

# CURRENTS

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## 15 inducted into National Honor Society



The Marian Chapter of the National Honor Society at St. Mary's High School inducted 15 new members in a ceremony recently held at the school. Students are selected for the Society based on their academics, character, service, and leadership.

The Induction was held in the Gus Galasso Performing Arts Center as part of a celebration that included a candlelight ceremony, reading of the new inductees' biographies, and a dessert reception.

The new members of the Marian Chapter of the National Honor Society are

(seated left to right) Grace Fuller, Caitlyn Meyer, Savannah Meyers, Collin Tytko, James Ando, Daniel Cress, Mark Cronmiller, (standing) Frida Zheng, Anna Heerd, Marissa Loniewski, Kayla Prentki, Kathryn Vogl, William Story, Kristi Anne Smith, and Victoria Jankowski.



Senior NHS members Bradley Berchou and Garrett Braniecki light the candle of new inductee Grace Fuller.

## Let's make this the Best Christmas Ever!

The Campus Ministry Committee and the Student Senate are co-sponsoring a Drive for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Taking place from December 1 to 18, the theme of the drive is *Best Christmas Ever for Someone Else*.

Members of the St. Mary's community are encouraged to donate gently used coats, shoes, hats, gloves, and outer wear. Donations of new socks (all sizes) are also appreciated. Financial donations are also welcome.

Donated items may be brought to

homeroom, where members of Student Senate will come around each day to collect the items.

As an added incentive, a contest will be held, rewarding the class that brings in the most items for the collection.

St. Luke's Mission of Mercy is an independent mission with a Roman Catholic Tradition in the inner city of Buffalo. This community strives to live the Gospel message of God's great love and mercy for all His children through service to His poor and broken.

## Mark your calendars – Lancer Auction is February 5!

The annual St. Mary's Lancer Auction will be taking place on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016.

This event – the largest fundraiser at St. Mary's High School – combines great food, awesome auction items, and lots of fun, all while raising money to benefit St. Mary's students.

The doors will open that evening at 6 p.m. Guests will be able to place bids on the Silent & Special Auction items while enjoying food from the Deluxe Dinner Stations, presented by Frontier Catering. There will also be various raffles throughout the night, including a 50/50 and a

Lottery tree.

At 9 p.m., guests will be invited to participate in a champagne toast, dessert provided by Chruscicki Bakery, and the Live Auction. Some of the items to be auctioned off at the Live Auction are vacation get-a-ways, tickets to various sporting events, golf packages, college tuition waivers, and more.

Invitations will arrive soon. If you want to add people to the invitation list – or if you wish to volunteer that evening – contact Kevin Kelleher at 683-4824, ext. 249, or at [kkelleher@smhlancers.org](mailto:kkelleher@smhlancers.org).

### Gift Gathering Party on Dec. 22

The Auction Committee will be hosting a Gift Gathering Party for Parents and Friends for this year's Lancer Auction. The party will take place prior to the Christmas Show on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Beginning at 6 p.m., members of the Lancer Auction committee will be present in the school library to accept Auction gifts. Those who donate items will be invited to enjoy food and refreshments. The Christmas Show begins at 7 p.m.

For more information on the Lancer Auction or ideas for Auction gifts, contact Mr. Kelleher at 683-4824, ext. 249 or at [kkelleher@smhlancers.org](mailto:kkelleher@smhlancers.org).

## Enjoying a beautiful November day



*Mrs. Connelly's Psychology class took advantage of a gorgeous November day to study out in the Court Yard by the St. Francis Peace Garden.*

*What a contrast from last November, when the Court Yard was filled with seven feet of snow!*

## This is a time for giving

The holiday season gives us a chance to rejoice about all that is here at St. Mary's. The winter sports season has begun, rehearsals for the Christmas show are in full swing, and the sense of charity and giving is all around us.



One of the aspects that we strive to teach here is a sense of family, and there is no better time to show that than during the Christmas season. We come together to celebrate our family and friends, and the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

One challenge I would like to present to everyone is during this time to give of yourself to those less fortunate, spend time volunteering, donating presents or money

## Students/Teacher of October



*Olivia  
Carl*



*Joshua  
Fontaine*



*Blake  
English*



*Julia  
Hartloff*



*Mr.  
Conner*

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# Congratulations, First Quarter Honor Roll Students

## Top five Seniors



*Kendra Ciezki*     *Hanna Streck*     *Carolyn Kidder*     *Austin Calkins*     *Emma Winiarski*

## Top five Juniors



*Daniel Cress*     *Victoria Jankowski*     *Marissa Loniewski*     *Collin Tytko*     *Kathryn Vogl*

