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Homecoming Week 2018 Doesn't Disappoint

By: Nicole Gorny

Homecoming Week of 2018 brought about many glorious moments for the St. Mary's Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. This year's theme was Decades, in which the freshmen class brought back the gnarly 1980s, sophomores the grunge 1990s, juniors the "far out" 1970s, and seniors the groovy 1960s. Without a doubt, this week was definitely full of memories that will last a lifetime for each student.

Homecoming Week kicked off with each student dressing in their 1960s gear, as well as partaking in many interesting challenges throughout the day to win points for their respective classes. First, Mr. Junik asked for each class to bring him certain people (some of which included those with the same initials as one another or those sharing a birthday), and the first class to successfully meet the criteria won points. The second challenge involved students from each class having to write down words, phrases, people, and so forth that were popular in their decade on cards. These would be used as decorative pieces for the eventual hallway decorating portion of the week's events.

On Tuesday, the whole school walked four miles for the annual walk-a-thon, and returned to the school later on to partake in games in the gym, various activities outside, or simply hang out with their friends in the cafeteria. Towards the end of the day, everyone was called into the gym to compete in the relay races, including a limbo contest, egg toss, and another multi-part relay involving basketball, soccer, football, and balloons. Ultimately, the seniors won, and to top off their victory, the winner of the hallway decorating contest was announced— and the seniors were once again victorious!

1970s outfits flooded the building on Wednesday. The contest of the day was "Name That Teacher," in which each class had to guess the teacher from their baby picture. Afterwards, a game of *Jeopardy* ensued between five members of each class. As per any game of *Jeopardy*, the "Final Jeopardy" round ultimately determines the winner, but as fate would have it, the seniors and freshmen were tied. Mr. Junik knew there needed to be only one winner, so he decided to ask a few St. Mary's-related questions, but both groups answered correctly. Finally, the winner was determined after a quick round of "Guess the Song," in which the seniors correctly identified "Hey, Jude" by the Beatles and won the entire game.

Thursday was a day of "relaxation" considering there were no scheduled events throughout the day

(other than the given competition of which class had the most students in 1980s dress). The powderpuff football game took place that night, pitting the senior and sophomore girls vs. the junior and freshmen girls. With the help of senior Hannah Mulhern, the seniors and sophomores scored the winning touchdown. Afterwards, all of the students in attendance enjoyed the bonfire behind the school thanks to Andrew Wargo and local fire departments.

Friday (1990s dress) saw the senior class far in the lead, but the other classes still had hope because of the long-anticipated lip-sync contest.

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

I'm beyond thrilled and excited to once again have the opportunity to write to each of you as the *Marian Gazette* editor! I sincerely hope you all enjoy this issue, and please don't refrain from emailing me if you'd like to write an article that might appear in a future edition!

The last time I embarked on a journalistic excursion to complete the written portions of my *Marian Gazette* duties was during the end of summer vacation, in which the Buffalo air was muggy and my house's air conditioner worked fervently each waking hour of the day. Although Mother Nature currently seems to still be deciding on whether our current season is summer or fall, I've been enjoying the (occasional) autumnal weather immensely, and find that it completely inspires my writing with its beautiful ambience and wondrous colors.

Autumn is often viewed as simply "spooky season," or the extended stretch between summer and Christmas-time. However, I believe autumn to be the most captivating and alluring season that certainly has much more to offer than Pumpkin Spice Lattes and haunted houses (though those are both definitely perks).

The season itself is charmingly chilly and crisp, and serves as an unapologetic embodiment of the word "cozy." Of course, autumn typically offers a copious amount of scenery and entailed activities to relish in and enjoy, despite many aspects of it being continuously overlooked.

I've always harbored a deep respect for the season in the sense that many people (Buffalonians especially) merely focus on the *negatives* of autumn and completely disregard the true beauty within its deliverance of an exuberant array of pulchritude every year. Autumn doesn't care that it's frequently viewed in a negative light— it continues to magnificently present itself for those who appreciate it enough to notice.

