

Welcome to Lancerville

THE SCOOP

September 16th – 22nd

From the Desk of Mr. Junik



How does leaving NYS Regents help our students and teachers...

Greater Curriculum Flexibility:

The Regents curriculum follows a standardized approach that, while beneficial for some schools, limits our ability to customize learning experiences to meet the diverse learning interests of our students. Transitioning away from this system will allow us to create a more personalized and engaging curriculum, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Alternative Assessments:

The Regents exams are a significant component of the state's curriculum, but they rely heavily on standardized testing. Many educators believe these exams do not fully capture a student's capabilities or potential. By moving away from the Regents system, we can adopt alternative assessment methods such as project-based learning, portfolios, and other forms of evaluation that better reflect your child's individual learning style and strengths.

Holistic Education:

Our school is deeply committed to educating the whole child, which includes not only academic achievement but also emotional, social, and character development. The Regents curriculum emphasizes core academic subjects, but we believe a more well-rounded approach will better prepare our students for future success in college, careers, and life.

Alignment with Our Mission and Values:

As a school that values innovation, we are excited to explore new ways to deliver high-quality education. Transitioning away from the Regents system allows us to adopt teaching methods and a curriculum that are more aligned with our mission of fostering independent, lifelong learners who are equipped to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

What will the new graduation requirements look like?

St. Mary's High School Students must earn a minimum of 30 credits (1 credit is equivalent to a full year course) Credit is earned by completing a course with a minimum of 65% course average on the student's final report card and a minimum of 55% on any given final assessment

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| English - | 4 |
| Social Studies - | 4 |
| Math - | 4 |
| Science - | 4 |
| Religion - | 4 |
| Foreign Language - | 1 |
| Art/Music - | 1 |
| Health - | ½ |
| Computers - | ½ |
| Leadership - | ½ |
| Public Speaking - | ½ |
| Phys. Ed - | 2 |
| Academies - | 2 |
| Electives - | 2 |

30 credits



Marian Honors Diploma will require all the credits to the left plus...

- 4 core credits must be in Honors courses (earning an 85% or higher average)
- 4 core credits must be in AP courses (earning a 2 or higher on the exam)
- Completion of 200 hours of community service. (Double the 100-hour requirement)

Monday, September 16th

(B Day)



RPM Retreat

\$2 Charity Dress Down

MUST wear Bills Gear!

Tuesday, September 17th

(C Day)

Academy Schedule

Regular Dress Code

Wednesday, September 18th

(A Day)

Regular Schedule

Regular Dress Code

Thursday, September 19th

(B Day)

Academy Schedule

Regular Dress Code

Friday, September 20th

(C Day)

Regular Schedule

Regular Dress Code

* Bills dress downs are a relaxed dress code. You are allowed to wear footwear of your choice as well as bottoms (shorts, sweatpants, etc.) The caveat is... You MUST Represent the Buffalo Bills!

Not a Bills fan... don't have any Bills gear? Don't want to give \$2 to charity? That is ok... Simply remain in St. Mary's regular dress code for the day!

As with everything we wear... modesty and school appropriateness are expected!



St. Mary's High School

Athletics

This week...

9.16

M. Var. Soccer @ Canisius - 4:30pm
M. JV Soccer vs Canisius - 4:30pm
W. Var. Soccer @ Nardin - 4:30pm

9.17

JV Volleyball vs Nardin - 4:30pm
Var. Volleyball vs Nardin - 6pm

9.18

No Games

9.19

W. JV Soccer @ Alden - 5pm

9.20

M. Var. Soccer @ St. Francis - 7pm
M. JV Soccer vs St. Francis - 4:30pm
W. Var. Soccer vs Nichols - 4:30pm (Flash)
JV Volleyball @ North Tonawanda - 5pm

9.21

No Games

9.22

No Games





Starting next week, Mrs. Kimpel will be visiting all Senior Religion classes. The purpose of these visits is to:

- Review the Senior Folder, with College Application Materials
- Have Seniors register for the Western New York College Consortium, taking place in October
- Assist students as they fill out their Common App and the SUNY App

Senior Meetings

Also beginning next week, the Counselors will be meeting one-on-one with the Seniors, to see how Seniors are doing with the College Application Process (selecting schools, filling out the Common App, scholarships, etc.)

College Visits

Representatives from the following colleges will be visiting St. Mary's in the upcoming weeks:

- Tuesday, Sept. 17, 12:45 p.m. – Mercyhurst University
 - Wednesday, Sept. 28
 - 10:45 a.m. - St. John Fisher University
 - 1:00 p.m. - St. John's University
 - Wednesday, Sept. 25, 9:00 a.m. – SUNY Brockport
 - Thursday, Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m. - SUNY Geneseo
 - Friday, Sept. 27
 - 10:45 a.m. - Keuka College
 - 1:00 p.m. - Golisano Institute
 - Tuesday, Sept. 30, 10:00 a.m. - University of Scranton
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Attendance reminders...

- Students must be in school by 10am in order to participate in any after school activity. (Unless accompanied by a doctor's note)
- If a student leaves school early... they are NOT eligible to participate after school. (Unless accompanied by a doctor's note)

After school activities include all sports practices and games... all clubs... all musical and performing arts.

YOU NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE AFTER SCHOOL!

If you foresee an issue and are not sure, please call and we can talk through options!

Upcoming events...

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| <i>Sunday, September 29th ...</i> | <i>OPEN HOUSE - 9am - NOON</i> |
| <i>Monday, September 30th ...</i> | <i>OPEN HOUSE - 5pm - 7pm</i> |
| <i>Monday, October 7th – 10th ...</i> | <i>Homecoming Week</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, October 8th ...</i> | <i>Walk-a-thon</i> |
| <i>Thursday, October 10th ...</i> | <i>Homecoming Dance</i> |
| <i>Friday, October 11th ...</i> | <i>NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)</i> |
| <i>Monday, October 14th ...</i> | <i>NO SCHOOL</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, October 16th ...</i> | <i>Standardized Testing Day (9th – 11th grade) Senior Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral</i> |
| <i>Thursday, October 24th ...</i> | <i>Freshmen Retreat</i> |
| <i>Thursday, October 31st ...</i> | <i>Halloween Dress-up day</i> |
| <i>Friday, November 8th ...</i> | |
| <i>Saturday, November 9th ...</i> | <i>Fall Musical</i> |
| <i>November 15th – 18th ...</i> | <i>Senior Trip to Disney World</i> |
| <i>November 21st ...</i> | <i>Sophomore Retreat</i> |
| <i>November 27th – Dec. 1st ...</i> | <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> |
| <i>December 2nd ...</i> | <i>National Honor Society Induction Ceremony</i> |
| <i>December 19th ...</i> | <i>St. Mary's Christmas Show</i> |

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