### Senior 1st Honors

Baran, Jennifer N  
 Braniecki, Garrett F  
 Calkins, Austin T  
 Carl, Olivia N  
 Cianciosa, Joelle M  
 Ciezki, Kendra N  
 Dolegowski, Bailey R  
 Fermo, Madison M  
 Gali, Lisa A  
 Gibson, Helen P  
 Gorny, Victoria C  
 Gresham, Christopher  
 Gu, Jia Wei Jimmy  
 Hamilton, Ann R  
 Hathaway, Jack M  
 Herod, Bridget L  
 Kidder, Carolyn R  
 Kobis, Nicholas J  
 Kranz, Jessica L  
 May, Leah L  
 McCartney, Mikala M  
 Michalski, Erica L  
 Netti, Katherine J  
 O'Scier, Nina J  
 Passucci, Caliegh  
 Pijacki, Julie H  
 Piskor, Jennifer  
 Powell, Victoria B  
 Prentki, Kayla  
 Pyszczyk, Grace A  
 Ratigan, Jessica S  
 Roetzer, James J  
 Rowe, Jonathan C  
 Rozler, Veronica M  
 Salamone, Andrew J  
 Stoj, Joseph Ronald  
 Streck, Hanna  
 Vogel, Megan A

Weiss, Regan T  
 Winiarski, Emma  
 Wnuk, Madeline L  
 Zirnheld, Alyssa M

### Senior 2nd Honors

Berchou, Bradley D  
 Blackhall, Benjamin S  
 Bova, Braden C  
 Cieslak, Richard A III  
 Compton, Summer R  
 Dantonio, Marissa A  
 DiDomenico, Anna D  
 DiGesare, Joseph D  
 DiPirro, Mitchell D  
 Fischer, Allyson M  
 Hokaj, Alexander J  
 Horton, Samuel A  
 Irish, Maddisen K  
 Junik, Ashley M  
 Krygier, Ethan R  
 Li, Tianyi Gary  
 MacKay, Kaila M  
 Mauro, Gabrielle  
 McKeating, Brendan  
 Molson, Takal  
 Owczarzak, David G  
 Rusinski, Allison J  
 Solomon, Andrew S  
 Thomas, Emily A  
 Van Remmen, Isabel  
 Zolnowski, Kevin

### Junior 1st Honors

Ando, James A  
 Bakeman, Elizabeth R  
 Bish, Alexander P  
 Bristol, Charles E  
 Cress, Daniel J

Cronmiller, Mark D  
 Fontaine, Joshua R  
 Freeman, Grace A  
 Fuller, Grace M  
 Heerdt, Anna R  
 Hossenlopp, Stephanie  
 Jankowski, Victoria R  
 Loniewski, Marissa L  
 Meyer, Caitlyn  
 Meyers, Faith V  
 Meyers, Savannah H  
 Paul, Alex F  
 Smith, Kristi A  
 Stegmeier, Alexander  
 Story, William L  
 Tytko, Collin  
 Vogl, Kathryn G  
 Zajac, Sydney E  
 Zheng, Sai Frida

### Junior 2nd Honors

Alexander, Asia A  
 Amatura, Campbell  
 Appenheimer, Gina C  
 Barberio, Joseph A  
 Connolly, John J  
 Deguire, Alexandria  
 Devers, Amaya  
 Erwin, Jenna M  
 Grabski, Samantha L  
 Greene, Jill  
 Hufford, Erin M  
 Kowalewski, Kaitlyn  
 Nemmer, Stephanie  
 Penksa, Zachery D  
 Seeloff, Andrea E  
 Wachowski, Brittany  
 Waley, Nathan C  
 Wipperman, Haley N

Woods, Ja'Kari  
 Zelazny, Maya A

### Sophomores 1st Honors

Allen, Kelsie  
 Antonicelli, Shae  
 Baran, Stephanie  
 Barczykowski, Kristen  
 Bookmiller, Emily  
 Brown, Eric  
 Cichocki, Rachel  
 Duane, Onalee  
 English, Blake  
 Fay, Jacob Robert  
 Federico, Christina  
 Fontaine, Maria  
 Hirsch, Annaliese  
 Jankowski, Ander  
 Kruse, Nicole M.  
 Laistner, Zackary  
 LaPort, Veronica E.  
 May, Sophie  
 Murty, Shannon  
 Okon, Chelsea  
 Paradis, Marysia  
 Slade, Summer  
 Syracuse, Jessa  
 Tytko, Ryan  
 Vitale, Jillian J.  
 Was, Jacob  
 Was, Madeline

### Sophomores 2nd Honors

Ai, Ziyao Zain  
 Brown, Scott  
 Burkard, Gabrielle  
 Camillo, Victoria  
 Ciesielski, Joshua

Ciezki, Matthew  
 Cousins, Lucas  
 DiPirro, Erin  
 Flading, Joseph  
 Fudoli, Dino M.  
 Gotro, Heather K.  
 Hapeman, Sarah  
 Hatfield, Daniel W.  
 Isbrandt, Chloe  
 Kandler, John  
 Kozminski, Jessica  
 Marino, Antonino  
 Norton, Danielle  
 Pacer, Alicia M.  
 Schaffstall, Kyle  
 Soluri, Julia Anna  
 Wagner, Kylie Rae  
 Wargo, Andrew  
 Winiarski, Jacob  
 Wright, Shala Mona

