will be held in the strictest confidence**

**Please note – Forms must be returned by August 15, 2015**

– Notes from the Health Office –  
**Medication Policy, Fall Sports**

**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 is included with this mailing.

This form must be completed **after** August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 “Health” section.

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

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

## 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, 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 she 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**

**Freshman & Parent Mixer**

Thursday, August 6  
6:30 p.m.

**Orientation for Freshmen, Transfer Students, and Parents**

Wednesday, September 2  
6:30 p.m.

### **Upcoming Enrollment Events**

**Open House**

Friday, September 25  
5 to 8 p.m.  
Sunday, September 27  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Admission Exam Prep Classes**

Saturdays,  
October 31,  
November 7 & 14

**Admission Exam**

Saturday,  
November 21  
8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

### *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.





# Lancer Parent Partnership



## 2014-15 End-of-Year Report

**Executive Committee** – Sandy Gibson, Susan Szpila, Kim Kwitowski, Rebecca Kranz, Keith Kidder. New members effective for the 2015-2016 academic year are Sandee Grega and Kim Marino.

**Fashion Show Committee** – Mark Burkard, Mary Beth Burkard, Joy Cianciosa, Emily Gibson, Sandy Gibson, Sharon Goldyn, Sandee Grega, Rebecca Kranz, Theresa Kruse, Kim Marino, Linda Murphy, Lisa Nemmer, Robert Nemmer, Joanna Norton, Sue Penksa, Debbie Seeloff, Mike Seeloff, LeeAnn Speyer, Ginny Stolarski, Susan Szpila, and Kathy Ziomek.

### Parent Events

- Sponsored Freshman Parents Mixer in conjunction with Freshman Student Mixer; included icebreaker, St. Mary's Trivia, student panel, ice cream social, and raffles. Very well received with 80 parents attending, representing 52 freshman families.
- Presented an overview of the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partnership Council at New Student Orientation and Meet the Teacher Night.
- Provided support at Fall Open House.
- Annual Fashion Show, *Lights, Camera, Fashion!* on April 21.

### Faculty/Staff Events

- Dinner provided prior to First Quarter Follow-Up on November 17, 2014.
- Holiday gifts to all faculty and staff.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 5.

### Accomplishments

- The spring Fashion Show was another successful show and included

## Help wanted for Parent Mixer

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](mailto: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!

participation of 60 student models from all grade levels, faculty, a parent, and alumni. There were 183 attendees at the event.

- Awarded \$900 in departmental scholarships to members of the Class of 2015 and an additional \$200 each to Zachary Szpila and Kayla Murphy for strong leadership and extraordinary community service beyond that required through St. Mary's.
- Continued communication and awareness of the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partnership through regular articles in *Currents*, as well as frequent e-mail reminders and updates via SchoolReach.
- Parent representative of the Lancer Parent Partnership Council is an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Trustees and

is in attendance during each general session of the Board meeting.

### Goals for 2015-2016

- Continue to communicate the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partnership Council.
- Continue Lancer Parent Partnership support of St. Mary's School events.
- Continue established scholarship awards and increase dollar amounts awarded if fundraising is successful.
- Continue established Faculty/Staff Appreciation events.
- Increase fundraising.

### Events for 2015-2016

- Thursday, Aug. 6 – Freshman Parent Mixer to run concurrently with Freshmen Student Mixer.
- New Student Orientation in September.
- Meet the Teacher Night in September.
- November – First Quarter Follow-up and College Presentations preceded by faculty dinner and dessert.
- Thursday, April 21, 2016 – Annual Spring Fashion Show at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon, May 2016.

*A very special thank you is extended to Kim Kwitowski and Susan Szpila for four years of service and dedication to the mission and purpose of the Lancer Parent Partnership Council. Their commitment was instrumental in helping to establish many of the new events that continue to grow in success and participation each year. The Lancer Parent Partnership wishes them well in their future endeavors.*



# Dress Code for 2015-16

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.

