

CURRENTS

St. Mary's High School • Lancaster, NY • January 2016



December – A Time of Service



Top Left – Under the leadership of Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Battaglia, students make Christmas cards for veterans staying at Veterans Hospital over the Christmas Holiday.
 Above – Kristi Smith and Andrea Seeloff lead the residents of the Towers in Christmas Carols.
 Left – Just some of the items donated for Catholic Charities and St. Luke's Mission of Mercy.

Exam Schedule – January 2016

Mon., Jan. 25	Tues., Jan. 26	Wed., Jan. 27	Thur., Jan. 28	Fri., Jan. 29
Regular Classes <i>See Page 2 for Notes regarding January Exams</i>	8-10 a.m. Old Testament Final English 9 Midterm 8-11 a.m. Global Regents Retake 12-2 p.m. Social Justice Final Health Final 12-3 p.m. Geometry Regents Retake English Common Core Regents	8-10 a.m. Global 9 & 9H Midterm Global 10 Midterm AP World Midterm 8-11 a.m. Living Environment Regents Retake Chemistry Regents Retake 12-2 p.m. Morality Final MANDATORY Sophomore Class College Workshops Group 1 - 12-1 p.m. Group 2 - 1-2 p.m.	8-10 a.m. Computer Foundations Final 8-11 a.m. Geometry Common Core Regents Retake MANDATORY AP Statistics Class MANDATORY AP Calculus Class MANDATORY Algebra I Common Core Review 12-3 p.m. Algebra I Common Core Regents Exam MANDATORY Algebra II / Trig Regents Retake Review MANDATORY Senior Class College Workshops Group 1 - 12-1 p.m. Group 2 - 1-2 p.m.	8-10 a.m. Chemistry Regents & Honors Midterm 8-11 p.m. Algebra II / Trig Regents Retake 8 a.m.-12 p.m. MANDATORY AP Bio / College Biology Field Trip to UB MANDATORY Junior Class College Workshops Group 1 - 12-1 p.m. Group 2 - 1-2 p.m.
Buses 2:20 p.m.	Buses 3:15 p.m.	Buses 2:20 p.m.	Buses 3:15 p.m.	Buses 2:20 p.m.

Mark your calendars – Lancer Auction is February 5!

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

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-aways, tickets to various sporting events, golf packages, college tuition waivers, and more.

Families should have received their Auction invitations. If you want to add people to the invitation list, contact Kevin Kelleher at 683-4824, ext. 249, or at kkelleher@smhlancers.org.

Mr. Kelleher is also looking for volunteers to help at the Auction. Positions available include set-up, decorations,

registration, check-out, raffles, waiters, servers, and more. Positions are available for both students and adults. Contact Mr. Kelleher if you are interested in helping to make Lancer Auction '16 another successful St. Mary's event.

Notes for January Exams

Here are some notes in regard to the January Exams:

- Students only have to be in school for their scheduled exams / review classes.
- Students are required to be in dress code for the exams (Seniors ONLY may be in Pride Day dress).
- Students who are completing semester courses must turn in their textbooks prior to taking their exam. Failure to do so may result in the student/parents being charged for their replacement.
- Buses will be picking up students at the usual time in the morning. The schedule for afternoon buses is located with the exam schedule. *(Please note that afternoon buses from Alden and Williamsville will only be here at 2:20 p.m. each day)*
- Some teachers may offer review sessions for times when students are not taking exams. Students should check with their teachers to see when these review sessions are scheduled.
- If a student is at St. Mary's when they are not scheduled to take an exam or in a review session, they are required to be in the cafeteria or the Library.

Spring Driver Ed begins February 4

St. Mary's High School offers an after-school Driver Education Program that is open to students from local high schools as well as students from St. Mary's.

Working with Buffalo Driving School, the Driver Education program is offered three times throughout the year: fall, spring, and summer.

The spring session will begin on February 4, 2016, and continue through June.

The New York State Education Department requires that each student attend 24 hours of classroom instruction, which are held on Thursday afternoons.

Also, students must attend 24 hours of in-car instruction. One-and-a-half hour driving labs are available at various times in the Driver Education vehicles. Students select the schedule that works best for them. Completion of this course also satisfies the 20-hour graduated license requirement.

The cost for the program is \$475 per student. Registration materials are available by going to the St. Mary's website, www.smhlancers.org, and clicking on Driver Ed.

