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

Athletes receive end-of-year awards

St. Mary's High School held its annual Spring Sports Award Banquet on June 22 at the school. In addition to presentations for the school's spring sports – namely, baseball, girls' lacrosse, softball, tennis, and track – the evening concluded with the presentation of the Major Athletic Awards for the 2015-16 school year.

These award winners were:

- **Male Athlete of the Year** – Mitch DiPirro
- **Female Athlete of the Year** – Bailey Dolegowski
- **Ken Jakubowski Award** (Service to Athletics) – Madeline Wnuk
- **Harry Paul Award** (Service to Athletics) – Jonathan Rowe
- **Lady Lancer Hustle Award** – Mikala McCartney
- **Joe Monin Award** (Lancer Hustle Award) – Joseph Stoj
- **Chelsea Kiebzak Award** (Dedication to Basketball) – Ann Hamilton
- **Dick Wojciechowski Award** (Dedication to Basketball) – Kayson Hill
- **Coach of the Year** – Jason Kline – Girls' Basketball



Athletic Director Steven Grieco with the Major Sports Awards Winners for 2015-16.

Ceremony recognizes underclassmen achievement



Kristi Smith and Victoria Jankowski receive the Sage College Awards.

On June 7 and 8, St. Mary's High School held Awards Ceremonies honoring students for all that they have accomplished in and out of the classroom.

Over 200 people attended the June 7 ceremony as awards for academic accomplishments were presented. This included several special awards presented to the members of the junior class.

Here is the list of Special Awards and the recipients:

- RIT Computing Medals** – Kathryn Vogl, Collin Tytka
- RIT Innovation & Creativity Awards** – Grace Fuller, Collin Tytka
- Xerox Award** – Mark Cronmiller
- Regis College Book Award** – Joshua Fontaine

- Sage College Awards** – Kristi Smith, Victoria Jankowski
- George Eastman Young Leaders Award** – Anna Heerd
- Elmira College Key Awards** – Daniel Cress, Victoria Jankowski
- Triple C Awards** – Alexander Stegmeier, Caitlyn Meyer
- Clarkson School Scholars Award** – Sai (Frida) Zheng
- Inamori School of Engineering / Ceramic Association Recognition Award** – Kathryn Vogl
- Lawrence University Award** – Kathryn Vogl
- Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award** – Savannah Meyers

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Students named semi-finalists in Paradigm Challenge

St. Mary's juniors Andrew Wargo, Scott Brown, Lucas Cousins, Dan Hatfield, Zack Laistner, Marysia Paradis, and Shala Wright and sophomores Madelyn Ellison

and Athena Mohamed along with Matt Mendola of Lancaster High School have been named Semi-Finalists in The Paradigm Challenge, one of the largest youth innovation competitions in the world.

The competition challenged students aged 7 to 18 to use STEM skills plus kindness, creativity, and collaboration to generate new ideas to prevent injuries and fatalities from home fires – America's #1 disaster threat. The students competed against more than 50,000 students who participated in this year's Paradigm Challenge; less than 5 percent of participants were selected as Semi-Finalists.

"The number of youth who stepped up to accept our inaugural Challenge to help save lives truly is inspiring," said Jeff Richardson, Project Paradigm's founder and CEO. "We commend the Semi-Finalists for the energy, creativity, and critical thinking skills they put into their solutions to this real-life problem. Their winning ideas can help save lives in communities around the world." Their solutions

included inventions, community events, mobile apps, videos, posters, and songs.

The top team in each age category (ages 7-10, 11-14, and 15-18) will win up to \$20,000 and a 4-day, 3-night trip to Los Angeles to attend The Paradigm Challenge Prize Ceremony. Each second place team will win up to \$10,000 and each third place team will win up to \$5,000. During the July 23rd Prize Ceremony, one of the first place teams will be selected as the Grand Prize winner and will receive up to \$100,000.

In addition to the cash prizes for the student teams, The Paradigm Challenge is awarding cash grants between \$250 and \$5,000 to the inspiring teachers associated with the top 100 teams. Mrs. Rebecca Kranz was the inspiring teacher who helped the students proceed through the project.