### Freshmen 1st Honors

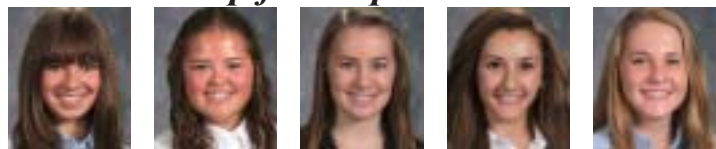
Bish, Caitlin M.  
 Craddock, Ethan C.  
 Cruz, Ashley  
 Denz, Alexander K.  
 Duke, Carylyn  
 Fillion, Sarah A.  
 Hartloff, Julia  
 Hunziker, Joyce  
 Maniscalco, Saige  
 Mazurowski, Bridget  
 Molnar, Emily D.  
 Mulhern, Hannah  
 Pronobis, Nicholas  
 Propis, Brianna  
 Renkas, Emily  
 Rodriguez, Olivia

Romance, Susan R.  
 Rosinski, Matthew  
 Stachewicz, Payton  
 Strimple, Alyssa M.  
 Trapper, Emma  
 Vallone, Matthew D.  
 Vogl, Bridget M.  
 Walsh, Austin  
 Wanat, Tara  
 Weiss, Joshua A.  
 Wilk, Jacob

### Freshmen 2nd Honors

Almeter, Anna Mary  
 Bellet, Alexander  
 Conrad, Raeanne  
 Dunne, Conor A.  
 Ellison, Madelyn  
 Gallo, Francesco  
 Gorny, Nicole N.  
 LaMartina, Alyssa M.  
 Laskowski, Cole  
 Lima, Santo  
 Mohamed, Athena  
 Murray, Cole  
 O'Brien, Brady  
 Palmer, Arianna N.  
 Rivarola, Olivia  
 Scherer, Danielle  
 Sierk, Emily  
 Stearns, Madelynn  
 Szczesniak, Emersyn  
 Tyrpak, Arielle  
 Wipperman, Toriann  
 Wright, Alex J.  
 Zajac, Jayden  
 Zanghi, Caroline G.  
 Ziolkowski, Nicole L.

## Top five Sophomores



*Chelsea Okon*     *Shannon Murty*     *Emily Bookmiller*     *Christina Federico*     *Rachel Cichocki*

## Top five Freshmen



*Caitlin Bish*     *Julia Hartloff*     *Sarah Fillion*     *Ashley Cruz*     *Matthew Rosinski*

# SMHS Bookstore

*Here are some of the items available!*

<b>Head Band</b>  	<b>Stocking Cap</b>  	<b>Baseball Cap</b>  	<b>Duffle Bag</b>  	<b>Magnet</b>  
<b>Many &amp; One Teeshirt</b>  	<b>Cotton Teeshirt</b> <i>(gray or light blue)</i>  	<b>Cotton Athletics Teeshirt</b>  	<b>Gray Long-Sleeve Teeshirt</b>  	

**Special Hours on Friday, Dec. 4 – Drop your student off at Snowball, come to the back of the school to visit the Bookstore or buy Scrip!**

## Fundraising WHILE YOU Shop®



Have you heard about our Scrip gift card program? It is an ongoing fundraiser for our school in which you purchase gift cards at face value which the retailers sell to us at a discounted rate. The profit made through this program is split 50-50 between the St. Mary's and your tuition account. *What an easy way to help the school and help save you a bit of money off tuition!*

The Scrip order form can be found on the school

website. Orders need to be placed by 10 a.m. Monday mornings and are sent home with your student on Friday.

Looking for gift cards to give as Christmas Gifts? Get your orders in by December 21!

If there are any questions regarding the program, please contact Carol Winiarski via email [cwiniarski@smhlancers.org](mailto:cwiniarski@smhlancers.org).

Thank you!



# NHS sponsors Veterans Day Breakfast

On Veterans Day, November 11, the National Honor Society sponsored a Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to purchase materials for the organization's service projects.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support NHS and their project.



*NHS members surround Vietnam Veteran Ron Krebs.*



*Sellers Bridget Herod, Bailey Dolegowski, Regan Weiss, Jessica Kranz, Leah May, and Maddie Wnuk*



*Cooks Joelle Ciansiosa and Carrie Kidder*



*Servers Annie Hamilton, Helen Gibson, and Marissa Dantonio.*

# STEAM Team still looking for donations

The juniors and seniors on the St. Mary's "STEAM Team" are designing and building St. Mary's first greenhouse out of recycled soda bottles. While the bottles will be collected through an in-school bottle drive, we are hoping for donations to help build the rest of it. The greenhouse will need railroad ties (four each at ten feet), lumber (several each of 2" x 4" x 8' and 2" x 4" x 10'), polycarbonate roofing panels (for a 10' x 10' roof), 1/2" pvc piping (10' long), screws, bolts, sand, and gravel. As the plans are firmed up, this list might change or grow.

If you might be able to donate any or all of the above items, we would be very grateful. Please contact Mr. Conner (pconner@smhlancers.org) or Dr. Eurenus (keurenus@smhlancers.org) with any questions. Thanks!