Questions regarding the program may be directed to Mr. Rob Cavallari at rcavallari@smhlancers.org.

Students/Teacher of November



Nicholas
Kobis

Collin
Tytko

Matthew
Swiatek

Ashley
Cruz

Mr.
Fay

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Emergency procedures explained

School safety is at the forefront of people’s thoughts, especially after recent events in Paris, San Bernardino, and even Los Angeles, when they shut down the entire school district because of a perceived threat.

As you can imagine, school safety is very important to us at St. Mary’s High School.

Over the last few weeks, members of the School Safety Committee have reviewed the school’s safety procedure to be sure our policies are up-to-date. In addition, committee members met with a lieutenant from the Lancaster Police Department to get an outside perspective of our procedures. Based on these meetings, some changes have already been made (for example, room numbers are now visible from the outside), but, in general, the officer was very impressed with what the school has in place.

In an effort to make sure members of the St. Mary’s community understand the emergency procedures and are using the same terms, here are the procedures:

1. Lock Out (usually for an emergency in

the Lancaster community):

- All outside doors and windows will be locked.
- Any classes outside must return to the building immediately.
- Entry to the building will only be through the front door.
- Classes will continue as normal, including class changes.

2. Shelter in Place (usually for a medical emergency):

- Everyone will clear the halls immediately, returning to the class they are supposed to be in.
- Once halls are cleared, all doors will be closed.
- Classes will continue as normal, but classes will not change.
- Students will not be allowed to leave their room for any reason until “Shelter in Place” is lifted.

3. Evacuation:

- Everyone will be directed where to go (usually Our Lady of Pompeii Church or School).

- Doors will be locked on the way out.
- Upon arrival at the rendezvous point, signs will direct students to a homeroom gathering point where attendance will be taken.

4. Lock Down (usually for an intruder):

- “Lock down, lock down, lock down” will be announced over the PA.
- Students will go immediately to the nearest classroom or office (not the restrooms).
- Door will be closed and locked.
- No one will enter or leave the room for any circumstances.
- Lock Down will only end when the classroom is physically released by a police officer.

In the cases of evacuation and lockdown, every effort will be made to communicate with parents the reason for the use of these procedures as well as instructions for picking up their children at school or the rendezvous point.

Those who have any questions about these Emergency Procedures should contact Mrs. Kranz or Mr. Kidder.

Why sign up for AP classes?

Very shortly, students will be signing up for their classes for the 2016-17 school year.

One question that our counselors often receive during this time is, “Should my child be signing up for Advanced Placement classes?”

I thought that I would share personal experience on why, if it works with your student’s schedule, students should take AP classes.

As I explain my reasons, I share this from the standpoint that my son, a 2013 graduate of St. Mary’s, is presently a student at Canisius College from which he



will graduate in May.

- 1. AP courses prepare students for college courses.** My son will attest that he can tell which of his classmates took AP classes and which didn’t. Whether it be Calculus or Chemistry or English or History, students who have seen some of the material before feel more comfortable when they step into the college classroom. They are starting at a higher level than those who have not seen the material before.
- 2. AP courses are challenging.** Yes, AP courses are more difficult than

“regular” classes, but taking these harder courses now prepare a student for the harder courses later. Like AP courses, college courses require students to learn on their own, to do extra work outside the classroom, to go beyond what the teacher is presenting during classes. Also, students learn to come together in their own study groups to expand their understanding of the more difficult materials.

- 3. AP courses can save you money.** With the caveat that all colleges are different, because of the AP classes at St. Mary’s my son is graduating a year early, saving him a year’s tuition.

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SMHS Bookstore

Here are some of the items available!

Men's Crew Sweatshirt



\$30

Hoodie
(navy, gray, or light blue)



\$35

Men's Sweatpants



\$35

Russell Fleece
(L or XL, uniform approved)



\$20

Men's Navy Polo
(Uniform approved)



\$30

Men's Lt Blue Polo
(Uniform approved)



\$30

Dri-fit Teeshirt
(Women - gray, navy; Men - white, lt blue)



\$20

Women's Dri-fit
(white or light blue)



\$23

**Bookstore is open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
For more information, call the school at 683-4824**

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.

If there are any questions regarding the program, please contact Carol Winiarski via email cwiniarski@smhlancers.org.

Thank you!