*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.*

### Ladies

- Properly sized navy, khaki, or gray dress pants (with the "SMH" logo) pur-


chased 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 in.
- 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.**

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## Campus Ministry



### God wants WHAT?

We don't know when it happened, but it did. Sometime after leaving Egypt and before arriving at Canaan, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20). It was (and still is) the covenant relationship between God and human-kind. Ten simple rules for living a faith filled life, a plan to develop a bond between creation and Creator.

Fast forward to the time of Jesus and the 10 had grown to 613. Jesus, noting that the additions had made a life of faith more oppressive than expressive, teaches His disciples that it can be simpler. In

Matthew's Gospel He says the "law" is love God, your neighbor, yourself.

Today we live in a complex time of instant news and information. There are many preachers and teachers telling us their way for us to be good Catholics and good Christians. It can be overwhelming.

The Third Council of Baltimore offers a different, more simple solution. When posed with the question "What does God want?" or its corollary "Why did God make you?" the answer offered is simple: God made us to know, love, and serve in this life and to be forever happy in the next.

We know God through Scripture and the teachings of the Church; we love through an active sacramental life, especially prayer, the Eucharist, and Reconciliation; we love by a commitment to and a practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Read Matthew 7:12 for the "text" version.

God wants what?? It's an easy answer: the Trinitarian God wants to be in relationship with us now and forever. Amen.

Benedicite vos omnipotens Deus.  
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## Dress Code for 2015-16 *(continued from page 9)*

They are only *required* to wear the uniform skirt 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.*
- 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 gray dress shoes with socks must be worn.
- Boat shoes may be worn. They must be solid or two-tone brown, black, navy blue, or gray 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:"

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## Dress Code for 2015-16 *(continued from page 10)*

- 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.
- 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, organiza-

tions 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.

## Host a Student! Change a Life!

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 an \$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 new 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.
- Build a life-long friendship.
- Experience the joy of having a new family member to love.
- 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](mailto: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 1930s. 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 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 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** 11 Regents 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

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## 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 8 a.m. to 12 noon every day through August 20. Beginning Monday, Aug. 24, the library will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

## \$500 grants available for young changemakers

As summer vacation continues, Youth Service America (YSA) is calling on kids to make this a Summer of Creativity.

YSA, through support from Disney | ABC Television Group, will award Summer of Creativity Grants to young changemakers who have ideas and projects that positively impact their community.

Youth ages 5-18 in the U.S. are eligible to apply for Summer of Creativity Grants by submitting service project ideas that will make a difference in their local communities.

One hundred and twenty five winners will be awarded individual \$500 grants to implement their projects.

Select grantees will have a chance to

be recognized on Good Morning America or their local ABC affiliate. Applications will be accepted through August 10 at [YSA.org/BeInspired](http://YSA.org/BeInspired).

2014 grant-awarded projects included:

- Warm Winters, a program run by a 14-year-old to collect coats, hats, and gloves left at ski resorts to help keep the homeless warm.
- Shred Kids Cancer, a campaign organized by a 14-year-old to fundraise for research to help find cures for pediatric cancer.
- Braeden's Brown Bags, a foundation founded by a 10-year-old to provide healthy meals to kids in need. "With half the world's population

under the age of 25, our future depends on helping young people to find their voice, take action, and make a positive impact in their communities. We know that young people are uniquely suited to help solve problems – if given the opportunity," said Steven A. Culbertson, President and CEO of YSA.

"We need youth to be leaders and problem solvers today, not just the leaders of a distant tomorrow. Disney ABC Television Group's Summer of Creativity is about shining a bright light on the incredible power of youth to use their ingenuity to change the world."

For more information and to apply, visit [www.YSA.org/BeInspired](http://www.YSA.org/BeInspired).

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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 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

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# Counseling Corner

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## 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](http://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 contact students via SchoolMessenger.

