

SAINT MARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Feb. 7, 2012



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

LITURGY

Our next school liturgy will be on Thursday, February 9th. The liturgy is being planned by 5S. Please join us as we celebrate Eucharist together. Parents, grandparents, parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St. Bernadette are welcomed as well.

SMA SPELLING BEE

SMA was all a "buzz" on February 1st as classroom winners from grades 4-8 participated in our school Spelling Bee. Kaelyn Harris took first place and will represent SMA at the Archdiocese Spelling Bee on February 21, 2012. Caroline Sumner took second place-alternate. Congratulations to all of our participants on a job well done!



4th Grade- Caroline Sumner and Katie White

5th Grade- Mac Morgan and Kaelyn Harris

6th Grade- Victoria Harris and Gabriella Floro

7th Grade- Seth Andrews and Evan Ashby

8th Grade- Kerry Mullaney and Christina Floro

Winner: Victoria Harris

Alternate: Caroline Sumner



SKATING PARTY

The Drama Club will host a Skating Party on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 6-8 at Champs Rollerdrome, 9851 LaGrange Road. The cost is \$4 per person with \$1 for skate rental. Parents skate FREE! This is a fundraiser for our Drama Club.

Saint Mary Academy Gala

The Saint Mary Academy Gala is Saturday, Feb.25, 2021 at 6:30pm-midnight at The Brown Hotel. This is a wonderful evening with a buffet dinner from 7:30-8:30, silent auction baskets, live auction, and dancing to **The Monarchs!** Tickets are on sale now for \$50 each. They are available in the office and before masses. There are rooms available at the hotel for the evening for \$99.00 for those who wish to spend the night after the big event. Call the hotel at 502-583-1234 and refer to The Saint Mary Academy Group when making your reservations to get the special rate of \$99.00.

Sponsorships: What a great opportunity for your business to sponsor The Saint Mary Gala! We have 2 levels of sponsorships, first is \$1000/8 tickets, a reserved table at the event and a full page advertisement in program; the second level is \$500/4 tickets and ½ page ad.

Please contact: Mary Kay Chadwick @ mkchadwick@insightbb.com or 644-2487 for tickets or questions.

Saint Mary Academy Gala February 25, 2012

Wish List

- Gift Certificates
- Financial Contributions
- Vacation Rentals
- Sky Mileage Points
- Sports Equipment
- Car Rental or Leases
- Home Improvement items
- Hosted Dinners
- Hosted Kid's Party

- Any UK or U of L items
- Any Louisville Catholic High School items
- Children's Toys
- Golf Outings
- Tickets to Plays, Sports Events, Theatre
- Celebrity Memorabilia
- Electronics
- No Donation is too small

Please drop your item off at the school office or mail to:
 Saint Mary Academy/Gala
 11311 Saint Mary Lane
 Prospect, Ky. 40059

Contact persons: Pam Palmquist pmlrplm@aol.com and
 Shannon Lohmann shannonandjeff@me.com

PICK-UP FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

When picking your child(ren) up from after school activities, please do not pull up to the curb and park in the emergency lane and wait. This is not only a fire hazard, but it limits students and teachers from finding their rides in the parking lot. Please pull into a parking spot and wait.



FATHER - DAUGHTER DANCE

*Announcing the First Annual
 Father Daughter Dance!*

Please plan on attending

"Let me Call You Sweetheart"

*on Friday, February 10th from 7-930 p.m.
 in the Gym.*

*All girls and their fathers/grandfathers/godfathers
 are invited to attend.*

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

The students at Saint Mary Academy will be celebrating Valentine's Day with parties on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. If parents plan to attend the parties, please make sure you have been to the Safe Environment Training program required by the Archdiocese. Thank you in advance for complying with our policy.

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Saint Mary Academy Board of Directors

An email address has been established to allow comments from our school families with positive recommendations and suggestions regarding SMA. All emails should be signed with

contact information included. Each email will be read and if necessary, passed on to the pertinent committee, or responded to in as timely a manner as possible. We would also like to use this as an opportunity to hear from family members who would like to volunteer his/her time or services to the school. We look forward to receiving your input as every family, just as every student, is what makes this school vital and great.

The email address is suggestions@saintmaryacademy.com

SPORTS NEWS

By Jeff Medley – Athletic Director

Tennis Sign-ups

Matches are played on Saturday afternoons at LIRC during the months of March through May. **Sign-ups will conclude on February 10th. The matches are tentatively scheduled to start the 2nd Saturday in March. If you wish to sign up your student to playing tennis and getting great instruction contact Penny Hourigan at scottwku@bellsouth.net.** She can be contacted by phone at 475-1290. Our tennis coordinator is Bill Meadows and he can be contacted at billmeadows@insightbb.com.