The public can also choose its favorite entries during the public voting period, which ends August 30. The 10 Finalist teams that receive the most votes will win "Public Choice Award" cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. A gallery of the 100 Finalist entries is available on The Paradigm Challenge website: www.projectparadigm.org/monthly-contest.

Chromebook distribution set

These are the dates for the distribution of Chromebooks:

- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Class of 2017 and families with multiple students
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 – Class of 2018
- Thursday, Aug. 25 – Class of 2019

Incoming freshmen will receive their Chromebooks as part of the New-Student Orientation program (date to be announced soon).

Please note that students and parents must attend the Distribution date. Also, families who have not paid their Technology Fee will not receive the Chromebook.

Underclassmen Awards

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Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

– Daniel Cress

Rensselaer Medal – Kathryn Vogl

The Frederick Douglass and Susan B.

Anthony Award in Humanities and

Social Sciences – Victoria Jankowski

St. Michael's College Book Award –

Marissa Loniewski, William Story

The President's Award for Education

Excellence – Daniel Cress

The President's Award for Education

Achievement – Amaya Devers

On June 8, as part of the end-of-year celebration, students were recognized for their service to the school, in clubs and organizations. The ceremony also included recognition of the outgoing members of Student Senate and the taking of the oath by incoming Student Senate members.

Congratulations to all honorees!



Dan Cress and Amaya Devers receive the President's Award for Academic Excellence and Achievement.

Boys invited to check out the Seminary

High school guys are invited to the Seminary for hot dogs, hiking, and games.

The Serra Club is sponsoring a *Bonfire and Games* night at Christ the King Seminary on Friday, July 22. All high school boys are invited.

The night starts at 6 p.m. There will be a bonfire, hot dog roast, outdoor games, and hiking with the seminarians and priests of CKS. The event is free.

For more information or to sign up, contact ctkguys@gmail.com.

Important dates in 2016-2017 School Year

The St. Mary's Principal's Advisory Board recently approved the calendar for the 2016-17 school year.

Here are dates which students and families should be aware of:

- Sept. 7 – First Day for all Students (Noon dismissal)
- Sept. 12 – Meet the Teacher Night
- Sept. 23 & 25 – Open House for Prospective Students
- Oct. 10 – Columbus Day
- Oct. 19 – Standardized Testing Day (12 noon dismissal); Senior College Visitation Day
- Nov. 4 & 5 – Fall Play
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 23 (half day), 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 23 to Jan. 2 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 16 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 24-27 – January Exams
- Feb. 3 – Faculty/Staff Inservice / Auction
- Feb. 20 – Presidents' Day
- Feb. 24 – Faculty / Staff Retreat
- March 17 – Faculty / Staff Inservice
- March 23-25 – Spring Musical
- April 3-17 – Spring / Easter Break
- May 18 – Junior/Senior Prom

- May 19 – Administrator's Day
- May 21 – Baccalaureate Mass / Senior Family Brunch
- May 24 – Graduation
- May 29 – Memorial Day
- June 6 – Last Day of Classes

- June 8-21 – June/Regents Exams

A complete calendar for the 2016-17 school year will be mailed home to all families as part of the August mailout. The calendar will also be on the St. Mary's website soon.

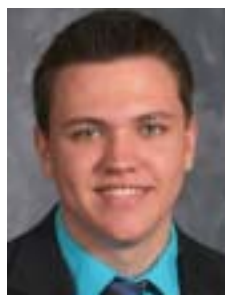
– Notes from the Health Office – Physicals for Fall Sports

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

Failure to comply will result in not being able to start practice with the rest of the team. Extra forms will be available in the Main Office and on the school website under the "Parent" section. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Murphy at 683-4824, ext. 220.

Sport	Physical must have been performed on or after this date and be on file in the Health Office	Interval Health History (IHH) must be completed by parent/guardian and returned to the Health Office by this date
All Fall Sports	August 1, 2015	August 8, 2016

Students/Teacher of May



Alexander Stegmeier



Joseph Flading



Brianna Propis



Mrs. Kranz

Gibson earns Patterson Scholarship

Congratulations to St. Mary's graduate Helen Gibson who was recently notified that she is a recipient of a Nicholas Patterson Perpetual Fund Scholarship in the amount of \$2000.