Applications to be accepted for Roswell Robot Surgery Challenge

Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo is once again offering interested high school students the opportunity to participate in the Junior Robotic Surgery Challenge. The Challenge will run from June 24 through July 23. Last year, St. Mary's had six students participate in the JRSC program.



Sophomore Marysia Paradis tries her hand with the Ross Robotic Surgery Simulator during last year's challenge.

This is how Roswell Park describes the program:

“Based on the curriculum used for training robot-assisted surgeons, students in the JRSC 2016 will explore much of the curriculum supplemented by lengthy pre-course assignments, recitation discussion groups, hands-on lab practicals, as well as attending presentations on ethics, compassion, leadership, and teamwork through the program’s unique “Press On!” curriculum. By the end of the program, students will be able to demonstrate their developed knowledge, teamwork, and skills utilizing an actual surgical robot in team-based challenges. In conjunction with the final Challenge Event, the Applied Technology Laboratory for Advanced Surgery program at Roswell Park will host a technology fair where students can speak with professionals in branches of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as well as compete for prizes with their teams.”

The criteria for selection into the program include:

- Must be between ages 16 and 19 by June 1, 2016
- Must attend all events, including:
 - Orientation on June 24
 - Assigned sessions (morning or

afternoon) Tuesday through Friday

– Speaker presentations on June 30, July 4, 14, and 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

– Practice sessions as assigned on July 2, 9, and 16

– Final event on July 23 from about 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Previous participants are not eligible

The cost for the program is \$400 per

student. There are a limited number of scholarships available, based on financial need. Scholarships will not be awarded until the final event.

There is an application necessary to be considered for the Challenge. To assist with the application process, Mrs. Walhenshaw will host an Informational Session on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7:45 a.m. in Room 222. Applications are due by February 29. Those who would like additional assistance on their application are encouraged to contact Mrs. Walhenshaw (kwalhenshaw@smhlancers.org).

We hope that you will consider applying for this very worthwhile program.

Lancer Parent Partnership

Fashion Show News

The Lancer Parent Partnership Fashion Show Committee will meet on **Thursday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m.** in the St. Mary's Library. Now that the holidays are over, the planning for the spring fashion show, *Denim and Diamonds*, will be in full swing! All are welcome to join the committee and assist with the planning.

This year's Fashion Show will be held on Thursday, April 21, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens Restaurant, beginning at 5 p.m. As the Lancer Parent Partnership's only fundraiser, the event raises money for student scholarships, as well as parent networking socials and faculty and staff appreciation events.

The annual fashion show is a wonderful evening of fun, food, fashions, and fabulous prizes! Tickets will be \$45 and include admission, a door prize ticket, a four-course dinner, and the show. Tables of ten are available. A cash bar will be available, as well as a theme basket

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

If you are unable to attend the January meeting but would still like to help, please e-mail Sandy Gibson at ekgib15@msn.com. There are many ways to help, including assisting with the models, decorating, obtaining theme basket donations, and helping with admissions and raffles the night of the event. We are also looking for vendors and stores for fashions that our models can showcase.

The online Model Sign Up Form will be available on the St. Mary's web site beginning **January 11** through **February 22**. All students and faculty are encouraged to sign up early if you would like to model in the show. Any applicants interested in modeling after the February 22 deadline will be placed on a wait list.

Counseling Corner

Sarah Neudeck (sneudeck@smhlancers.org) • 683-2349 • Jamie Whitwood (jwhitwood@smhlancers.org)

Make specific learning resolutions

Every time January 1 rolls around, you and your family probably make resolutions for the new year.

This year, help your teen make some learning resolutions that will actually stick! The more specific his goals are, the more likely your teen is to attain them. Instead of a broad resolution of "Do better in school," help him come up with specific ways to improve. For example:

- ***I will ask at least one question in every class.*** In order to ask an informed question, your teen will need to pay attention. By paying closer attention, chances are that he'll be more engaged and confident about what he's learning – and that will likely lead him to ask more questions in class.
- ***I will create a note-taking system.*** The way your teen takes notes in history may be different from the way he does it in chemistry. Encourage him to talk with his

teachers to figure out the best way to record information they discuss.

- ***I will review class notes every night before bed.*** Studies show that the last thing a person reads before going to bed remains embedded in

the person's brain.

