

Senior Monarchs

Program Overview:

Saint Mary Academy seeks to establish an intergenerational learning and connection program (Senior Monarchs) with seniors, grandparents and retired members of our community. We will do this through activities, faith sharing experiences, fellowship and opportunities for volunteering.

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to help connect the senior members of our community (SMA families, St. Bernadette Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish) to the students of Saint Mary Academy.

Outcomes:

There are several desired outcomes of Senior Monarchs. They are:

- A closer relationship with older members of the extended SMA community.
- A closer relationship with parishioners of supporting parishes.
- Increased volunteerism from targeted audience
- An opportunity for students to learn from intergenerational learning.

Activities:

Activities will include (but are not limited to) sharing of volunteer opportunities; talent identification and sharing; opportunities to share faith experiences; and specially developed classroom based activities.

Process:

Working closely with the parishes and school office, we will identify those who should be contacted for inclusion. A mailing explaining the program and how to get involved will be sent, along with a response card to be mailed back. There will be two different letters mailed: to SMA student grandparents; and to parishioners of St. B and IC. For those Senior Monarchs who are not physically close or able to participate in person, a mailing list will be established to keep in touch virtually.

Once cards have been received, a matching of talents and desires to connect with opportunities for involvement will happen.

For events (i.e. Thanksgiving Luncheon; Grandparents Liturgy; Agricultural Fair; Fish Fry Fridays), interested parties will be notified of event and encouraged to attend. For projects (i.e.

Master Gardener; athletic skills; sharing of talent in classroom setting), individual information will be forwarded to appropriate Faculty or Staff member.

Timeline:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>
Parish staff introduced to program	December 1
Mailing lists received from parishes and school office	January 1
Mailing developed, mailed	January 15
Response cards returned by	February 15
Distribution of cards to interested parties	March 1