The St. Mary's "STEAM Team" is

made possible through a very generous grant from The John R. Oishei Foundation through membership in the Education Collaborative of WNY (EdCo). The John R. Oishei Foundation strives to be a catalyst for change to enhance economic vitality and quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region through grant making, leadership, and network building. The Foundation was

established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation.

EdCo was established in 1998 and is comprised of the 16 private high schools in Western New York. It provides its unique member schools with opportunities for collaboration, a forum for sharing ideas, and a structure for advocating the values of private education.

## *Team continues bottle drive*

This year we're trying something new! Juniors and seniors have formed the "STEAM Team" who were challenged to create a project that demonstrates the STEAM theme "It's Easy Being Green."

The students have decided to design and build St. Mary's very own greenhouse out of recycled 2-liter plastic soda

bottles. To complete this project, we will need a large number of bottles, and so are holding a bottle drive. The best part? The class that brings in the most bottles will win a Donut Day!

The bottle drive continues through March. So PLEASE save and bring in your clean 2-liter soda bottles!

# Counseling Corner

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## Encourage reading over Winter Break

Just because she's out of school for a few weeks doesn't mean your teen can stop reading.

With some time off from textbooks and research papers, winter break is the perfect time to encourage your teen to pick up a book – just for the fun of it!

To promote reading while your teen is on winter break, you can:

- Ask her to read at least one book for pleasure. Visit the library and encourage your teen to wander the stacks until she finds a book she's interested in reading. If she has a hard time finding one, have her talk to the librarian.
- Play word games as a family. Play

board games, like Scrabble or Boggle. Pick a long word and see who can make the most words from the letters in it. You can also challenge your teen to invent a game based on words and reading.

- Suggest a place to volunteer. Encourage your teen to call a local nursing home or day care and see if they need anyone to read aloud. She can also see if the staff at the local library needs help shelving books.
- Have family discussions about books. Have everyone in the family read the same book, and ask your teen to lead an informal chat about it.

- Watch a movie that is based on a book – as long as your teen reads the book first! Talk about how the two are similar or different. How did the depiction of the characters in the movie differ from how your teen imagined them?

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## Religion students hear from guard



*Thomas Piskor, who has worked in several area correctional facilities including Attica and Wende, recently visited Mrs. Power's religion classes to share his stories of what he has encountered in his time at prisons.*

*Mrs. Powers' classes were studying the issues of the treatment of prisoners and the death penalty.*

*Mr. Piskor is the father of senior Jennifer and graduate Jacob '13.*

## Break is great for college preparation

It is never too early for your high schooler to start thinking about college applications. And winter break can be a productive time for all teens to think about their futures.

Here are some guidelines:

- A freshman or sophomore can use this time to start looking at college websites and brochures. If he has an idea of what he would like to study in college, he can focus on schools with strong programs in that area. Your teen can also review the admittance requirements for his potential course of study. That way, he can work with his counselor in the spring to make sure he takes the appropriate classes in high school.
- A junior can narrow down the list of colleges he'd like to visit. Many colleges have open houses in the

spring. Make travel plans now, if necessary – planning early often means getting the best prices. You might also suggest your teen write a practice college application essay or update his résumé.

- A senior should be wrapping up his college applications – many are due in January. Remind him to make copies of his applications before he sends them, so he's not starting from scratch if one gets lost in the mail or if the file doesn't go through. And be sure to celebrate when he has completed all his applications!

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# Campus Ministry



## Better watch out

Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Boxing Day, and the eternal question, “Got your shopping done?” are all worldly reminders that Christmas is nigh.

How are your preparations going? Do you have a list? Are you checking it twice? Three times? The commercial aspect of the holidays greatly overshadows the “reason for the season.” The adage that the 4th of July’s importance is that it marks the end of the post-Christmas sales and the beginning of the pre-Christmas sales is sadly true.

Perhaps this year can be different. Perhaps this year we can alter our focus from being so immersed and stressed

about all the preliminaries to instead appreciate the “Gift that keeps on giving.” Perhaps we can remember that Christ’s presence is our present. St. Patrick puts it bluntly: “Christ behind me, before me, beside me, beneath me, below me, above me, with me, and within me.”

St. Luke, in writing one of the Infancy Narratives, tells us that Mary gives birth to Jesus in a stable because there was no room in the inn. Is there a vacancy in the “inn” of your heart, mind, and soul? If there is, maybe this is a good opportunity to make room for the Christ-child.

A peaceful and joyous Feast of the Incarnation to the St. Mary’s family.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus.  
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We invite all members of the St. Mary’s Community to join us for Mass during the month of December.

The schedule of Masses is:

- Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:30 a.m. – Special intention for winter athletes.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m. – Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:30 a.m. – Special intention for Christmas Show performers and technicians.
- Wednesday, Dec. 23, 9 a.m. – Christmas Mass.

## Does petting a dog improve your mood?

That was the question members of Mrs. Connelly’s Psychology class were testing.