- ***I will read for 30 minutes every day.***

Very few teens make time to read for pleasure. But the best way to build a strong vocabulary is to read widely and read often.

Help teen become good citizen

Teens who are good citizens take care of their school, they follow the rules, and they respect others. They also tend to achieve in school. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are raising a good citizen:

- ___ 1. Do you talk with your teen about current events and ask her opinion about them?
- ___ 2. Do you encourage your teen to take action if she reads about an issue that concerns her? She can write a letter to the editor or volunteer.
- ___ 3. Do you discuss rights and responsibilities with your teen?

Teens always want to talk about their rights – but these come with responsibilities.

- ___ 4. Do you expect your teen to be honest? Honesty is an important part of citizenship.
- ___ 5. Do you talk about making the right choice even if it isn't the most popular thing to do?

Each yes means you're helping your teen become a better citizen. For each no answer, try that idea.

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College Preparation Update

Mandatory College Workshops During January Exam Week

During January exam week, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are all required to attend a college workshop with the School Counselors, Mrs. Neudeck and Mrs. Whitwood. Please see the January Exam Schedule for specific dates and times.

Sophomore students will attend a session called "Building Your High School Resume," in which College Admissions Representatives will talk to the students about various topics including the high school transcript, getting involved in extra-curricular activities, community service, athletics, and scholarships.

Junior students will attend a session called "College 101," in which Mrs. Neudeck and Mrs. Whitwood will discuss the college search process, college visits, college application process, SATs and ACTs, and what to expect in the spring of junior year and in the fall of senior year.

Seniors will meet with Mrs. Neudeck and Mrs. Whitwood in the Computer Labs to conduct scholarship searches using Guidance Direct and www.fastweb.com.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Counseling Center at (716) 683-2349.

Senior Parents –

Make sure to complete your FAFSA!

The 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available January 1st. A large majority of colleges use FAFSA to determine how much financial aid a student can receive. State and school deadlines for filling out the FAFSA vary, so it is best to complete it as soon as possible. The FAFSA will take into consideration your income information, if you claim your child as a dependent on your taxes. For the 2016-2017 school year, your child will need financial information from 2015. For more information, visit the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Special guests for Mr. Herr's classes



Two of Mr. Herr's classes had special guests in December: (left) Jeff Pazderski '11, a real estate investor, spoke to the Personal Finance Class, and local poet Tom Dreitlein talked to the Creative Writing Class.



Apply NOW for Financial Aid

Now is the time apply for Financial Aid for the 2016-2017 School Year! To apply, go to www.smartaidforparents.com (NEW WEBSITE) and enter the school ID: 11384.

Here is what you will need to support your application:

- Most recent paystubs and W-2 forms for all jobs
- Most recently filed tax returns with all schedules
- Most recently filed business tax returns (if applicable)
- Supplemental income documentation (Social Security, Child Support, Veterans Benefits, etc.)

When submitting documents, please note the new fax number (732-862-1331) and email address (documents@smartaidforparents.com).

The deadline to apply for Financial Aid is January 15, 2016! Failure to apply by the deadline will jeopardize your award.

If you have any questions regarding Tuition Aid, contact Mrs. Melanie Adams, Assistant Controller for Enrollment Management, at (716) 683-4824, ext. 226, or madams@smhlancers.org.

Notes from the Health Office

Student Screenings

Annual vision, hearing, and scoliosis screening has been completed. If you received notification in the mail, please return the form after any follow up visit so that the nurse may update her health records.

Spring Sport Athletes

All athletes must have a current physical on file in the Health Office. In addition, students interested in trying out for a spring sport must turn in Interval

Health History Forms completed by a parent/guardian and student to the Health Office/Main Office by February 23. Failure to comply will result in not being able to start practice with the rest of the team. This policy is explained in detail in the student handbook online. The Interval Health Form will soon be available in the Health Office, the Counseling Office, the Main Office and on the school website.

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



Campus Ministry



Mercy Me!

Let us pray that 2016 will be a year of peace, blessings, and mercy!

In the "Our Father," we ask to be forgiven ... of our sins, selfishness, and self-centeredness. But, there is a corollary. We are forgiven as we are willing to forgive. Neither is done easily.

To seek forgiveness requires sincere sorrow and humility. To extend forgiveness requires empathy and grace. It is a myth that we should forgive and forget.