Students will be able to see their schedules using InfoNOW. Freshmen will receive their schedules in the mail.

*When schedules are made available, a deadline for class changes will be included. Requests for class changes after that date will not be honored.*

Those who have questions should contact their Guidance Counselor.

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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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>).

**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 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.



# School Supply List

The annual ritual of School Supply Shopping has begun, as area stores have started their sales and promotions. For many families, the treks to KMart, Target, or Wal-Mart will take place as the students prepare for the new school year. For the St. Mary's students, the store visits will also

begin.

In an effort to assist families in their back-to-school shopping, here is a ***PARTIAL*** list of supplies needed by the different departments.

*Please note two items – Individual teachers will have additional require-*

*ments for their classes. These lists will be passed out the first day of class.*

*Also, students will be receiving an assignment notebook from St. Mary's High School on their first day of school. Thus, there is no need to purchase a separate one.*

**Needed for all classes**

- pens
- pencils
- loose leaf paper

**English Classes**

**English 9 Regents & Honors**

- 2 or 3 inch binder
- composition-style notebook
- highlighter
- folder with pockets

**English 10 Regents & Honors**

- 2 or 3 inch binder

**English 11 Regents**

- 2 or 3 inch binder with 6 dividers

**English 12 Regents**

- 3 ring binder (any size)
- highlighter

**AP English Language & Composition**

- 3 ring binder (any size)
- highlighter
- post-it flags
- The book – *The Things They Carried*

**Foreign Language Classes**

**All French & Spanish 1**

- a Mead Five Star Wide Ruled 3 subject notebook with reinforced kraft pockets (only for foreign language use)

- gluestick(s)
- highlighter

**Spanish 2, 2 Honors & 3**

- a Mead Five Star College Ruled or Wide Ruled 3 subject notebook with reinforced kraft pockets (only for foreign language use)

- gluestick(s)
- highlighter

**Health Classes**

- 1-inch 3-ring binder

**Math Classes**

**All Math Classes**

- TI84 plus graphing calculator
- pencils with erasers

**Algebra and Algebra A**

- jumbo book cover
- 1.5-inch binder
- graph paper

**Geometry A & Honors**

- jumbo book cover
- 3-inch binder
- notebook
- dividers

**Algebra 2/Trig A, Algebra 2/Trig H**

- jumbo book cover
- 2-inch binder
- notebook
- graph paper
- dividers

**Geometry**

- jumbo book cover
- 2-inch binder
- notebook
- graph paper

**Algebra 2**

- regular book cover
- 2-inch binder
- notebook
- graph paper

**Pre-Calculus**

- 2-inch binder
- jumbo book cover

**Pre-Calculus H**

- 1.5-inch binder
- regular book cover

**AP Calculus**

- 1.5-inch binder
- dividers
- regular book cover

**AP Statistics**

- 2.5-inch binder
- dividers
- regular book cover

**Math IVB**

- 2-inch binder
- dividers
- regular book cover

**Religion Classes**

**Freshmen**

- No special supplies necessary

**Sophomores**

- 1-inch 3-ring binder
- a Bible at home (if student does not have a Bible at home the school will supply one)

**Juniors & Seniors**

- 1-inch 3-ring binder

**Science Classes**

**Earth Science and Earth Science A**

- 2-inch 3-ring binder
- one package of dividers (5)
- highlighter
- 1-2 pocket folder

- multicolored ink pen (at least 4 different colors)
- graph paper
- ruler
- calculator (four function or scientific)
- pencil case that clips into 3-ring binder

**Living Environment A**

- 2-inch binder
- colored pencils
- highlighter
- calculator (four function or scientific)

**Living Environment B**

- 2-inch 3-ring binder
- one package of dividers
- multicolored pen
- colored pencils
- highlighter
- two-pocket folder
- calculator (four function or scientific)
- pencil case that clips into 3-ring binder

**General Chemistry**

- 2-inch 3-ring binder with at least 4 dividers
- calculator (basic functions, but graphing calculator from math is good)
- two 2-pocket folders