I'll leave you all with an excerpt from one of the best written manifestations of autumn that I've ever had the pleasure of reading. Hopefully it will inspire you to appreciate this season for all that it's worth and remind you to truly value Mother Nature's outstanding canvas of red, orange, and yellow that's always exhibited during this time of year.

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core"

-To Autumn by John Keats

Sincerely yours,
Brianna Propis

Calling all writers!

Do you like to write? Are you passionate about St. Mary's? Do you have a particular interest you'd like to share with an audience?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then come join us at *The Marian Gazette*! We are currently looking for student writers for all of our news sections. If you are interested, please contact Student Editor Brianna Propis, Mrs. Roberson, or Miss Kawa.

School News

Homecoming Week Ends in a Bang!

The competition began with the freshmen performing their interpretation of the “Baby Shark Dance.” Next, the sophomores brought back the *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* theme song along with many other classics. The junior class performed a wide-range of numbers from each decade and even paid tribute to films such as *The Breakfast Club* and *Flashdance* in the process. As for the seniors, organized dance numbers and humor were incorporated into their performance that also added many teachers (including Mrs. Junik and Mr. Meyerhofer) into the mix. The senior class was ultimately the winner of the lip-sync contest, which then sealed the deal for them to become the overall winners of Homecoming Week 2018 (which was arguably a surprise to some).

The homecoming dance itself on Saturday night was also a success! Class couple favorite Zach Ratcliff and Ashley Cruz were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

Overall, Homecoming Week 2018 was full of wonderful events and competitions that each class enjoyed thoroughly— especially the seniors! Throughout their time at St. Mary’s, the Class of 2019 has struggled with coming together as a class to pull-off an entire victory, but this year has already proved to begin on a different note. They were able to receive a taste of triumph last year after winning the “Lancer’s Got Talent” show during Spirit Week, and now they have won the entirety of Homecoming Week. The memories made during this special week at St. Mary’s are undoubtedly ones that the Lancer community will never forget.

Lancer Giving Day is Rousing Success

On September 4, 2018, St. Mary’s held Lancer Giving Day. This Giving Day was an online effort, across multiple platforms, to create goodwill among St. Mary’s alumni, families, friends, and supporters to encourage giving back to the school that we all love and owe so much to.

St. Mary’s was established in 1904, so 9.04 seemed like the perfect date to acknowledge the amazing 114-year history of the school and support the long, prosperous future that lies ahead for hundreds of more Lancers.

As a whole, Lancer Giving Day was quite the success! We had over 100 donors make a difference for our current students and future generations of Lancers, totaling thousands of dollars in donations.

We thank you so much for your support! We cannot continue to improve and do all of the amazing things we have planned for our students without your help!

St. Mary’s High School
 est. **19.04**
Lancer Giving Day
 #LancersGiveBack

School News

Open House Displays All St. Mary’s Has to Offer

On September 20th and 21st, St. Mary’s held its annual Open House for prospective families. Hundreds of Lancer hopefuls took tours provided by current students to see the campus and learn more about the curriculum and programs that await them should they choose to attend St. Mary’s in the fall.

St. Mary’s continues to see an upward trend in enrollment, as the only private Catholic high school to actually see a net increase in students over the past three years. Couple that with an increase to the #7 spot in the *Buffalo Business First* rankings, and you have a recipe for success!



Begin Your Journey!
OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday, September 20, from 5 - 8 PM
 Friday, September 21, from 5 - 7 PM
BE A Lancer FOR A DAY
 Call or email now to schedule your **Shadow Day**.
 Don't forget to register for the **HSPT Review and Exam**.
 683.4824 x 211 | smhlancers.org | adrabik@smhlancers.org
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Lancer 5K Starts Fast in First Year Out of the Gate

With just shy of 170 runners, the Lancer 5K experienced unprecedented success in its inaugural year.

