

# SAINT MARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

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October 4, 2011



### CATHOLIC IDENTITY SCHOOL LITURGY

Please join us each Thursday at 8:15 a.m. in the gym for our all-school liturgy. This week's liturgy is being planned by 8F. Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are invited to join us at mass each week.

### COFFEE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Mark your calendars! All parents are invited to our first Coffee with the Administrative Team, on Friday, October 14th, from 8:00-9:15 a.m. in the library/media center. Our Vice Principal, Counselor, and Learning Differences Coordinator will join me for coffee and conversation with you, our parents. This is a great way to share your ideas, suggestions, and to hear about all the wonderful things going on at our school. We are looking forward to talking with you!



### AGRICULTURE FAIR

Mark your calendars! Our spectacular Agriculture Fair will be held on Oct. 21st, from 12:00-2:00. Everyone is invited to attend. Flyers will be sent out next month letting you know what we will be selling and what booths will be here. If you know of anyone who might like to be a part of our AG FAIR, please contact Mrs. Kelley Schleg at [kelley.schleg@saintmaryacademy.com](mailto:kelley.schleg@saintmaryacademy.com)

### PTS CONFERENCES

Our first Parent-Teacher-Student (PTS) Conferences will be held next Monday, October 10th. The time(s) for your scheduled conference(s) was sent home last Tuesday in the Take Home folder. Conferences are from 8 AM-7PM. Each conference is 15 minutes long; if you need more time with a teacher please use the time of your conference to schedule an

additional meeting. Please be courteous of others following your conference and the teacher's schedule.

We look forward to talking with you and your children about their academic progress.

### BOOK FAIR

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Book Fair. It will be held during the PTS conferences on Monday, October 10th, in the library. We will also have a representative from Catholic Media Connections selling Catholic themed books in the lobby. All monies earned from the Book Fair go back into our library. We hope to see you there!



### FALL BREAK

**Reminder: No School on Monday, Oct. 10th  
(PTS Conferences) and on Tuesday, Oct. 11th,  
Professional Development Day for Teachers**

### REACH ALERT SYSTEM

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Only those families new to Saint Mary Academy need to register for REACH ALERT. Previous families only need to re-enroll if they have had a change in email address or phone.

Saint Mary Academy has made a special arrangement with **Reach Alert** to provide a Parent Notification System for our school. We are encouraging all of our school families to register for this service particularly faculty and parents. With Reach Alert, we can immediately advise you of breaking, time-sensitive information. If it is snowing and classes are canceled, we will send an alert to your cell phone, home phone, or email within seconds. If there is an emergency at school (power outage, broken water line, or lock-down), we can communicate with you and keep you in the loop.

You decide how you want to receive your alerts: cell phone, text message, voice advisories, and/or email. All you need to do is go to [www.rechalert.com](http://www.rechalert.com) and register for the system. Just follow the prompts and enter St. Mary Academy when asked which network you want to join. Once you begin typing St. Mary Academy, our name will appear in the dropdown listing; simply click on our name and continue with the registration. You will be asked for a registration code; simply use your child's lunch room account number. The entire process should take about 60 seconds. If you request cell phone text messages, Reach Alert will send your phone a text message with a four digit validation code. Reach Alert is making sure your text message will be successfully delivered. When you receive the four digit number, simply enter this number on the registration screen and then click on the word VALIDATE. The process is very simple.

We will use the system for timely, though not necessarily, emergency messages. We may remind you that a bus breakdown will delay the arrival of your child after school, or inclement weather will necessitate dismissal from the gym. We may remind you about PTO meetings and other school activities. If we release students early, we can send a reminder to you. **HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS WILL WORK IF YOU DON'T TAKE A MINUTE TO REGISTER.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the customer account people at **Reach Alert**. Their contact information is listed below.

Ken Weber  
COO of Reach Alert  
P.O. Box 17491  
Louisville, KY 40217  
(877) 307-9313  
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**INFORMATION SESSION  
AND TOUR FOR  
INTERESTED FAMILIES  
Tuesday, October 25,  
8:00-9:30 a.m.  
and  
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Our next Information Sessions for Interested Families will be conducted on Tuesday, October 25th in our Media Center from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and from 5:30-7:00 p.m. These Information Sessions are for parents who may be interested in sending their son or daughter to Saint Mary Academy. We will provide an information packet, a question and answer session, and a tour of our wonderful school.