**Regents Chemistry & Chemistry Honors**

- two 2-inch 3-ring binders with dividers

- calculator (non-graphing calculator required for Regents Exam)
- graph paper

**Physics**

- one 3-5 subject spiral bound notebook
- 2 pocket folder or 3-ring binder for hand-outs
- protractor
- ruler
- graph paper
- calculator (graphing calculator used in math class)

**Environmental Science**

- spiral bound notebook
- 2 pocket folder
- colored pencils

**AP Biology**

- 3-inch binder
- package of dividers
- multicolored pen
- highlighter
- calculator (four function only)

**AP Chemistry**

- two 2-inch 3-ring binder with dividers
- graph paper
- composition notebook

**Forensic Chemistry**

- 2-inch binder

**Social Studies Classes**

- No special supplies necessary

**Classic Car Show & Chicken BBQ**  
 Celebrating our 20th Year  
**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 12 noon to 4 p.m.  
 Rain or Shine!!

## – Fall Sport Start Dates –

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

### Football – meet at St. Mary's

- Open Workouts – Sundays 6-8 p.m.
- Tryouts – Monday, Aug. 17- Friday, Aug. 21, 3:30 p.m. Meeting; 4-7 p.m. Tryouts

For more information contact Coach Nick Todaro (ntodaro814@gmail.com)

### Girls' Soccer – meet at Westwood Park

- Tryouts – Monday, Aug. 17, 5-6:30 p.m.
- For more information contact Coach Leonard Pfohl (llmspfohl@verizon.net)

### Boys' Soccer – meet at Lancaster Middle School

- Open Workouts – Tuesday, Aug. 4,

Friday, August 7, Tuesday, Aug. 11, Thursday, Aug. 13, 6:30-8 p.m.

- Tryouts – Monday, Aug. 17-Friday, Aug. 21, and Monday, Aug. 24-Friday, Aug. 28, 6:30-8:15p.m.

For more information, contact Coach Al Franjoine (afranjoine@aol.com)

### Girls' Volleyball – meet at St. Mary's

- Open Workouts – Mondays 6-7:30 p.m.
- Tryouts – Thursday, Aug. 20 & Friday, Aug. 21, 6-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-12 noon

For more information, contact Coach Don Pieczynski (ivccs@aol.com)

### Boys' Volleyball – meet at St. Mary's

- Tryouts – Thursday, Aug. 20, Friday, Aug. 21, & Monday, Aug. 24, 9-11 a.m.

For more information, contact Coach

Keith Junik (kjunik@smhlancers.org)

### Golf – meet at Walden Driving Range

- Tryouts – Monday, Aug. 24, Time TBA
- Bring your own clubs.

For more information contact Athletic Director Steven Grieco (sgrieco@smhlancers.org)

### Cheerleading – meet at St. Mary's

- Open Workouts – Tuesday, Aug. 4, Monday, Aug. 10, Monday, Aug. 17, 6-8pm
  - Tryouts – Monday, Aug. 24, Time TBA
- For more information contact Coach Sara Gromek (smhcheer1415@gmail.com)

More information is also available by contacting Athletic Director Steven Grieco at 683-4824, ext. 235, or [sgrieco@smhlancers.org](mailto:sgrieco@smhlancers.org).

## – Fall Sport Schedules –

### Varsity Football

All games begin at 1 p.m. unless noted.

- Sat, Sept. 5, vs. Bishop Kearney  
 Sat, Sept. 12, vs. Canisius  
 Sat, Sept. 19, vs. Timon  
 Sat, Sept. 26, vs. St. Joe's  
 Sat, Oct. 3, @ Oil City (Pa.)  
 Sat, Oct. 10, @ St. Francis  
 Sat, Oct. 17, @ Gilmour Academy  
 Sat, Oct. 24 – Bye  
 Sat, Oct. 31, 2pm @ O'Hara  
 Sat, Nov. 7 – Quarterfinals (at higher seed)  
 Sat, Nov. 14 – Semifinals (Ralph Wilson Stadium)  
 Sat, Nov. 21 – Championship (Ralph Wilson Stadium)  
 Sat, Nov. 28 – State Catholic Championship

### Golf

All matches begin at 3:45pm unless noted.