To do this experiment, the Psychology students gave the members of Ms. Ruhland’s English 12 class a survey to fill

out regarding their mood as class began. Then Allison Rusinski brought her dog to the classroom, able to wander around to visit with the students, to be picked up, petted, and talked to. After the dog left, the English students were then given a follow-



Senior Bridget Herod visits with the dog during the Psychology study.

up survey to explore any mood changes. The results of the study were then shared with the Psychology class.

Other members of the Psychology class explored topics including the influence of food and music, where students fall politically and how they got there, and many more, all bringing their classroom study to their school world.

## Wnuk signs for Mount Olive



With her mother Tammy and Vice President Mr. Kelleher looking on, Senior Madeline Wnuk, a co-captain of the Girls’ Lacrosse team, signs a Letter of Intent to attend the University of Mount Olive in Mount Olive, N.C. where she plans to play lacrosse for the Trojans.

## Join us for Christmas Show

The SMHS Fine Arts Department is looking forward to our upcoming Christmas Show. The show will be performed on two occasions: Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 23, during the school day.

Performances will be given by the Dance Club, Dance Classes, and Glee Club. In addition, the Visual Arts Department will have new student artwork on display.

## Sports fundraiser coming soon!

The Athletic Department is sponsoring a Lottery Fundraiser in the month of February. For \$5, you will receive a number that could win you between \$25 (weekday drawing) and \$100 (Valentine's Day).

What a great Stocking Stuffer these tickets would be!

For tickets, contact Mr. Grieco at 683-4824, ext. 235, or at [sgrieco@smhlancers.org](mailto:sgrieco@smhlancers.org).

## Theater Department presents **THE CREATURE CREEPS!**





# Lady Lancers win League Title

Congratulations to the girls' Varsity Volleyball team who recently won the Msgr. Martin League Playoff Championship. In the final game, they defeated Nardin Academy in four sets for the victory.

Congratulations also to the JV Volleyball team, who were undefeated in League Play (7-0) and won the JV League Title.



## November winning numbers

Congratulations to the winners in the Athletic Department November Fundraiser.

- Nov. 1 #084 – no winner
- Nov. 2 #237 – no winner
- Nov. 3 #211 – John Matusiak
- Nov. 4 #012 – no winner
- Nov. 5 #584 – no winner
- Nov. 6 #650 – Mary Theresa Carroll
- Nov. 7 #623 – Mary Allen
- Nov. 8 #261 – no winner
- Nov. 9 #298 – Nappu
- Nov. 10 #179 – no winner
- Nov. 11 #310 – Drew Pijacki
- Nov. 12 #469 – no winner
- Nov. 13 #382 – Sandra Grega
- Nov. 14 #369 – Kurt Ulrich
- Nov. 15 #778 – no winner
- Nov. 16 #176 – B. Jankowski
- Nov. 17 #486 – no winner
- Nov. 18 #047 – Joseph & Debra Prentki
- Nov. 19 #073 – no winner
- Nov. 20 #983 – no winner
- Nov. 21 #010 – Bigos Rich
- Nov. 22 #311 – Gail Pijacki
- Nov. 23 #593 – Keith Baran
- Nov. 24 #304 – Diane Stolarski
- Nov. 25 #678 – no winner
- Nov. 26 #428 – no winner
- Nov. 27 #426 – Dan Berchou
- Nov. 28 #985 – no winner
- Nov. 29 #903 – Philip Stolarski
- Nov. 30 #736 – no winner

## – Winter Sport Schedules –

### Girls' Basketball

- Thur, Dec. 3 @ Maryvale Tournament
- Mon, Dec. 14, 5/6:30pm @ Franklinville
- Thur, Dec. 17, 4:30/6pm @ Nichols
- Fri, Dec. 18, 5/6:30pm @ Immaculata
- Wed, Dec. 23, 5pm vs. Tapestry (Varsity only)
- Mon, Dec. 28 @ Depew Tournament
- Mon, Jan. 4, 5/6:30pm vs. Niagara Catholic
- Wed, Jan. 6, 4:30/6pm @ Nardin
- Tues, Jan. 12, 7:30pm vs. O'Hara (Varsity only)
- Tues, Jan. 19, 4:30/6pm @ Mt. Mercy
- Fri, Jan. 22, 5/6:30pm vs. Immaculata
- Mon, Jan. 25, 5/6:30pm @ Mt. St. Mary's
- Thu, Jan. 28, 6/7:30pm vs. Lancaster
- Wed, Feb. 3, 6/7:30pm vs. Nichols
- Mon, Feb. 8, 6/7:30pm vs. Nardin
- Fri, Feb. 12, 5/6:30pm @ Niagara Catholic
- Wed, Feb. 17, 6/7:30pm vs. Sacred Heart
- Fri, Feb. 19, 7:30pm vs. Buffalo Seminary (Varsity only)
- Mon, Feb. 22, 6pm @ Christian Central (Varsity only)
- Wed, Feb. 24, 6pm @ Park (Varsity only)