The goal of the Patterson Foundation is to positively impact lives through higher education scholarships to children of Patterson Companies' employees and grants to nonprofit organizations in the oral health and animal health fields.

Helen, the daughter of Paul and Sandra Gibson, will be attending D'Youville College in the fall.

Please Spread the Word!

Open House for Prospective Students & Families

Friday, Sept. 23 – 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon

For more information, 683-4824 or lancer@smhlancers.org

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Congratulations, Fourth Quarter Honor Roll Students

Top five Seniors



Carolyn Kidder Olivia Carl Kendra Ciezki Hanna Streck James Roetzer

Top five Juniors



Daniel Cress Victoria Jankowski Collin Tytka Marissa Loniewski Anna Heerd

Senior 1st Honors

Garrett Braniecki
Austin Calkins
Olivia Carl
Joelle Cianciosa
Kendra Ciezki
Anna DiDomenico
Madison Fermo
Allyson Fischer
Lisa Gali
Helen Gibson
Victoria Gorny
Christopher Gresham
Jia Wei Jimmy Gu
Ann Hamilton
Jack Hathaway
Bridget Herod
Alexander Hokaj
Carolyn Kidder
Nicholas Kobis
Jessica Kranz
Tianyi Gary Li
Gabrielle Mauro
Leah May
Mikala McCartney
Erica Michalski
Katherine Netti
Nina O'Scier
David Owczarczak
Caliegh Passucci
Julie Pijacki
Jennifer Piskor
Victoria Powell
Kayla Prentki
Grace Pyszczyk
Jessica Ratigan
James Roetzer
Jonathan Rowe
Veronica Rozler

Allison Rusinski
Andrew Salamone
Joseph Stoj
Hanna Streck
Megan Vogel
Regan Weiss
Emma Winiarski
Madeline Wnuk
Alyssa Zirnheld

Senior 2nd Honors

Bradley Berchou
Benjamin Blackhall
Braden Bova
Richard Cieslak
Joseph DiGesare
Mitchell DiPirro
Bailey Dolegowski
Andrew Grega
Samuel Horton
Maddisen Irish
Ashley Junik
Ethan Krygier
Kaila MacKay
Nicholas Samson
Isabel Van Remmen
Stephen Wisniewski
Genevieve Zajac
Evan Zaprzal
Nicholas Zito
Kevin Zolnowski

Junior 1st Honors

James Ando
Elizabeth Bakeman
Alexander Bish
Orion Bonghi
Charles Bristol
Daniel Cress

Mark Cronmiller
Joshua Fontaine
Grace Freeman
Grace Fuller
Anna Heerd
Stephanie Hossenlopp
Victoria Jankowski
Marissa Loniewski
Caitlyn Meyer
Faith Meyers
Savannah Meyers
Alex Paul
Alexander Stegmeier
William Story
Collin Tytka
Kathryn Vogl
Sydney Zajac
Sai Frida Zheng

Junior 2nd Honors

Asia Alexander
Campbell Amatura
Gina Appenheimer
Joseph Barberio
Alexandra Bielli
John Connolly
Alexandria Deguire
Amaya Devers
Jenna Erwin
Samantha Grabski
Jill Greene
Erin Hufford
Kaitlyn Kowalewski
Zachery Penksa
Andrea Seeloff
Kristi Smith
Brittany Wachowski
Nathan Waley
Haley Wipperman

Sophomores 1st Honors

Kelsie Allen
Shae Antonicelli
Stephanie Baran
Kristen Barczykowski
Emily Bookmiller
Eric Brown
Scott Brown
Rachel Cichocki
Lucas Cousins
Onalee Duane
Blake English
Jacob Fay
Christina Federico
Joseph Flading
Maria Fontaine
Heather Gotro
Annaliese Hirsch
Ander Jankowski
Nicole Kruse
Zackary Laistner
Sophie May
Shannon Murty
Chelsea Okon
Marysia Paradis
Summer Slade
Jessa Syracuse
Ryan Tytka
Jillian Vitale
Yixuan Sally Wan
Jacob Was
Madeline Was