School Parents, if you know someone who would like to attend either of these Information Sessions, please ask them to call the school office at 315-2555 to register. Come find out about all the wonderful educational and formational opportunities offered at Saint Mary Academy.

## **DRAMA CLUB**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Drama Club is looking for a place to rent a stage for our spring musical in April. We also need a sound system with microphones for the children. If you have any information or could help us out in anyway, it would be greatly appreciated. Send suggestions to [karen.widener@saintmaryacademy.com](mailto:karen.widener@saintmaryacademy.com)  
Thanks, The Drama Team

## **Send in those PULL-TABS**

Saint Mary Academy is working with the local Knights of Columbus in collecting pull-tabs (off your aluminum cans) to raise money for Indian Summer Camp. Indian Summer Camp is a non-profit organization that provides camp opportunities for children ages 7-18 in Kentucky who have or have had cancer, the opportunity to get away and have a good time. It is funded solely by donations and gifts.

We have made this a HOUSE Competition. Each SMA HOUSE has buckets throughout the building in its color. Students can bring in the collected tabs and place them in their HOUSE buckets. For each bucket collected, that HOUSE will receive points. Students in preschool thru fifth grade are a support HOUSE to one of our seven HOUSES (Christopher, James, Juan Diego, Jude, Leo, Maximilian, and Patrick). The competition will be fun, but the important thing to remember is we are giving children with cancer, the opportunity to be a kid again.

## **The SMA Sporting News**

By Jeff Medley - Athletic Director

### **\*\*\*Basketball Sign-ups Now\*\*\***

Saint Mary Academy had another great week of competition and our student athletes continue to excel. Basketball and winter cheerleading preparation are in full swing. Winter cheerleading is for grades 2-8 and basketball is for grades 3-8. We are looking into a possible option for 1st and 2nd graders so stay tuned for that option. There are many options to sign your child up for basketball or cheerleading. The school website at [www.saintmaryacademy.com](http://www.saintmaryacademy.com) is an option now if you click on the Athletics tab, and then click on the bold letters for sports sign-ups. Athletics will also be conducting carpool sign-ups on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 5th  
Thursday, October 6th  
Friday, October 7th  
Wednesday, October 12th  
Friday, October 14th  
Wednesday, October 19th  
Friday, October 21st

The last day to sign up for basketball is October 23. We have to cut off sign-ups in order to plan try-outs and order uniforms in a timely and cost effective manner. The fee for basketball is \$110.00 per child and will be due on the first day of try-outs for each respective grade level. Basketball try-outs will be scheduled soon as we are awaiting confirmation from CSAA on the CSAA Volleyball tournament dates at our gym. We are shooting for the last full week of October or the first part of November. Check [www.saintmaryacademy.com](http://www.saintmaryacademy.com) and the Tuesday letter and as soon as we can confirm the date we will post that information.

**\*\*\*Golf Fun for All\*\***

The couples golf scramble is this Saturday, October 8th at Different Strokes off of English Station Road. This is a fun raiser. Beginners are welcome. So is heckling and laughter! It is meant for fellowship and a good time. Contact Jeff Brown at [treefrogjeff@insightbb.com](mailto:treefrogjeff@insightbb.com) if you are interested.

Those individuals wishing to coach basketball either as head or an assistant coach need to contact the appropriate basketball coordinator prior to October 7th. To coach boys basketball, contact John Langford at [jhn\\_langford@yahoo.com](mailto:jhn_langford@yahoo.com). To coach girls basketball, contact Adam Clark at [aclark@haverstockkoenig.com](mailto:aclark@haverstockkoenig.com). Those wishing to coach will need to fill out a brief application which will be provided after contacting the basketball coordinators. If there is more than one candidate for a specific team, interviews will be conducted and a candidate will be selected.

**Flag Scores**

Silver flag team lost 18-12 to St. Raphael  
 Blue Team lost 14-0 to St. Albert Gold  
 Green Team won 28 -12 vs St. Margaret Mary #1.

