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From the Principal's Desk

The dog days of winter! Christmas is over, but winter has just begun! It seems like the sun hasn't come out in forever, and April is so far away! I'm not sure about you, but this is the exact time I start thinking about trying to take a vacation, but with flights costing so much, I am going to have to refocus. I am choosing to refocus on the benefits of winter... the things that make me love Buffalo in January.

1. Thank you for St. Mary's High School...

For me, it's work. For you, it's school. But waking up every day and making my way in makes me happy. Sure, it is easy to complain about work and school as everyone does, but the truth is I love St. Mary's. I love the smile on everyone's faces as they walk around. I love the faculty and staff because they are really smart, fun, and interesting people. I love the attitude of everyone... rain or shine or blizzard, we are one big family. Cliché maybe, but I truly feel like we are all in this together!

2. Thank you for the Buffalo Bills...

I have literally LOVED the Buffalo Bills my entire life! I watch every game intently... in my "lucky spot!" I listen to WGR 550 all week for updates. I love Josh Allen and Stefon Diggs. I love all the good that comes out of Bills Mafia. I love how it brings the entire city together for 20 weeks. I absolutely appreciate everything Buffalo Bills and how they help make my winter a little more bearable.

3. Thank you for Skiing...

Ok... Truthfully, I have never actually gone skiing, but I just saw that St. Mary's is running a Ski Day at Holiday Valley. As an adult - as a principal - I am always telling kids that they should branch out and try something new. Well, maybe this is MY chance! I am not nearly active enough in the winter... maybe skiing can become a thing!

See more information on page 3 for Ski Day!

So, as the first semester comes to a close and the cold air continues to blow, remember each day we add a couple minutes of daylight and each day affords us a chance to give thanks and to try something new.

Mr. Junik

Get Your Yearbooks!

Last chance to order yearbooks! Yearbook sales will close February 1st, so be sure to place your order so your student won't be left out.

Senior Parents - all yearbook ads must be purchased and designed by February 1st as well. Take out a space to let your graduate know how proud you are of them!

Order at ybpay.lifetouch.com/order/selectjob
Order number: 14782423

Important Upcoming Dates...

Fri. Jan. 20th

Seniors go to Corpus Christi & St. Louis
****BE AT SCHOOL BY 9 AM****

Fri. Jan. 27th

End of Second Quarter

Feb. 13th

No School

Feb. 20-24th

Winter Break

The Week Ahead

Mon. Jan. 23rd - C Day
***BUFFALO SPORTS DRESS (\$2)**



Tues. Jan. 24th - A Day
***LITURGY DRESS CODE**

We will have some special visitors!

Wed. Jan. 25th - B Day
***REGULAR DRESS CODE**

Thurs. Jan. 26th - C Day
***PROFESSIONAL DRESS CODE**

Fri. Jan. 27th - A Day
***ST. MARY'S PRIDE DRESS**
END OF SECOND QUARTER

The Memory Project

Members of the Visual Arts Academy recently embarked on The Memory Project. The intention of The Memory Project is to link children together all over the world through art. These portraits allow children to truly see each other, regardless of any cultural, religious, or circumstantial differences.

After applying to partake in The Memory Project, a school is then linked with a group of children facing some type of challenge in a different part of the world. St. Mary's students painted portraits of children in Nigeria.

Now that these portraits are complete, they will be shipped to Nigeria and delivered to their likenesses to bring them a little sense of joy and hope.

Mon. Jan. 23rd
4:30 pm - **W. Hockey** vs LIDA
@ Hamburg
5:30/7 pm - **W. Basketball** vs
Lew Port



Tues. Jan. 24th
5:30/7 pm - **M. Basketball** vs O'Hara
8 pm - **W. Hockey** vs KENGIL @ Lincoln

Wed. Jan. 25th - No Contests

Thurs. Jan. 26th
4:30 pm - **W. Hockey** vs. MMA @ North Buffalo
4:30/6 pm - **W. Basketball** @ Sacred Heart

Fri. Jan. 27th
Wrestling - Women's State Tourney (Syracuse)
5:30/7 pm - **M. Basketball** vs Park
8:15 pm - **Fed Hockey** vs Hamburg @ Leisure

Sat. Jan. 28th
Wrestling - CHSAA Duals (Monsignor Farrell)
11 am/1 pm - **W. Basketball** vs Webster-Schroeder
6:30 pm - **Fed Hockey** vs Ken West @ North Buffalo

Sun. Jan. 29th
Wrestling - CHSAA Duals (Monsignor Farrell)



Visual Arts Academy students pose with their finished Memory Project portraits for children in Nigeria.

MEGA RAFFLE!

Looking for a chance to win \$35,000? St. Mary of the Assumption and our neighbors at St. Mary's Elementary School are hosting their Mega Raffle for a chance to win over \$50,000 in cash prizes!

Grand Prize is \$35,000!

Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at stmarysonthehill.org or call (716) 473-7117 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!



June 23, 2023

The Lancer Gala combines delicious food, stellar auction items, and no shortage of fun all while raising money to benefit St. Mary's students.

Guests have the opportunity to place bids on the silent and special auction items and enjoy various raffles throughout the night. During the live auction, attendees can bid on fabulous prizes, including vacations, sporting event tickets, golf packages, college tuition waivers and much more.

Stay tuned for more updates and how to get tickets!

St. Mary's High School
presents

Ski Day

at

Holiday Valley®

Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:30 am - Close

\$80 per student

**Includes: All-day lift ticket,
Hot Cocoa Bar, & Finger Foods**

All levels of skiers and snowboarders welcome!

**Bring your own skis or rent them
(additional cost)**

Reserve your spot at smhlancers.org.

**Contact Mrs. Tytka at lytka@smhlancers.org
with any questions.**

\$100 per adult!

FEBRUARY SWEEPS!

**Virtual Sweepstakes
Siesta Key Getaway**

1-Week Stay

**2-Bedroom, 2-Bath Condo - Sleeps 6
Donated by Tom & Kara (Schaller) Bestpitch '96**

**\$50 per
chance**

**\$3,000
value**



Tickets on sale Feb. 1st - 28th