Sophomores 2nd Honors

Ziyao Zain Ai
Aquera Boye
Gabrielle Burkard

Joshua Ciesielski
Dino Fudoli
Sarah Hapeman
Daniel Hatfield
Chloe Isbrandt
John Kandler
Krystian Krzyszton
Veronica LaPort
Antonino Marino
Benjamin Mazurowski
Danielle Norton
Alicia Pacer
Jeffrey Rosner
Kyle Schaffstall
Julia Soluri
Kylie Wagner
Andrew Wargo
Jacob Winiarski
Shala Wright

Freshmen 1st Honors

Anna Almeter
Caitlin Bish
Ethan Craddock
Ashley Cruz
Sarah Fillion
Francesco Gallo
Julia Hartloff
Joyce Hunziker
Saige Maniscalco
Bridget Mazurowski
Athena Mohamed
Emily Molnar
Hannah Mulhern
Brady O'Brien
Nicholas Pronobis
Brianna Propis

Emily Renkas
Susan Romance
Matthew Rosinski
Emily Sierk
Payton Stachewicz
Madelynn Stearns
Alyssa Strimple
Emersyn Szczesniak
Emma Trapper
Matthew Vallone
Bridget Vogl
Tara Wanat
Jacob Wilk
Toriann Wipperman
Caroline Zanghi

Freshmen 2nd Honors

Alexander Bellet
Raeanne Conrad
Alexander Denz
Carilyn Duke
Conor Dunne
Madelyn Ellison
Nicole Gorny
Hongru Jerry Guo
Alyssa LaMartina
Cole Laskowski
Santo Lima
Cole Murray
Arianna Palmer
Sarah Rickettson
Olivia Rodriguez
Arielle Tyrpak
Austin Walsh
Joshua Weiss
Jayden Zajac
Nicole Ziolkowski

Top five Sophomores



Chelsea Okon Shannon Murty Christina Federico Rachel Cichocki Ryan Tytka

Top five Freshmen



Caitlin Bish Julia Hartloff Sarah Fillion Matthew Rosinski Ashley Cruz

2016 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.

The Declaration (Gemma Malley) – The world it features is a dystopian reality in the 22nd century in which humanity has cured all illness and aspires to eternal life and children are an abomination.

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. 13.

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be given on Tuesday, Sept. 13, on *Night*; a second in-class writing assignment will be given on Wednesday, Sept. 14, on your second book choice; English 9 Honors will write a third in-class assignment on Thursday, Sept. 15, 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.

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St. Mary’s High School

July 2016

Counseling Corner

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

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 experience the campus and talk about how it will fit their student’s needs. This is the most important step in the college selection process and is vital in helping you and your student decide where to apply next fall.

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

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

Students met several times with their

counselors, and each has a list of potential schools. Feel free to call with

Approximately 20 juniors and sophomores took part in the College Tour Field Trip, three days visiting Syracuse University,

LeMoyne College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Siena College, University of Albany, Boston College, and Boston

your questions. Guidance counselors will be available throughout the summer.

On the college tour



University.

Here the students at receive a tour at their first stop, Syracuse University.

Start thinking “service hours”

Summer is the perfect time to start working on your service hours for the 2016-17 school year.

Remember – here are the service hour requirements:

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

St. Mary’s High School has the following event at which volunteers are needed:

- Car Show & Chicken Dinner – August 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shift times are flexible. For information or to sign up, contact

Mrs. Julie Wiperman at 683-4824, ext. 223 or jwiperman@smhlancers.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.

Volunteers needed for ALS Walk

Mr. Russ Fuller, father of senior Grace Fuller, is the co-chair for the local Walk to Defeat ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease), and they are looking for volunteers.

The Upstate New York’s Chapter of Walk to Defeat ALS will take place on Sunday, July 31, at Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Volunteers are needed to help with Set-Up, Registration/Greeting, Accounting,

Walk Route Monitors, Checkpoints, T-Shirts, Advocacy, Clean-Up, and more.

In addition, participants will attempt to break the World Record for the Ice Bucket Challenge immediately following the Walk.