- Wed, Sept. 9, @ St. Joe's  
 Fri, Sept. 11, @ Park  
 Tues, Sept. 15, vs. Timon  
 Wed, Sept. 16, @ Nichols  
 Thurs, Sept. 17, @ Gow  
 Mon, Sept. 21, vs. St. Francis / O'Hara  
 Thurs, Sept. 24, @ Christian Central  
 Mon, Sept. 28, vs. Canisius / O'Hara  
 Tues, Sept. 29, vs. Gow  
 Thurs, Oct. 1, vs. Park  
 Mon, Oct. 5, vs. Christian Central  
 Mon, Oct. 12 – All-Catholics (River Oaks)

### Women's Volleyball

All JV matches start at 4:30 pm, Varsity matches start at 6 pm unless noted

- Thurs, Sept. 10 vs. Nichols  
 Sat, Sept. 12 – St. Mary's Tournament  
 Tues, Sept. 15, vs. Niagara Catholic  
 Thurs, Sept. 17, @ Rochester Mercy  
 Mon, Sept. 21, @ Eden  
 Tues, Sept. 22, @ O'Hara  
 Thurs, Sept. 24, vs. Nardin  
 Sat, Sept. 26 – Eden Tournament  
 Mon, Sept. 28, @ Sacred Heart  
 Wed, Sept. 30, @ Immaculata  
 Oct. 2 & 3 – Nike Tournament of Champions (Phoenix)  
 Tues, Oct. 6, @ Mount St. Mary's  
 Thurs, Oct. 8, @ Mount Mercy  
 Oct. 10 & 11 – Garden State Tournament (New Jersey)  
 Tues, Oct. 13, vs. Sacred Heart  
 Fri, Oct. 16, vs. Rochester Mercy  
 Mon, Oct. 19, @ Nardin  
 Wed, Oct. 21, vs. Eden  
 Fri, Oct. 23, @ Williamsville East  
 Tues, Oct. 27, vs. Immaculata (Senior Game)  
 Mon, Nov. 2 – Quarterfinals  
 Wed, Nov. 4 – Semifinals  
 Fri, Nov. 6 – Finals  
 Sat, Nov. 14 – State Championship Tournament (Long Island)

### Men's Soccer

All games start at 4:30 pm unless noted. Home games played at Westwood Park.

- Tues, Sept. 8, vs. Depew  
 Wed, Sept. 9, vs. Niagara Catholic  
 Sat, Sept. 12, @ Timon (Tift Farms)  
 Tues, Sept. 15, @ O'Hara  
 Thurs, Sept. 17, vs. Park  
 Fri, Sept. 18, @ Nichols  
 Wed, Sept. 23, @ Alden  
 Mon, Sept. 28, 7pm @ Depew  
 Wed, Sept. 30, @ Niagara Catholic  
 Fri, Oct. 2, vs. Gow  
 Mon, Oct. 5, 4:15pm @ Park  
 Tues, Oct. 6, vs. O'Hara  
 Thurs, Oct. 8, vs. Pembroke  
 Tues, Oct. 13, vs. Nichols  
 Fri, Oct. 23, 3pm – Semifinals  
 Sat, Oct. 31 – Finals

### Women's Soccer

All games start at 4:30 pm unless noted. Home games played at Westwood Park.