**Tackle Scores**

5/6 SMA 13 - St. Michael 6  
 7/8 SMA 24 - St. Albert 8

**Go Monarchs!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 4 - 7th grade Retreat to Mount St. Francis
- Oct. 4 - PTO Meeting @ 6:30 P.M. in the library
- Oct. 6 ó School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- Oct. 8 - Golf Outing at Different Strokes
- Oct. 10 - PTS Conferences
- Oct. 10 - Book Fair
- Oct. 11 - Professional Day for Teachers (No School)
- Oct. 13 ó First Reconciliation Parent Meeting at St. Bernadette, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 14 - Coffee with the Administrative Team 8-9:15 a.m.)
- Oct. 17 ó SEEK Classes
- Oct. 25 ó Information Sessions, 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 26 ó 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Locust Grove
- Oct. 28 ó PTO's Fall -O Ween Festival
- Oct. 31 ó Halloween Parties



**PRINCIPAL POINTS**

Dear Parents,

Here we are in the month of October already. The leaves are beginning to change; the air has crispness to it; the days are growing shorter. Before we know it the Christmas holidays will be at our doorsteps.

As we build toward the birth of our Lord, Jesus, how fitting it is that the church celebrates His Mother, Mary, during this month. On October 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. My mother talks about how when she was a child her family would gather after dinner each night during October and May for the praying of the rosary.

The Rosary is not a prayer about Mary. It is a prayer given to us to meditate about the life of her son, Jesus. We learn about Him through the mysteries. Mary is the patron saint of our school community. We will be celebrating this woman who was the first disciple, the first person to say yes to our Lord.

As part of our blueprint for October, we will end the school day with the Hail Mary. At the end of the month, we will have a Living Rosary. The students of Saint Mary Academy will be the prayer beads of the rosary. You are invited to join us for this prayer tradition.

Seasons come and go, and with them we establish specials ways to come together to celebrate them. Raking leaves, carving pumpkins, and chili suppers are just a few. Make this season a time when your family comes together to pray and remember the gift that Mary gave us.

God bless,  
 Julie Tobbe, M.Ed.



**ST. BERNADETTE PARISH**

**First Reconciliation Parent Meeting  
 Thursday, Oct. 13  
 7:00 p.m.**

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES**

**Immaculate Conception**

Saturday ó 5:00  
 Sunday ó 8:00 and 10:30

**St. Bernadette**

Saturday ó 5:00  
 Sunday ó 8:30 and 11:00

## BONFIRE FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

Get to know youth from our region!

You are invited to attend the...

**Annual Junior High 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bonfire!**

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

508 Breckenridge Lane 40207

**(Sponsored by Region 7 Youth Ministry)**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

Oktoberfest food (hot dogs, brats, root beer keg).

Dodge ball, pumpkin bowling, bonfire and outdoor games

**R.S.V.P. by Monday, October 11th to Kathy Jean Easley**

**815-3103**

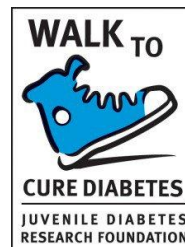
\$5.00 per youth

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Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_

Junior High School I attend \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



## Join Mac Attacks Diabetes!

SMA 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, Mac Morgan, along with his 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade football teammates, will be participating in the JDRF Walk To Cure Diabetes. The event is at Churchill Downs on Oct. 22. The money our JDRF team raises will go directly to support research to cure this disease! We invite SMA families and friends to walk with him and support his team. You can also donate online. Here's the link to Mac's webpage.

[http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk-KY/Chapter-Kentucky4233?pg=team&fr\\_id=1537&team\\_id=25031](http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk-KY/Chapter-Kentucky4233?pg=team&fr_id=1537&team_id=25031)

Any questions can be emailed to Jane Morgan - [dandjmorgan@insightbb.com](mailto:dandjmorgan@insightbb.com)

One day, we want to say Mac HAD Type 1 diabetes - with your help, we can do it!!!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Sacred Heart Academy & Sacred Heart School for the Arts present "*Cinderella*"

Thirty students from Sacred Heart Academy, St. Xavier, St. Aloysius and Immaculata Classical Academy will perform *Cinderella* on **October 27** and **Nov. 4 at 9:30 a.m.**; **October 27-29** and **Nov. 3-4 at 7 p.m.**; and **Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.** All shows will be in the Ursuline Arts Center, bldg. #5 on the Ursuline Campus, 3105 Lexington Road. Tickets for the October 27 and Nov. 4 morning performances are \$4. All other performances are \$8 for students/senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.showtix4u.com/](http://www.showtix4u.com/). For more information, call **502-897-1816**.

One of our SMA graduates, Rachel Creely, is a member of the Cast/Crew for *Cinderella*. Break a leg, Rachel!