Those interested in signing up should contact Mr. Kidder (kkidder@smhlancers.org) or Mr. Kelleher (kkelleher@smhlancers.org).

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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 grand-

mother 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.

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Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on Tuesday **and** Wednes-

day, Sept. 13 **and** 14, on your summer reading books. English 10 Honors students will spend September 15 writing on their third book choice. It would be beneficial to take notes on theme, setting, characterization, and mood while reading.

English 11 Regents

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

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

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

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

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Mark Haddon) – This is the story of an autistic boy’s quest to

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St. Mary's High School's Athletics Department



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Boys' Basketball

Ages 7-13 • July 11-15
9 a.m. to 12 noon • Cost – \$75

Girls' Basketball

Ages 7-13 • July 18-22
9 a.m. to 12 noon • Cost – \$75

Football

Ages 7-13 • July 18-22 – 9 to 11 a.m. •
Cost – \$75

Girls' Volleyball

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

Middle School Students • July 25-29 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost – \$160

High School Students • Aug. 8-12 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost – \$190

More Information

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

Summer Athletic Camp 2016 Registration Form

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Present School _____ Grade _____

E-Mail Address _____ T-Shirt Size (Adult) S M L XL

Camp: Boys' Basketball _____ Girls' Basketball _____ Football _____

Volleyball (Middle School) _____ Volleyball (High School) _____

Volleyball Experience: beginner; modified; jv; varsity

club – team _____

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

Make checks payable to St. Mary's High School

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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. 13.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on **Tuesday, Sept. 13**, for the play *A Raisin in the Sun*. A second in-class writing assignment will be done on **Wednesday, Sept. 14**, for the second book you chose to read. It would be beneficial for you to take notes on the following literary elements found in each book: setting, characterization, conflict, and theme.

AP English Language and Composition (Grade 11)

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. 13.**

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. 14** (this type of essay will be discussed and explained before the 14th).

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. 15.**

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.

English 12 Regents

All English 12 Regents students **MUST** read *The Bell Jar*, by Sylvia Plath.

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.

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

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

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

ASSIGNMENT:

Part I – On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, you must **hand write (no typed copies accepted)** a list of **10** unknown vocabulary words found in each book; include each word's definition, part of speech, and an original sentence properly using the word. **This vocabulary is due on Tuesday, Sept. 13.**

Part II – An in-class writing assignment will be done on **Tuesday, Sept. 13**, for the novel *Jane Eyre*. A second in-class writing assignment will be done on **Wednesday, Sept. 14**, 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.

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Chris Dickson named varsity football coach

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

A graduate of Camden (N.Y.) High School, Coach Dickson attended Cortland State where he earned his bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in business and a concentration in sports management. He was also a member of the school's football team.

Upon graduation, he became a member of the Buffalo Bills staff working for seven years as an Administrative Assistant in Scouting and an Offensive Quality Control Coach. He also worked for Pinnacle, a football game analysis company located in Massachusetts. In 2002 he earned a master's degree in Physical Education from Canisius College. He is currently a physical education teacher at Lancaster High School.

Coach Dickson has been a football coach for 15 years, including:

- 2001 – Frontier High School – Assistant Coach
- 2002 – Canisius College – Assistant Coach

- 2004 – Lancaster High School – Volunteer Assistant Coach

- 2005 – Lancaster High School - Freshman Assistant Coach

- 2006-2011 – Lancaster High School – Junior Varsity Head Coach

- 2012-2015 – Lancaster High School – Varsity Head Coach

In 2015 he was honored as the Class "AA" South Co-Coach of the Year.

He lives in Lancaster with his wife Caren along with their two children Cameron and Cathryn.

"I'm very excited and gracious to be afforded the opportunity to be the head coach at St. Mary's," Coach Dickson said. "This is an outstanding place to be as the administration and staff are committed and dedicated to the success of each student. It's a great time to be a Lancer!"

"We are very excited to have Chris joining our football staff," said Steven Grieco, St. Mary's Athletic Director. "His knowledge and experience of the game will be an asset to our school, and I can't wait for the season to start."