As a new addition to Homecoming Week, the 5K brought together St. Mary’s students, alumni, faculty, and staff for a night of fun. The course began and finished right in front of the high school, which brought new meaning to the term “homecoming.”

Thank you to those who participated! Go Lancers!



Faculty Spotlight

Welcome to Our Newest Faculty and Staff Members

To start this school year, you will find a lot of new faces teaching in St. Mary's classrooms. Here's the listing of our newest faculty and staff members, so be sure to give them the warm Lancer welcome if you see them!

Math Department

Ms. Urbino



Mrs. Paolini



Science Department

Mr. Dormann



Mr. Puzan



Arts Department

Mr. Christian



School Nurse

Mrs. Hangan



WELCOME!

Guess the Teacher

Each month, *The Marian Gazette* will feature a different person in our "Guess the Teacher" section. If you think you know who this month's teacher is, submit your guess to Student Editor Brianna Propis at 19bpropis@student.smlancers.org. *Limit one guess per student and the first to submit the correct answer wins. The winner will receive a Tim Horton's gift card!*

- I was born in Scranton, PA.
- I don't like pickles.
- The Ash brothers are my spirit animals.
- I was my class's president throughout all of my four years of high school.
- I am the oldest of four children.
- I like wrestling a little bit.

Sports

Cross Country Team Off to Hot Start

Cross Country Coach Charlie Planz asked for something quite simple at the start of this Cross Country season: improvement from last year's season. As the first half of the cross country season comes to a close, it's safe to say that his team has taken that message to heart.

To open the season, the JV girls team took second place at the Knox Farm Invitational. Then, at the Michael Blest Invitational in Grand Island, the varsity girls and boys team each took third place, and the team earned 12 medals in total.

Freshman Margaret Nawojski has been a running revelation thus far into the season. She is currently ranked fifth in the NYS Catholic League. She took first in the Knox Farm Invitational and the Red Dragon Invitational in Bemus Point, running her best on one of the hardest courses in Western New York.

Consider supporting this year's team as they begin league matches in the coming weeks!



Women's Soccer Looks to Continue Dominance

St. Mary's women's soccer has had some pretty good years throughout its history as a sport at St. Mary's High School. However, this year's squad is in a league of its own.

Coach and St. Mary's Athletic Director Brittany Heist has put together a stacked team led by 10 freshmen and returning All-Catholic members Skye Baun and Sam Carlson. With decisive wins over Mount St. Mary's, Mount Mercy, and Nardin to begin the season, the Lancers turned their

attention to longtime league powerhouse, Nichols. In a battle of the undefeated teams, St. Mary's came out on top 1-0. Freshman Mia Moore netted the lone goal of the game less than half-way through the first half, and the Lancers were able to stave off any threats throughout the rest of the game thanks to some great defense and senior goal-tender Anya Achtyl. A St. Mary's women's soccer team hasn't beat Nardin in at least the last 10 years.

There are still plenty of chances to see this team in action this season! Follow along as they try to continue their unbeaten streak and dominance. Check out their schedule and see how impressive this young squad is for yourself!

VARSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER - FALL 2018 SCHEDULE

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
FRI, AUG 24 @ MAPLE GROVE	SAT, SEPT 8 @ CENTRAL VALLEY ACAD. 7PM	MON, OCT 1 @ EAST AURORA 7PM
MON, AUG 27 @ FRONTIER	SUN, SEPT 9 @ UNAPILLA ACAD. 12/2PM	TUES, OCT 2 @ MOUNT ST MARY'S
WED, AUG 29-SEPT 3 (NORTHEAST TRIP)	TUES, SEPT 11 VS MOUNT ST MARY'S	THURS, OCT 4 VS NARDIN
	FRI, SEPT 14 @ MOUNT MERCY	TUES, OCT 9 @ PEMBRROKE 6PM
	MON, SEPT 17 @ PIONEER 7PM	FRI, OCT 19 @ SALREB HEART
	WED, SEPT 19 @ NARDIN	MON, OCT 22 VS MOUNT MERCY (SENIOR NIGHT)
	FRI, SEPT 21 @ AQUINAS 7PM	QUARTERS - FRI, OCT 26 (@ HIGHER SEEP)
	SAT, SEPT 22 @ ALDEN 11AM	SEMI-FINALS - TUES, OCT 30 (@ HIGHER SEEP)
	TUES, SEPT 25 @ NICHOLS	FINALS - NOV 3 OR 4 @ CANISUS COLLEGE
	WED, SEPT 26 @ ALLEGHENY LIME STONE	
	FRI, SEPT 28 VS SALREB HEART 4PM	
	SAT, SEPT 29 @ DEPEW 10AM	

ALL GAMES START AT 4:30PM UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

Sports

Golf Team Goes Back-To-Back

The Lancers dominated the Monsignor Martin Div. B All-Catholic Championship this past Friday at Springville Country Club. St. Mary's won the team championship, defeating Gow, Cardinal OHara, Christian Central, and Park in the process to make them back-to-back champions!

The Match Medalist (best score) was a tie amongst Lancers: junior Jacob Balogh (41) and sophomore Tyler Mendola (41). Tyler embraced the pressure and golfed his best round ever in the championship itself. Kaylin Kline was also a medalist in the female division. Seniors Brady OBrien, Alex Bellet, and Cole Laszkowski; junior Peter Duane; and sophomore Jared Mangen rounded out the winning squad for the day.

The Lancers have two state qualifiers in junior Jacob Balogh and freshman Tyler Dantonio. Both golfers will travel to James Baird Park, near Westchester County, to attempt to qualify for the Federation Championships at Bethpage Black. Way to go, Lancers!



Men's Varsity Soccer Holds On Against St. Joe's



By: Nick Levea

On September 8th, the St. Mary's varsity boys soccer team played a great game against St. Joe's despite having Luke Szablewski, one of the team's best scorers, out. The team of 15 had to face St. Joe's, who went to States last year, and had twice the number of players.

St. Joe's started off strong, scoring one goal off a corner kick about 20 minutes into the first quarter. Starting the second half, St. Mary's had lots of scoring chances, but just couldn't finish. Throughout, the rest of the game, the St. Mary's defense was able to stop over thirty scoring chances from St. Joe's. The Lancers held St. Joe's to a just one goal after being predicted to lose by a lot. The Lancers are looking to finish out the season strong.

The Arts

Fall Play Set: *Clockwork* by Pat Cook

The Performing Arts Department has chosen this year's Fall Play: *Clockwork*, a mystery comedy by Pat Cook.

Here is the synopsis of the play from *Dramatic Publishing*:

"You tell me how you wrenched up your leg or I'll turn your MasterCard into guitar picks!" yells old Zack at his nephew Leon. For some reason, none of the Dunwoody clan is talking too much about Leon's accident and it's driving Zach, the patriarch of the family, almost into a frenzy. Finally, after dealing with disappearing frogs, drunken uncles and dithering relatives, Zach clears the room and Leon tells him the whole story. After hearing the hysterical tale, Zach dies laughing...literally. Then, the grandfather clock, which

hasn't worked in years, chimes once. "Ask not for whom the bell tolls," Nola says, "it tolls for thee!" Suddenly this prophesy is carried a bit too far when another member of the family gets backed over with the pickup truck and the clock chimes again.

Find out who is killing off the Dunwoodys in this frantic comedy/mystery. The twists and turns will keep you guessing to the very end. But, as Gladys says, "It's only a matter of time!"