The greater the hurt the more difficult it is to forget. It is only with God's help that we can do so. Forgiving grace means that the "offense" will never be used again as a hammer to win an argument or to inflict guilt.

Pope Francis has dedicated this year as one of mercy. Our prayer then is that this year we can take a leap of faith and practice the virtues of mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. St. Matthew writes,

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will attain mercy" (Mt. 5:7).

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 January:

- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1 p.m. – Epiphany
- Thursday, Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:30 a.m.

Lots of Happenings at St. Mary's!



As part of the Reconciliation Service, St. Mary's welcomed Sr. Johnice from the Response to Love Center who shared stories of her work and her life.



Ugly Christmas Sweater winners were Art Teacher Ms. Hillery, senior Mikala McCartney, sophomore Victoria Camillo, junior Sydney Zajac, freshman Jordan Sypniewski, and Librarian Mr. Schulenberg.



Victoria Powell and the members of the Christmas Extravaganza performed at St. Mary's Elementary School in Lancaster.



Ryan, a student at Immaculate Conception School in East Aurora, joins Victoria Jankowski in Carol of the Bells.



Recent graduates come back for Christmas.



RPM's Living Nativity at the Christmas Mass.



Soloists Christina Federico and Alex Hokaj



The members of the Dance Club at the Christmas Show.



Fall athletes receive post-season accolades

Congratulations to the following Lancers who received post-season honors:

Football:

First Team All-WNY – Takal Molson (first St. Mary's player since Kevin Burns in 1999)
 First Team All-Catholic – Molson, Mitch DiPirro, Kayson Hill
 Second Team All-Catholic – Cameron Dunning, Jonathan Rowe, Tom Desiderio, Khalil White



Molson, Dolegowski, and Zirnheld were named First Team All-WNY

Alyssa Zirnheld
 All-WNY Small School – Dolegowski, Zirnheld, Jessica Kranz, Summer Slade
 MMAA League MVP – Dolegowski
 First Team All-Catholic – Zirnheld, Slade
 Second Team All-Catholic – Kranz

Boys Volleyball:

Second Team All-Catholic – Alex Hokaj, Joe DiGesare

Girls' Volleyball

First Team All-WNY – Bailey Dolegowski,

Help wanted in Athletic Department

The Athletic Department is looking for parent volunteers to help with game-day operations for home basketball games, especially running the scoreboard and shot clock.

Those who are interested should contact Mr. Grieco at 683-4824, ext. 235 or sgrieco@smhlancers.org.

The Athletic Department is also looking for Student Assistant Athletic

Directors for the winter season. Duties will include set-up and take-down for sporting events, admissions, scoreboard, and filming.

This would look great on resumes and college or job applications. This will also count toward the required service hours.

Those who are interested should contact Mr. Grieco at 683-4824, ext. 235 or sgrieco@smhlancers.org.

Sports fundraiser coming soon!

The Athletic Department is sponsoring a Lottery Fundraiser in the month of February. you between \$25 (weekday drawing) and \$100 (Valentine's Day). For tickets, contact Mr.

For \$5, participants will receive a number that could win Grieco at 683-4824, ext. 235, or at sgrieco@smhlancers.org.

Meat Raffle

to benefit Baseball/Softball Teams' Spring Trip to Florida

Saturday, Feb. 27

Doors open 6pm • First spin 7pm

Admission \$5 per person

Includes draft beer & soda (canned beer available for \$2)

Info / Tickets - 683-4824 / sgrieco@smhlancers.org

– Winter Sport Schedules –

Girls' Bowling

Matches begin at 3:45pm at Classic Lanes
 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' Bowling

Matches begin at 3:45pm at Classic Lanes
 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)

Girls' Basketball

Mon, Jan. 4, 5/6:30pm vs. Niagara Catholic
 Wed, Jan. 6, 4:30/6pm @ Nardin (Villa)
 Tues, Jan. 12, 7:30pm vs. O'Hara (Varsity only)
 Thur, Jan. 14, 4:30 pm @ Sacred Heart (JV 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
 Wed, Jan. 27, 5/6:30pm 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' Varsity Basketball

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, 7:30pm vs. Niag Cath
 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

Wrestling

Fri, Jan. 15, & Sat, Jan. 16 @ Lockport
 Tues, Jan. 19, 6pm vs. St. Joe's
 Sat, Jan. 23 @ Catt / Little Valley
 Sat, Jan. 30 @ Lew-Port (Varsity)
 Tues, Feb. 2 @ Gow

Boys' JV Basketball

Tue, Jan. 5, 5pm 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

Thur, Jan. 7, 5pm @ Lockport
 Sat, Jan. 9, 12noon @ Lancaster
 Mon, Jan. 11, 4:30pm vs. St. Francis
 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

Auditions for musical taking place January 5 & 6

As announced in October, the Performing Arts Department will present *Seussical the Musical!* as this year's spring musical. The musical will be performed March 10, 11, and 12.