### Boys' Bowling

*Matches begin at 3:45pm at Classic Lanes*

- Tues, Dec. 1 vs. Canisius
- Thur, Dec. 3 vs. St. Joe's
- Tues, Dec. 8 vs. O'Hara
- Thur, Dec. 10 vs. Timon
- Tues, Dec. 15 vs. Christian Central
- Thur, Dec. 17 – Position Round
- Tues, Jan. 5 vs. Park
- Thur, Jan. 7 vs. St. Francis
- Tues, Jan. 12 vs. Canisius
- Thur, Jan. 14 vs. St. Joe's
- Tues, Jan. 19 vs. O'Hara
- Thur, Jan. 21 vs. Timon
- Thur, Jan. 28 vs. Christian Central
- Tues, Feb. 2 – Position Round
- Thur, Feb. 11 – All-Catholics
- Sat, March 5 – CHSAA State Tournament (location TBA)

### Boys' Varsity Basketball

- Thur, Dec. 3, 5pm @ Tapestry (Daemen College)
- Wed, Dec. 9, 7pm @ University Prep
- Mon, Dec. 14, 7:30pm @ Fredonia
- Sat, Dec. 19, 3:30pm @ Jamestown (Depew)
- Mon, Dec. 21, 6pm @ City Honors (Depew)
- Wed, Dec. 23, 6 or 7:30pm @ TBA (Depew)
- Tue, Dec. 29, 6pm @ Global Concepts (Will North)
- Wed, Dec. 30, @ TBA (Will North)
- Tue, Jan. 5, 6:30pm vs. O'Hara
- Wed, Jan. 6, 7:30pm vs. Health Science
- Fri, Jan. 8, 7:30pm vs. Park
- Mon, Jan. 11, 7:30pm vs. St. Francis
- Wed, Jan. 13, 7:30pm @ Niagara Cath
- Fri, Jan. 15, 7:30pm vs. Nichols
- Tue, Jan. 19, 6:30pm @ Walsh
- Fri, Jan. 22, 6:30pm @ Timon
- Thur, Jan. 28, 6:30pm vs. O'Hara
- Sat, Jan. 30, 2pm @ St. Joe's
- Mon, Feb. 1 vs. Niagara Catholic
- Wed, Feb. 3, 6:30pm @ Nichols
- Mon, Feb. 8, 6:30pm @ Cleve-Hill
- Wed, Feb. 10, 7pm @ North Ton
- Fri, Feb. 12, 6:30pm vs. Walsh (Senior Night)
- Thur, Feb. 18, 7:30pm vs. Canisius

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- Tues, Dec. 8 vs. Nardin
- Thur, Dec. 10 vs. Sacred Heart
- Tues, Dec. 15 – Position Round
- Thur, Dec. 17 vs. Immaculata
- Tues, Jan. 5 vs. Mount Mercy
- Thur, Jan. 7 vs. Bye
- Tues, Jan. 12 vs. O'Hara
- Thur, Jan. 14 vs. Park
- Tues, Jan. 19 vs. Buffalo Seminary
- Thur, Jan. 21 vs. Mount St. Mary's
- Tues, Jan. 26 – Position Round
- Thur, Jan. 28 vs. Possible Make-Up
- Tues, Feb. 2 vs. All-Catholics

### Boys' JV Basketball

- Wed, Dec. 9, 5:30pm @ Univ Prep
- Mon, Dec. 14, 6pm @ Fredonia
- Thur, Dec. 17, 5pm vs. Fredonia
- Sat, Dec. 19, 6pm @ Maryvale
- Tues, Dec. 22, 6pm @ City Honors (Depew)
- Wed, Dec. 23 @ TBA (Depew)
- Mon, Dec. 28 @ Will North (Will East)
- Tue, Dec. 29 @ TBA (Will East)
- Wed, Dec. 30, @ TBA (Will North)
- Tue, Jan. 5, 6pm vs. O'Hara
- Wed, Jan. 6, 6pm vs. Health Science
- Fri, Jan. 8, 6pm vs. Park
- Mon, Jan. 11, 6pm vs. St. Francis
- Wed, Jan. 13, 6pm @ Niagara Cath
- Fri, Jan. 15, 6pm vs. Nichols
- Fri, Jan. 22, 5pm @ Timon
- Thur, Jan. 28, 5pm @ O'Hara
- Sat, Jan. 30, 12:30pm @ St. Joe's
- Mon, Feb. 1, 6pm vs. Niagara Cath
- Wed, Feb. 3, 5pm @ Nichols
- Mon, Feb. 8, 5pm @ Cleve-Hill
- Wed, Feb. 10, 5:30pm @ North Ton
- Thur, Feb. 18, 6pm vs. Canisius

### Freshman Basketball

- Tues, Dec. 1, 5pm vs. Lockport
- Wed, Dec. 16, 4pm vs. St. Joe's
- Fri, Dec. 18, 5pm vs. Clarence
- Sat, Dec. 19, 12noon vs. Lancaster
- Thur, Jan. 7, 5pm @ Lockport
- Mon, Jan. 11, 4:30pm vs. St. Francis
- Mon, Jan. 18, 5pm @ Lancaster
- Fri, Jan. 22, 3:30pm @ Timon
- Tues, Jan. 26, 4:30pm @ Canisius
- Sat, Jan. 30, 11am @ St. Joe's
- Tues, Feb. 2, 6pm @ Clarence
- Thur, Feb. 18, 4:30pm vs. Canisius