SPRING AND SUMMER SPORTS

It is that time for all spring and summer sign-ups. Go to www.saintmaryacademy.com and click on the Athletics tab at the top of the page and follow the link for the sports sign-up page. If they are not listed yet, please check back on the website. If you have any questions, the sport and the sport coordinator are listed below. The contact information for all sport coordinators is listed in the school directory. Some of these sports go deep into the summer and you can check the sports season length and tournament dates at www.loucsaa.org/calendar.pdf.

Sport (Gr)	Sign-up	Cut Off/ Begins	Coordinator
Soccer (K-8)	Feb 24 th /Mar 1 st		Daron Tegge
Track (Prek-8)	Feb 24 th /Mar 1 st		Teresa Whalen
*Girls Softball (3-8)	Feb 24 th /Mar 1 st		Amy Merryweather
Golf (4-8)	Apr 1 st /Early April		Bill Meadows
Field Hockey (5-8)	Apr 1 st /May 1 st		Adam Clark
*Baseball (3-8)	Apr 1 st /May 1 st		Larry Newton

*Fielding a team for Baseball and Girls Softball depends on the amount of sign-ups we receive as we do not usually have enough to field a team. Baseball and girls fast pitch softball are for 3rd graders and up.

COACHING SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL SPORTS

Anyone interested in coaching the above sports, football, volleyball, and cross country should contact the appropriate sport coordinator which is located in the school directory. Per SMA athletic board bylaws, all coaching positions are decided on a year to year basis based on their application. Per archdiocesan policy, all coaches must pass a background check, attend the SAFE environment training, and complete watching the "Coaching for Life" video located at www.loucsaa.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 9 - First Communion Parent Meeting at St. Bernadette @ 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 10 - Father/Daughter Dance at SMA @ 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 – Athletic Board Meeting
- Feb. 14 – Happy Valentine’s Day; parties from 1:30-2:30
- Feb. 15 - Skating Party
- Feb. 15 – Finance Meeting
- Feb. 15 – Board of Directors’ Meeting
- Feb. 17 - SEEK
- February 20th - NO School
- February 21st - Fat Tuesday
- February 22nd - Ash Wednesday
- February 24th - End of Trimester
- February 25th - Gala at the Brown
- February 27th - Third Trimester Begins
- February 29th - Conferences 3:30-7:30 PM
- March 1st - Conferences 8:00-1:00 PM
- March 2nd - NO School
- May 18 - Evening of Excellence with Chef Dean Corbett at Saint Mary Academy



PRINCIPAL POINTS

Dear Parents,

This weekend’s gospel was the story of Jesus healing Peter’s mother. That reading hit home for me this week. On Friday, I went to the doctor with my mother. We were expecting her to have her next round of chemo treatments. Instead the doctor came in and told us that she was cancer free!

Since her diagnosis, my family and many others in our faith communities have been praying for her and a speedy recovery. This week those prayers were answered! Just like Peter’s mother, through the grace of God, my mother was healed.

The journey my family has traveled these past few months have seen many peaks (ups) and valleys (downs). There were days that we celebrated and hated to see end. There were days that we just tried to keep our heads above water. Then, there were those days that we just wanted to go back to bed and forget that the day ever happened. Whatever our feelings were for the day, we kept the faith!

In the same weekend, I received the email below. It says it all!

Bicycling with Jesus

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there, sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him.

But later on, when I met Christ, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride...a tandem bike...and I noticed that Christ was in the back, helping me pedal.

I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable...It was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts – up mountains and through rocky places at breakneck speed -- it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said: "Pedal!"

I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are You taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to people with gifts that I needed -- gifts of healing, acceptance, joy. They gave me gifts to take on my journey, my Lord's and mine. And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight."

SAINT MARY ACADEMY PRESENTS

An Evening of Excellence

FEATURING
CHEF DEAN CORBETT



EVENING OF EXCELLENCE
with Chef Dean Corbett

Mark your calendars now! Get your babysitters lined up! You don't want to miss this elegant evening! **Our Second Annual Evening of Excellence with Chef Dean Corbett** has been scheduled for Friday, May 18th. More information will be forthcoming, and tickets will go on sale at the end of February

So I did...to the people we met...and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him...at first...in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it. But He knows bike secrets -- knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten scary passages. And I'm learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful, constant companion, Jesus Christ. And when I'm sure I just can't do anymore, He just smiles and says... "Pedal."

Author unknown

My wish for you is that no matter what roads you travel in life that you just continue to Pedal! Trust that the Lord is listening and traveling with you through it all. At this point in the school year, when your children are struggling to come to school and are counting the days till spring, encourage them to keep pedaling!

God bless,
Julie Tobbe, M.Ed.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception

Saturday – 5:00

Sunday – 8:00 and 10:30

ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

First Communion Parent (only) Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 9th, 7PM

@ Parish Center Soubirous Room

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Bernadette

Saturday – 5:00

Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A **SUPPORT GROUP** for parents of children who learn differently will meet at The dePaul School on the following dates: Feb. 21, March 20, April 17 and May 15 from 7-8 PM. For more information go to www.depaulschool.org.