St. Mary's purchases IA bus



St. Mary's is excited to be able to purchase one of the vans from Immaculate Academy, upon the school's closing.

Once it is relabeled with the St. Mary's logo and name, the van will be used for transporting athletic teams as well as for field trips for school clubs and organizations.

ALL Student Sports Information Night

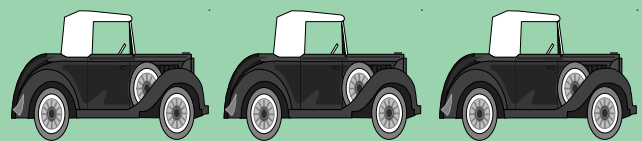
Wednesday, July 20th – 6 to 8 p.m.

Mandatory student athlete information night for all-new and returning students and parents

The following is a list of topics to be covered.

- Open gym times offered during the summer for various sports
- Tryout dates and times
- Fall, Winter, and Spring sports start dates
- Review of what is required from the Nurse's office
 - Health paperwork
 - Up to date physical
 - Reporting an injury
- Opportunity to meet the coaches

Questions? Please call the Athletic Office at 683-4824, ext. 235.



Classic Car Show & Chicken BBQ

Celebrating our 21st Year

Sunday,

August 21st

12 noon to 4 p.m.

Rain or Shine!!

July 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Offices Closed	2
3	4 Offices Closed	5 Offices Open 8am-1pm	6 Offices Open 8am-1pm	7 Offices Open 8am-1pm	8 Offices Closed	9
10	11 Offices Open 8am-1pm Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm	12 Offices Open 8am-1pm Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm	13 Offices Open 8am-1pm Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm	14 Offices Open 8am-1pm Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm	15 Offices Closed Boys' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon	16
17	18 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon Football Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm	19 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon Football Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm	20 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon Football Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm All-Sport / Extra-curriculars Meeting / School Uniform Day 6-8pm	21 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon Football Camp 9am-12noon LLA 9am-3pm	22 Offices Closed Girls' Basketball Camp 9am-12noon Football Camp 9am-12noon	23
24	25 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm LLA 9am-3pm	26 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm LLA 9am-3pm	27 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm LLA 9am-3pm	28 Offices Open 8am-1pm Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm LLA 9am-3pm	29 Offices Closed Girls' Volleyball Camp (Middle School) 9am-2pm	30

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AP English Literature and Composition (Grade 12)

Part I - All AP Literature students must read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon (Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted autistic 15-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.). There will be a multiple choice test upon returning to school based on this book, as well as a short answer essay to express full comprehension of this novel.

Part II - All AP Literature students must read *The Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst (Linguist Paul Iverson,

desperate to learn the truth about his wife Lexy's death, sets out to teach their dog, the only witness to Lexy's supposed fall from a tree, to speak and give an account of the incident.) There will be a required preparation class for a round table discussion/assessment and rhetorical analysis of this novel.

Part III - All AP Literature students must choose one of the following to read:
The Bell Jar (Sylvia Plath) - the story of a college student Esther Greenwood - her nervous breakdown and fight to regain her sanity and her life.

On The Road (Jack Kerouac) - this presents a thinly fictionalized autobiography of Jack Kerouac's cross-country adventure across North

America on a quest for self-knowledge as experienced by his alter-ego, Sal Paradise, and Sal's friend Dean Moriarty.

A Streetcar Named Desire (Tennessee Williams) - Blanche DuBois, a haggard and fragile southern beauty, finds her pathetic last grasp at happiness cruelly destroyed in large part by her brother-in-law Stanley Kowalski.

The Picture of Dorian Gray (Oscar Wilde) - Written in his distinctively dazzling manner, Oscar Wilde's story of a fashionable young man who sells his soul for eternal youth.

An in-class writing assignment will conclude Part III where the student will express their knowledge of their choice book with a "Questions Only Essay."



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- Fourth-Quarter Honor Rolls
- Chris Dickson named Football Coach
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This year's recipient is ...



Junior Mark Cronmiller receives the Xerox Award from Mr. Meyerhofer at this year's Underclassmen Academic Awards Ceremony. See full story on page 1 and more pictures at www.smhlancers.org.

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