### Wrestling

- Sat, Dec. 2 @ Maple Grove
- Tues, Dec. 8 vs. Gow
- Thur, Dec. 10 @ Medina
- Sat, Dec. 12 @ Springville Duals
- Wed, Dec. 16 vs. Canisius
- Sat, Dec. 19 @ North Tonawanda (JV)
- Tues, Dec. 29 @ Akron (JV)
- Wed, Dec. 30 @ Akron (Varsity)
- Fri, Jan. 15, & Sat, Jan. 16 @ Lockport
- Tues, Jan. 19 vs. St. Joe's
- Sat, Jan. 23 @ Catt / Little Valley
- Sat, Jan. 30 @ Lew-Port (Varsity)
- Tues, Feb. 2 @ Gow

# A time for giving *(continued from page 2)*

to a worthy cause, and just trying to provide joy to all those your encounter during this time.

I know the hustle and bustle of this time of year can provide a strain on your lives, but think of how fortunate you are to have your family and friends to share this holiday season with, to enjoy this time. I believe what truly makes Christmas great is

not the gifts, but the sense of community that comes out during this time: we are willing to open up our hearts and allow people to see the true good in humanity.

So start with something small and try and make one person's holiday a better experience. Give of yourself, make your community a better place to live, change someone's perception of what this Christ-

mas is going to be like. Reach out and help those less fortunate than yourself, and enrich not only their lives, but your life as well.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Mr. Matt Ard*

Dean of Student Affairs



## December 2015 Menus

**Chef Manager – Joshua Goodman**  
(Please note – menus are subject to change)



— Breakfast —

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Ham, Egg, & Cheese Flatbread Fruit Yogurt Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>2</b> Sausage & Egg on English Muffin Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>3</b> Breakfast Burrito Tater Tots Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>4</b> Bacon & Egg Biscuit Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit
<b>7</b> Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Cup Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>8</b> Sausage & Egg Bagel Hash Brown Patty Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>9</b> Breakfast Flatbread Fruit Yogurt Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>10</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>11</b> Ham/Egg on Brioche Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit
<b>14</b> Breakfast Tacos Hash Brown Patty Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>15</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>16</b> Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>17</b> Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Yogurt Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>18</b> Bacon/Egg/Cheese Bagel Hash Brown Patty Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit
<b>21</b> Sausage/Egg Biscuit Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>22</b> Ham/Egg/Cheese Sandwich Hash Brown Patty Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>23</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	<b>24</b> No School	<b>25</b> No School

**Complete Meal Includes:**  
1 Entree,  
Choice of Side (*blue italic*),  
milk or bottled water ...\$4.00  
1 Entree,  
Choice of Side (*blue italic*),  
Intense Milk or  
Vitamin Water .....\$5.00

**Served Daily:**  
Entrees .....\$3.25  
Salad – Large (v) .....\$3.00  
Salad – Small (v) .....\$2.00  
Fresh Made Soup .....\$1.25  
Cold Sub, Wrap .....\$3.25  
Intense Milk .....\$1.50  
Milk 1/2 pint .....\$1.75  
Orange Juice .....\$1.50  
Vitamin Water .....\$1.75  
Pizza, all varieties .....\$2.50

**Breakfast a la Carte:**  
Breakfast Sandwich .....\$3.25  
Bagel; 4 oz. with Butter ...\$1.20  
Cream Cheese .....\$0.60  
Hash Brown Patty .....\$0.50  
French Toast Sticks (5) ...\$1.85  
Greek Yogurt .....\$1.60  
Fresh Fruit Cup .....\$1.75

**Lunch a la Carte:**  
Fresh Baked Cookie .....\$0.55  
2 for \$1.00  
Nachos .....\$1.75  
Bag of Chips .....\$1.25

**Symbols:**  
(v) = vegetarian  
(wg) = whole grain  
\* = Better Choice Healthy  
Entrees (choosemyplate.gov)

**Prepayment:**  
Go to  
myschoolbucks.com, create an account, and make payment. Students can also prepay in the lunch line with cash or check (made payable to **Personal Touch Food Service**, with the student ID number on it).

— Lunch —

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Build Your Own Beef or Chicken Burrito Black Beans (v) Cilantro Lime Rice (v)	<b>2</b> Chicken Finger Sub Steak Fries Fruit Cup	<b>3</b> Baked Potato Bar Beef Chili Cheesy Broccoli Garden Salad	<b>4</b> Greek Chicken Salad Pita Chips with Hummus Seasoned Vegetables
<b>7</b> Pulled Pork Flatbread Coleslaw Tater Tots	<b>8</b> Taco Tuesday Beef or Chicken Tacos Brown Rice (v, wg) Seasoned Corn (v)	<b>9</b> Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta (v) Roasted Vegetables (v)	<b>10</b> Roasted Turkey Breast with Gravy Cornbread Stuffing Green Beans (v)	<b>11</b> 3 Cheese Grilled Cheese (v) Tomato Soup Potato Chips Vegetable Medley (v)
<b>14</b> Spicy Chicken Fingers Cheesy Macaroni (v) Fruit Yogurt (v)	<b>15</b> Taco Salad with Chipotle Ranch Dressing Chips with Salsa Roasted Vegetables	<b>16</b> BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Roasted Corn	<b>17</b> Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Breadstick Vegetable Medley	<b>18</b> Bacon Cheeseburger Steak Fries (v) Fruit Cup (v)
<b>21</b> Herb Roasted Chicken Garlic Potatoes (v) Brussel Sprouts (v)	<b>22</b> Nacho Grande with Seasoned Beef Refried Beans (v) Steamed Rice	<b>23</b> Spaghetti with Meatballs Marinara Sauce Breadsticks (v) Marinated Vegetables	<b>24</b> No School	<b>25</b> No School