Clockwork

A Mystery Comedy
By Pat Cook

Performing Arts Adds New Cabaret

By: Toriann Whipperman

On Thursday Oct. 25, the St. Mary's Fine Arts Department will be hosting the very first Lancer Cabaret. The evening will consist of music and dance by the students of St. Mary's. Ticket prices have yet to be determined, but there will be more information to follow. We have been working hard to conduct an exceptional evening, and we hope to see you there! Please see Ms. Ruhland or Mr. Kaminski if you have any questions.



Alumni & Event Updates

Bash for Cash Set for October 20th

Who doesn't want a chance to win \$10,000? That is just the kind of chance you are going to take when you buy a ticket for St. Mary's Bash for Cash! The Bash itself is Saturday, October 20, 2018 in the St. Mary's Athletic Center.

A \$50 ticket gets you and a guest entrance to the Bash as well as a chance at the \$10,000 grand prize and other cash prizes! Winners need not be present at the event to take home any of the cash prizes!

With more students in the building now than ever before, we are expecting a record-breaking crowd and hope you will be a part of it!

For tickets and more information on the Bash for Cash, contact event coordinator Julie Wipperman at jwipperman@smhlancers.org.



Father-Son Communion Breakfast—October 28th

St. Mary's High School and the Campus Ministry team are pleased to announce the inaugural Father-Son Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 28, 2018. We invite all of our young gentlemen and their fathers to attend Mass as a group at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish at 10:00 a.m. and then head back to the St. Mary's cafeteria for a full hot breakfast directly after Mass.

Tickets are \$10 a person (\$20 for both father and son) and are available in the Main Office. Tickets will be on sale until Thursday, October 25th in order to give the caterer an accurate count.

If you would prefer to just attend the breakfast, please let us know at the time of your ticket purchase. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Robb Ciezki at rciezki@smhlancers.org.

We hope to see you all there on the 28th!

Lancer mothers and daughters, save the date for Sunday, March 10th!



Student Beat

Buffalo—Up Close & Personal

By: *Alyssa LaMartina*

Perhaps one of the most popular summertime destinations for everyone in Buffalo and the Erie County area is the Erie County Fair. From classic amusement park rides and cotton candy vendors to 4-H livestock and art exhibits, it is certain you will find something you love while visiting. I took an evening this past summer to immerse myself in the festivities. What I found and documented truly could only be seen with one's own eyes.

The Erie County Fair first took place in 1820. It actually was hosted in the Queen City itself, at the current Donovan Office Building. However, due to unsuitable road conditions, transporting livestock to the event proved to be a large problem. After only two years, the society was forced to cancel the fair. It remained absent for a twenty year period, until it was reborn once more, in 1841. It has since been a big hit and has run every summer, except in 1943, due to World War II. The fair itself has moved from county to county, but eventually called the Hamburg Fairgrounds its permanent home in 1868.

The first picture that I took was a group of fair walkers, walking towards me. As the sun was just setting, the shadows casted across the pavement in a unique style. I love how it shows a variety of expressions on the people's faces as they walk.



The second picture that I took was of two 4-H boys with their cow. It had been a long 12 days at the fair, and out of exhaustion, they decided to rest with the cattle that they had raised.



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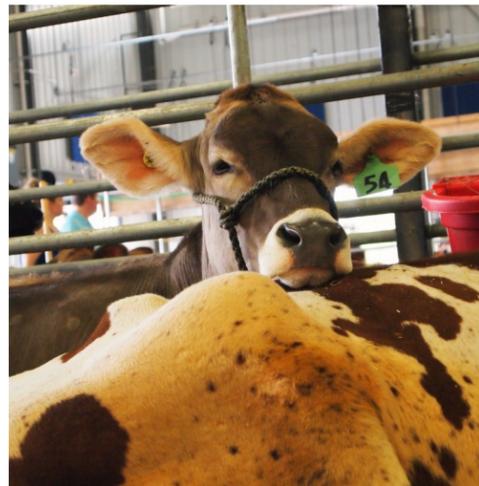
Student Beat

Erie County Fair Takes Off



The third picture I captured was a swing ride, reaching its full height in the air.