Seussical the Musical! brings to life all of the favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie,

and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the world of the Whos.

Open Auditions will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Jan. 5 – 2:30-3:30 Vocal; 3:30-4:30 Dance
- Wednesday, Jan. 6 – 2:30-3:30 Dance;

3:30-4:30 Vocal

Auditioning students must audition for BOTH vocal and dance. They may sign up for both auditions for one day or split them up to fit their schedule.

Call backs will be held on Friday, Jan.

8, 2:30-5 p.m.

Those with questions should contact Ms. Ruhland at hruhland@smhlancers.org.



January 2016 Menus

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



— Breakfast —

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 French Toast Sticks <i>Sausage Links</i> Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	5 Ham, Egg, & Cheese Flatbread Fruit Yogurt Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	6 Sausage & Egg on English Muffin Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	7 Breakfast Burrito <i>Tater Tots</i> Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	8 Bacon & Egg Biscuit Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit
11 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Cup Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	12 Sausage & Egg Bagel Hash Brown Patty Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	13 Breakfast Flatbread Fruit Yogurt Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	14 French Toast Sticks <i>Sausage Links</i> Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	15 Ham/Egg on Brioche Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit
18 No School	19 French Toast Sticks <i>Sausage Links</i> Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	20 Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	21 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Yogurt Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	22 Bacon/Egg/Cheese Bagel Hash Brown Patty Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit
25 Sausage/Egg Biscuit Fresh Fruit Assorted Muffins, Pastry, Cereal, Bagels, Fruit	26 Exams – Food will be available To be announced	27 Exams – Food will be available To be announced	28 Exams – Food will be available To be announced	29 Exams – Food will be available To be announced

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 \$.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 \$.60
- Hash Brown Patty \$.50
- French Toast Sticks (5) ... \$1.85
- Greek Yogurt \$1.60
- Fresh Fruit Cup \$1.75

Lunch a la Carte:

- Fresh Baked Cookie \$.55
2 for \$1.00
- Nachos \$1.75
- Bag of Chips \$1.25

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
4 Spicy Chicken Fingers <i>Tater Tots</i> Fruit Yogurt	5 Build Your Own Beef or Chicken Burrito <i>Black Beans</i> <i>Cilantro Lime Rice</i>	6 Spaghetti & Meatballs <i>Garlic Breadstick</i> <i>Roasted Vegetables</i>	7 Roasted Pork Loin with Applesauce <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> <i>Brussel Sprouts</i>	8 Chicken Souvlaki Flatbread with Tzatziki <i>Veggies with Hummus</i> Fruit Cup
11 Pulled Pork Sandwich with Coleslaw <i>Baked Beans</i> <i>Marinated Vegetables</i>	12 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla with Black Bean Salsa <i>Brown Rice</i> <i>Seasoned Corn</i>	13 Chicken Alfredo <i>Penne Pasta</i> <i>Roasted Vegetables</i>	14 Herb Roasted Chicken <i>Cornbread Stuffing</i> <i>Green Beans</i>	15 3 Cheese Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup <i>Potato Chips</i> <i>Vegetable Medley</i>
18 No School	19 Chicken Fajitas with Grilled Onions & Peppers <i>Refried Beans</i> <i>Steamed Rice</i>	20 Penne Pasta Bolognese or Marinara <i>Breadstick</i> <i>Vegetable Medley</i>	21 Orange Chicken with Noodles or Steamed Rice <i>Stir-Fried Veggies</i>	22 Bacon Cheeseburger <i>Steak Fries</i> Fruit Cup
25 Steak Sub on Costanzo's Roll <i>Steak Fries</i> Fruit Cup	26 Exams – Food will be available To be announced	27 Exams – Food will be available To be announced	28 Exams – Food will be available To be announced	29 Exams – Food will be available To be announced

AP Courses *(continued from page 3)*

Canisius accepted his AP credits as fulfilling many of his non-major required courses. Because of his AP credits he earned while attending St. Mary's, he is graduating in May 2016

instead of May 2017. As you and your child discuss courses for next year, I hope that you will strongly consider signing up for AP courses. I truly believe they will make your

child a better student in the future.