# December 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 - C Day</b> SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm  <i>BBowl vs. Canisius</i> <i>GBowl vs. Buff Sem</i> <i>FrBB vs. Lockport</i>	<b>2 - D Day</b> Special Schedule (Advent Reconciliation / Guest Speaker) Scholars Event 3:15pm  <i>Wrestling @ Maple Grove</i>	<b>3 - E Day</b> Morning Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm  <i>BBowl vs. St. Joe's</i> <i>GBowl vs. Mt. St. Mary's</i> GBB @ Maryvale Tournament Var BBB @ Tapestry (Daemen)	<b>4 - F Day</b> <b>Pride Day</b> Senior Cap & Gown Measurements during lunches Snowball Dance 8-11pm  <b>Pride Day</b>	<b>5</b> SAT Testing Day
<b>6</b>	<b>7- A Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm	<b>8 - B Day</b> <b>Ext HR / PM Liturgy Schedule</b> (Class Meetings / Immaculate Conception Liturgy) NHS 2:30pm  <i>BBowl vs. O'Hara</i> <i>GBowl vs. Nardin</i> <i>Wrestling vs. Gow</i>  <b>Liturgy Dress Code</b>	<b>9 - C Day</b> Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm  <i>BBB @ University Prep</i>	<b>10 - D Day</b> Campus Ministry 2:30pm NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Math Club 2:30pm  <i>BBowl vs. Timon</i> <i>GBowl vs. Sacred Heart</i> <i>Wrestling @ Medina</i>	<b>11- E Day</b> Environmental Club Field Trip to Botanical Gardens 2:30-5pm	<b>12</b> ACT Testing Day  <i>Wrestling @ Springville Duals</i>
<b>13</b>	<b>14 - F Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm  <i>GBB @ Franklinville</i> <i>BBB @ Fredonia</i>	<b>15 - A Day</b> SOUL 2:30pm  <i>BBowl vs. Christian Central</i> <i>GBowl - Position Round</i>	<b>16 - B Day</b> Eucharistic Adoration Faculty/Staff Meeting 2:30pm  <i>FrBB vs. St. Joe's</i> <i>Wrestling vs. Canisius</i>	<b>17 - C Day</b> Morning Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm  <i>BBowl - Position Round</i> <i>GBowl vs. Immaculata</i> <i>GBB @ Nichols</i> <i>JV BBB vs. Fredonia</i>	<b>18 - D Day</b> <i>GBB @ Immaculata</i> <i>FrBB vs. Clarence</i>	<b>19</b> <i>JV Wrestling @ North Tonawanda</i> <i>Var BBB @ Jamestown (Depew)</i> <i>JV BBB @ Maryvale</i> <i>FrBB vs. Lancaster</i>
<b>20</b>	<b>21 - E Day</b> Student Senate 2:30pm  <i>Var BBB @ City Honors (Depew)</i>	<b>22 - F Day</b> <b>Jeans Day</b> Family Gift Gathering Party 6pm Christmas Show 7pm  <i>JV BBB @ City Honors (Depew)</i>  <b>Jeans Day</b>	<b>23 - A Day</b> Special Schedule (Christmas Liturgy / Christmas Show)  <i>Var GBB vs. Tapestry</i> <i>Var BBB @ TBA (Depew)</i> <i>JV BBB @ TBA (Depew)</i>  <b>Liturgy Dress Code</b>	<b>24</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break Offices Closed  <b>No School</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day  <b>No School</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-12noon  <i>GBB @ Depew Tournament</i> <i>JV BBB @ Will North (Will East)</i>  <b>No School</b>	<b>29</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-12noon  <i>JV Wrestling @ Akron</i> <i>Var BBB @ Global Concepts (Will North)</i> <i>JV BBB @ TBA (Will East)</i>  <b>No School</b>	<b>30</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break Offices Open 8am-12noon  <i>Wrestling @ Akron</i> <i>BBB @ TBA (Will North)</i>  <b>No School</b>	<b>31</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break Offices Closed  <b>No School</b>	<b>1</b> New Year's Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas Break Offices Closed  <b>No School</b>	<b>2</b>

# *Sunrise over St. Mary's*



*Thank you to Mr. Mauro for taking this picture of the sun rising over the St. Mary's football field.*

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