My final picture I brought back with me is called "54," and shows a dairy cow resting on his friend's back.



Fall

By: Anya Achtyl

What comes to your mind when you hear the word "Fall?" And no, not the action, but the season. Just take a minute and think of some words...

When I hear the word Fall, I imagine sweaters, the leaves changing and falling off trees, and pumpkin-spice everything. But the most important thing about Fall is the activities you can do. Something that a lot of us can do is go to the Cider Mill.

Nothing is better than getting a warm, fresh, delicious doughnut and a refreshing frozen cider to go with it.

Another great thing to do in the Fall is to go apple-picking. Apple-picking is a very popular thing in the Fall because it's when the apples are very juicy with a hint of sour taste in it which means they're best for picking. Take a trip with your family and go apple-picking! Afterwards, go home and make apple pie then sit around the table

and talk about your day. Maybe while dad was picking some apples, a squirrel threw a nut at him. It makes memories that you won't forget for a lifetime.

As the weather begins to get cooler in the season of Fall, a common activity to take up is skating. You can go to the Depew Ice Rink, Holiday Twin Rinks, and Cheektowaga Town Ring. (Those are just a few of the rinks.) Honestly, there are so many to choose from! It can be such a great time when you get together with all your friends and laugh and make fun of each other's skating skills!

Student Beat

St. Mary's Cheerleaders Begin a New Season

By: Emma Trapper

The Lancer cheerleaders have kicked off their fall season! Tryouts were on Aug. 15, 2018. Twenty-two girls made the final roster. They have been practicing weekly, learning new skills and routines that are sure to impress. With two new coaches, the girls are very optimistic this will their best season yet. Go Lancers!



Cheerleaders pose for a photo at halftime.
Photo Credit: Coach Jenn

Opinion: Lancer Football

By: Zach Ratcliff

I know the subject of this article is not a big secret around campus and most of the school probably does not want to talk about it. The football team has not been on our game this season. The biggest reason for that seems to be all of the little mistakes that divide teams. Little mistakes make a big difference, but we have a good opportunity this upcoming week against Dansville, and we just have to hope for a good week of practice. If the Lancers stick together and cut down on the number of mistakes we make, we may get their first win.

Update: The Lancers did indeed crush Dansville this past weekend 41 to 12. Way to go, boys!



7 Reasons You Should Watch... *The Princess Bride*

Now-senior Nicole Gorny has agreed to join *The Marian Gazette* staff once again this year to give her take on some of the best movies, TV shows, and other forms of media. She's starting off strong with the classic film, *The Princess Bride*.

By: Nicole Gorny

1. The Story

Since its release in 1987 by director Rob Reiner with help from William Goldman (the author of the novel from which the movie is based on), *The Princess Bride* continues to fascinate and resonate with viewers for its wonderfully bizarre twist on the typical fairytale plot.

The film opens on a grandfather reading the storybook of *The Princess Bride* to his home-sick-from-school grandson. The tale itself begins with a young farm boy named Westley and an aristocratic girl named Buttercup falling in love despite their differing societal statuses. After weeks of Westley responding "as you wish" to Buttercup whenever she requested him to do tasks for her, she realized that he ultimately meant "I love you." Unfortunately, Westley is forced to venture off to sea in search of his fortune in other lands, and word returns to Buttercup that he was murdered by the Dread Pirate Roberts when his ship was attacked. Buttercup vows that she will never love again; however, five years later, Buttercup becomes engaged to a man named Prince Humperdinck. Remaining true to her word, Buttercup refuses to go through with the marriage and decides to escape this loveless engagement, but as she runs away on horseback she's kidnapped by three men as a means for them to ignite a war. Her assailants just happen to be colorful characters as well, named Inigo Montoya, Vizzini, and Fezzik.