- Thurs, Sept. 3, vs. Christian Central  
 Wed, Sept. 9, vs. Buffalo Seminary  
 Tues, Sept. 15, vs. O'Hara  
 Fri, Sept. 18, vs. Park  
 Thurs, Sept. 24, @ Buffalo Seminary  
 Wed, Sept. 30, @ O'Hara  
 Sat, Oct. 3, 11am vs. Niagara Catholic  
 Tues, Oct. 6, @ Park  
 Tues, Oct. 11, @ Immaculata  
 Thurs, Oct. 15, vs. Mount St. Mary's

### Men's Volleyball

All matches start at 5 pm.

- Sat, Sept. 12 – North Tonawanda Tournament  
 Wed, Sept. 16, vs. Canisius  
 Tues, Sept. 22, @ O'Hara  
 Sat, Sept. 26 – Sweet Home Tournament  
 Wed, Sept. 30, @ St. Joe's  
 Sat, Oct. 3 – Williamsville South Tournament  
 Tues, Oct. 6, vs. O'Hara  
 Turs, Oct. 8, vs. St. Joe's  
 Sat, Oct. 10 – Lockport Tournament  
 Wed, Oct. 14, @ St. Francis  
 Tues, Oct. 20, @ Canisius  
 Thurs, Oct. 22, vs. St. Francis  
 TBA @ Maryvale  
 Tues, Nov. 3 – Quarterfinals (higher seed)  
 Thurs, Nov. 5 – Semifinals (#1 seed)  
 Tues, Nov. 10 – Finals (TBA)

Schedules are subject to change. Updates and results are available at [www.smhlancers.org](http://www.smhlancers.org)

## Sports Boosters Golf Tourney

**September 6<sup>th</sup> • 7 pm**  
*2-Man Scramble Under the Lights at*



4085 Transit Road • Orchard Park

**\$85 each**

**Includes 18 holes (shotgun start), Closest to Pin Prizes, and Appetizers & Beverages at the After Party**

*For more information, contact Steven Grieco at 716-683-4824, ext. 235 or [sgrieco@smhlancers.org](mailto:sgrieco@smhlancers.org)*

## Congratulations ...

... to the Varsity Baseball and Softball teams who both received Honorable Mention in *The Buffalo News* Spring Power Rankings! Great job, players and coaches!

## Football 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 football page on the St. Mary's website or contact Steve Grieco at [sgrieco@smhlancers.org](mailto:sgrieco@smhlancers.org).

# August 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Work Program #2	28 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Work Program #2	29 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Work Program #2	30 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Lancer First Step 9am-12noon Work Program #2	31 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Work Program #2	1
2	3 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (High School) 8am-1pm Work Program #3 <b>Work Program #3 begins</b>	4 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (High School) 8am-1pm Work Program #3	5 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (High School) 8am-1pm Work Program #3	6 Senior Photos 9am-2pm Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (High School) 8am-1pm Freshman / Parent Mixer 6:30pm Work Program #3	7 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (High School) 8am-1pm Work Program #3	8
9	10 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Work Program #3	11 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Work Program #3	12 Senior Photos 9am-2pm Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Work Program #3	13 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm Work Program #3	14 Lancer Leadership Acad. 9am-3pm	15
16 Classic Car Show 12noon-4pm	17 First Day of Football, Soccer	18 Senior Photos 9am-2pm	19	20 First Day of Volleyball	21 Offices Closed <b>School Closed</b>	22
23	24 Regular Hours begin 7:30am-3:30pm First Day of Golf, Cheerleading <b>Regular Hours begin 7:30am-3:30pm</b>	25	26	27	28	29 Alumni Memorial Mass (in memory of Henry Even) 6pm
30	31	1	2 Orientation for New Students & Parents 6:30pm	3 WSoc vs. Christian Central 4:30pm	4	5 FB vs. Bishop Kearney 1pm



## *Learning from the Lancers*



*JV Coach Matt Wrobel (right) and Varsity player Eric Brown answer questions during the recent Lancer Basketball Camp.*

## **In the August issue of *Currents***

- *Congratulations, Inductee & Athletes!*
- *What to expect the first week of school*
- *Fourth Quarter Honor Roll*
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