Keith L. Kidder '85

Director of Special Programs

January 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Offices Closed 	2
3	4 - B Day Student Senate 2:30pm <i>GBB vs. Niagara Catholic</i>	5 - C Day SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm Auditions for Musical 2:30pm <i>BBowl vs. Park</i> <i>GBowl vs. Mt. Mercy</i> <i>BBB vs. O'Hara</i>	6 - D Day Ext HR / PM Liturgy Schedule (Class Meetings / Epiphany Liturgy) Auditions for Musical 2:30pm <i>GBB @ Nardin</i> <i>BBB vs. Health Sci</i> 	7 - E Day Morning Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm <i>BBowl vs. St. Francis</i> <i>FrBB @ Lockport</i>	8 - F Day Callbacks for Musical 2:30pm <i>BBB vs. Park</i>	9
10	11- A Day Student Senate 2:30pm <i>BBB vs. St. Francis (triple-header)</i>	12 - B Day NHS 2:30pm <i>Var GBB vs. O'Hara</i> <i>BBowl vs. Canisius</i> <i>GBowl vs. O'Hara</i>	13 - C Day Principal's Ad Board 2:30pm <i>BBB @ Niagara Catholic</i>	14 - D Day NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Math Club 2:30pm <i>BBowl vs. St. Joe's</i> <i>GBowl vs. Park</i> <i>JV GBB @ Sac Heart</i>	15 - E Day Pride Day <i>BBB vs. Nichols</i> <i>Wrestling @ Lockport</i> 	16 <i>Wrestling @ Lockport</i>
17	18 NO SCHOOL Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Fr BB @ Lancaster</i> 	19 - F Day SOUL 2:30pm <i>GBB @ Mt. Mercy</i> <i>BBowl vs. O'Hara</i> <i>GBowl vs. Buffalo Seminary</i> <i>Var BBB @ Walsh</i> <i>Wrestling vs. St. Joe's</i>	20 - A Day Faculty/Staff 2:30pm	21 - B Day Morning Mass 7:30am NHS Tutoring 2:30pm Campus Ministry 2:30pm <i>BBowl vs. Timon</i> <i>GBowl vs. Mount St. Mary's</i>	22 - C Day Jeans Day <i>GBB vs. Immaculata</i> <i>BBB @ Timon (triple-header)</i> 	23 SAT Testing Day <i>Wrestling @ Cattaraugus/Little Valley</i>
24	25 - D Day Blessing of the Brains during Lunches Student Senate 2:30pm <i>GBB @ Mt. St. Mary's</i>	26 - Exams January Exams <i>GBowl - Position Round</i> <i>FrBB @ Canisius</i>	27 - Exams January Exams	28 - Exams January Exams <i>GBB vs. Lancaster</i> <i>BBowl vs. Christian Central</i> <i>BBB @ O'Hara</i>	29 - Exams January Exams End of Second Quarter	30 Mock Trial vs. St. Joe's 9am <i>Wrestling @ Lew-Port</i> <i>BBB @ St. Joe's (triple-header)</i>
31	1 - E Day Student Senate 2:30pm Incoming Freshman Registration 6-8pm <i>BBB vs. Niagara Catholic</i>	2 - F Day SADD 7:30am Curriculum Committee 2:30pm <i>BBowl - Position Round</i> <i>GBowl - All-Catholics</i> <i>Wrestling @ Gow</i> <i>FrBB @ Clarence</i>	3 - A Day <i>GBB vs. Nichols</i> <i>BBB @ Nichols</i>	4 - B Day Morning Mass 7:30am No Afterschool Activities	5 No School for students Faculty/Staff In-service Lancer Auction 6pm 	6 Mock Trial vs. Will North 9am

King, Queen and Court for Snowball



Congratulations to the Court for Snowball 2015, as selected by their classmates:

Freshmen Parker Fay & Bridget Vogl

Sophomores Jacob Fay & Jessica Kozminski

Juniors Jenna Erwin & Joshua Fontaine

Seniors Carolyn Kidder & David Owczarczak

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