The Princess Bride has quite a few subplots simultaneously occurring, such as the quest for vengeance by Inigo Mon-

toya for the six-fingered man that killed his father. A point of exposition also takes place once it's revealed that Westley was not actually murdered by Dread Pirate Roberts, and was instead taken under his wing and later assumed the title for himself.

Despite these events seemingly having nothing to do with the main plotline, they're ultimately all interwoven together to create one exuberant story. For example (spoiler alert!), the six-fingered man turns out to be Count Rugen, a man who works for Prince Humperdinck.

2. Behind the Scenes Gems

In Cary Elwes' (the actor who played Westley) book *As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales From the Making of "The Princess Bride,"* he details events that happened during the making of the film. For example, Elwes mentions that Billy Crystal (Miracle Max) was so hilarious on set that Mandy Patinkin (Inigo) suffered a bruised rib from laughing so hard. Even director Rob Reiner couldn't stay on set whenever Crystal was filming his scenes because he was constantly laughing at Crystal's improvisations and overall hilarious portrayal of the discharged apothecary.

As a bonus fact from Elwes' book, one of the men who dressed up as an "R.O.U.S." (rodent of unusual size) was thrown in jail for drunk driving on a day he was scheduled for filming, so some of the crew had to bail him out in order to film the scene.

3. Comedy

Although the film divulges into rather serious issues (such as murder and war), *The Princess Bride* remains comedic and lighthearted in its delivery, which ultimately makes both the plot and characters themselves more likeable and downright enjoyable.

4. Talented Cast

If an audience member isn't sold on the film after witnessing the captivating scenery and engaging story, then the

film's cast will certainly do the trick. Princess Buttercup is played by Robin Wright, who's well-known for her role in *Forrest Gump* as Jenny. In fact, *The Princess Bride* was her debut film.

Westley/The Dread Pirate Roberts is played by Cary Elwes, who may perhaps be rather unknown to some. However, one of his most notable roles was King Edgar (the evil uncle) in *Ella Enchanted*.

The supporting roles also include a variety of "big names," such as Billy Crystal (Miracle Max), Andre the Giant (Fezzik), Mandy Patinkin (Inigo Montoya), Wallace Shawn (Vizzini), and many more!

5. Your Typical Romance...Or Is It?

The Princess Bride is seemingly thought of as a "chick flick" simply because the title appears to be targeted towards females. However, the title is actual inspired by the author of the book's daughters. One told her father to write a story about a princess while the other told him to write about a bride. Thus, the title of *The Princess Bride* was born. Although the title was inspired by two little girls, the story itself was not.

It would be a lie to claim that the central storyline isn't a quest for Westley and Buttercup to be together, but they're by no means lovestruck teenagers that can't function without one another—rather, Westley and Buttercup are their own separate entities (sure, their motivations are based upon being reunited together but they're certainly not utterly dependent). Westley studies and trains to become a pirate, later being promoted to "Dread Pirate Roberts" himself. Buttercup also proves herself to be a strong character in her own unique way, considering she refuses to allow the kidnapers to take total control of her and actively tries to escape (by jumping into the water and swimming away, respectively).

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The Princess Bride Is Timeless

6. Quotable Lines

One of the best parts of watching a film lies in being able to quote its lines afterwards. *The Princess Bride* is chock-full of wonderfully memorable and hilarious lines that fans have consistently quoted for decades. Some of the most popular lines from the film that you'd most likely find on a T-shirt or pin are "As you wish," "Inconceivable!" and "My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die."

7. Overall Classic

Even though *The Princess Bride* wasn't immediately popular once it first premiered, it has gained a cult-following throughout the years and now maintains quite the fan base. The story has a little bit of every cinematic genre: romance, adventure, fairytale, pirates, and so many more elements that make it both worth watching and appealing to audiences of differing ages and preferences.



Source: Amazon

Students Experience Culture of Mexico City

Over the summer, a few St. Mary's students took the trip of a lifetime to Mexico City with one of our Spanish teachers Mrs. Dvorak. The students spent the majority of their time teaching English at a summer camp to children in a charming, little town outside the city. The home-stay portion of the trip was truly enlightening for our students, as they were exposed to a whole other world and way of life, staying with a coffee farmer and his family.

Our Lancers posed for a photo at Enlaces with the whole summer camp with the volcano Popo in the background. They also spotted an Aztec dancer outside the pyramid in Cholula, visited the market there, and planted beans at Enlaces.



Homecoming 2018



School Calendars - October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Extended Homeroom Sched. Class Meetings Progress Reports	4 PM Liturgy Sched. October Liturgy	5 2PM DISMISSAL Special Schedule (Emergency Drill) Registration deadline for 11/3 SAT Exam	6 SAT Exam
7	8 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	9 Lancer Parent Partnership Meeting 6:30pm	10 NOON DISMISSAL Standardized Test Day Senior College Visitation Day	11	12	13 Mother-Son Dance 7pm
14	15 College Consortium Juniors & Seniors 9-9:45am	16	17	18 Freshmen Retreat	19	20 Bash for Cash 6-10pm
21	22	23	24 Fac/Staff Meeting 2:30pm	25 Lancer Cabaret 7pm	26 UNYTS Blood Drive	27
28 Father-Son Communion Breakfast 10am	29	30	31 Halloween Dress Up Day			



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 FEATURED ENTRÉES • Crispy Chicken • Grilled Chicken Sandwich SIDES • Tater Tots • Fresh Fruit Cup	2 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Hot Dog SIDES • Roasted Potato Wedges • Fresh Veggie Cup	3 NATIONAL TACO DAY • Beef or Chicken Twin Tacos SIDES • Black Bean & Corn Salad • Brown Rice	4 BURGER BAR • Hamburger • Veggie Burger • Assorted Toppings SIDES • Fresh Fruit • Steak Fries	5 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Grilled Cheese SIDES • Tomato Soup • Potato Chips • Vegetable Medley
8 COLUMBUS DAY 	9 TACO TUESDAY! • Taco in a Bag SIDES • Brown Rice • Mexi-Corn	10 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Cheese Ravioli with Alfredo Sauce SIDES • Garden Salad • Roasted Vegetables	11 BAKED POTATO BAR • Broccoli • Cheese Sauce • Sour Cream • Bacon Bits SIDES • Fresh Fruit Cup • Steamed Peas	12 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Macaroni and Cheese SIDES • Seasoned Green Beans • Dinner Roll
15 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Chicken Caesar Wrap SIDES • Steak Fries • Fresh Fruit Cup	16 TACO TUESDAY! • Soft Shell Tacos SIDES • Spanish Rice • Nachos with Salsa	17 Noon Dismissal NO LUNCH	18 CHICKEN SOUVLAKI BAR • Romaine Lettuce • Grilled Chicken • Feta Cheese • Tzatziki Sauce • Pita Bread	19 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Macaroni and Cheese SIDES • Seasoned Broccoli • Side Salad
22 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Herb Roasted Chicken SIDES • Mashed Potatoes with Chicken Gravy • Roasted Zucchini	23 WALKATHON No Lunch Service	24 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Taco Salad SIDES • Cilantro-Lime Rice • Black Bean Salsa	25 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Cheese Tortellini with Marinara Sauce SIDES • Garden Salad • Garlic Dill Breadstick	26 SANDWICH BAR • Assorted breads, rolls and wraps, meats, cheeses, toppings SIDES • Potato Chips • Fresh Fruit
29 FEATURED ENTRÉE • BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich SIDES • Baked Sweet Potato • Baked Beans	30 FEATURED ENTRÉE • Meatball Bomber SIDES • Steak Fries • Fresh Fruit Cup	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 		

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