

# SAINT MARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

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### 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 5B. Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are invited to join us at mass each week.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



### 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)

### SAINT MARY ACADEMY DAY At BASKIN ROBBINS

Date: Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: 9413 Westport Road (in Westport Plaza)

Simply let the cashier know that you are with SMA when you check out and Baskin Robbins will return 20% of sales to our school. In addition, pre-order any cake and Baskin Robbins will return \$3.00 to our school.

For a portion of the evening, there will be a surprise guest scooper from SMA. Stop in to see who is scooping up the ice cream!

### MAGAZINE DRIVE TOTAL

We are excited to announce that the final total for the Magazine Drive was an amazing \$61,981. Thanks to all of you for this tremendous fundraising effort. You are what makes SMA such a wonderful school!

### SPIRIT WEAR

We have new sweatshirts and hats available for sale for the winter months. We will be set up during carpool on Thursday. Come a little early to check out our Fall/Winter Spirit Wear!

### 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

Saint Mary Academy teams did very well again this week with just a couple of tough games. Please be advised that our athletic field is still not ready for traffic even though it looks ready. The contractor has advised that it should be ready in the spring for normal traffic. We respectfully ask that people stay off the field so it will remain a sturdy field, and the investment made by the school in the field will pay off for many years to come.

### **SMA CHEERLEADING - BASKETBALL 2<sup>ND</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Several students have expressed interest in joining the SMA cheerleading team. We would like to assemble cheerleading squads that would cheer for basketball this season (November 2011 – February 2012). The cut-off date for sign up will be 10/24/11.

If you are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested in being an SMA cheerleader, please email Lisa Addis – [L.addis@insightbb.com](mailto:L.addis@insightbb.com). Please include your daughter’s name, grade and a contact phone number.

If you already have a daughter who is an SMA cheerleader and would like to continue to cheer for basketball please confirm that your daughter will participate for the basketball season.

### **\*\* Preparation for Basketball Season Begins \*\***

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.

Volleyball - \*Scores were not received.

Cross Country - \*No results were received.

Football - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade flag teams: Green team won 29-23 over St. Patrick, Blue team won 27-13 over St. Margaret Mary, and Silver team won 24-6 over St. Patrick. The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team

beat St. Andrew 18-6. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> team lost 18-6 to Holy Trinity, and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> team lost 27-0 to Notre Dame Academy.

\*scores not listed were not received prior to submitting this week’s newsletter.

**SAINT MARY ACADEMY GOLF OUTING:** The date for this FUN, fundraiser has been set for Saturday, October 8th, at 5:30 p.m. at Different Strokes Golf Center on English Station Road. This is a very fun event that is open to all couples and skill level doesn’t matter. Cost is \$30.00 PER PERSON or \$35.00 DAY OF OUTING and INCLUDES GOLF AND DINNER (DRINKS TO BE PROVIDED AT GOLF COURSE). It is a great evening out, followed by another EXCELLENT meal from Karem’s. For more information contact Jeff Brown 296-6909 or Sherry Porter 777-5524.

## **Go Monarchs!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 28 - SMA Day at Baskin Robbins from 3:00-8:00pm
- Oct. 4 - 7th grade Retreat to Mount St. Francis
- Oct. 4 - PTO Meeting @ 6:30 P.M. in the library
- Oct. 8 - Golf Outing at Different Strokes
- Oct. 10 - PTS Conferences
- Oct. 10 - Book Fair
- Oct. 11 - Professional Day for Teachers (No School)
- Oct. 14 - Coffee with the Administrative Team 8-9:30 a.m.)

### **MISSING ITEMS**

Missing Items from SMA Homecoming – a striped, canvas picnic basket filled with a brown velour blanket, yellow ski jacket and an SMA sweatshirt, along with a striped bag chair is still missing from this event. If any of the above sounds familiar, please turn into the office, many thanks!



## **PRINCIPAL POINTS**

Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday the Archdiocese of Louisville received full diocesan accreditation! Through this process nine experts from all over the United States evaluated the archdiocese on seven standards: vision and mission, governance and leadership, teaching and learning, documenting and using results, resources and support systems, stakeholder communications and relationships, and commitment to continuous improvement. The QAR team left us (the archdiocese) with commendations and required actions, they are listed below. The Diocese will receive a full narrative report that includes strengths and areas of growth by standard area (the seven mentioned above) in the next month or so. These required actions will guide the Archdiocese of Louisville in being the best that it can be for all students and staff.

#### Commendations:

- The leadership of Archbishop Kurtz and the Catholic School Office provides strong support to its schools and is responsive to their needs.
- The Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville meet and exceed their brand imagery of “Catholic Schools- Excellence You Can Believe In.”
- The Archdiocese of Louisville supports the use of best practices and instructional strategies by providing comprehensive and ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators.
- The generosity and leadership of the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) provides measureable support to parishes and schools through grants related to financial assistance, technology, religious education and professional development.

#### Required Actions:

- Create an Archdiocesan local school board development plan to provide school boards with the resources and support to function with greater effectiveness, and efficiency.
- Explore the feasibility of establishing an Archdiocesan-wide data management system.
- Develop a comprehensive outreach strategy to increase student enrollment system wide with a specific focus on increasing minority enrollment within the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Last Spring, members from the Archdiocese of Louisville came to Saint Mary Academy to accredit us on the same seven standards. At the end of their visit, they left us with commendations and required actions that we are using to guide us in being the best we can be. Below are the commendations we received and the required actions (goals for continuous growth).

#### Commendations for SMA:

- Catholic Identity is understood in terms of a faith that is lived and that permeates all parts of the school program.
- The collaborative leadership model by the Administrative team extends to faculty, staff, students, the Board of Directors, and parents.
- The commitment to address the needs of every child is seen as a shared ministry.
- The decision of Saint Mary Academy’s teachers to make Professional Learning Communities an essential element in their ongoing professional growth and mutual support is clearly impacting student learning.
- There is a sense of unity and community only two years after SMA merged from two separate campuses into a new building. There is now the same commitment to plan for future needs, debt retirement and ongoing development of the covenant relationship with the two parishes.

#### Required Actions for SMA:

- Identify clear direction in instructional plans.

- Establish structures and protocols to gather data that will be used in instructional planning in order to identify and address gaps in achievement.
- Create a Long Range Plan to guide decisions related to facilities, growth, debt reduction, and relationships with covenant parishes.
- Make stewardship education an essential component of religious instruction at all grade levels. Ensure that all stewardship activities are linked to social justice teachings in the Religion curriculum.

As we work together to implement the required actions and expand upon the commendations at Saint Mary Academy, let us always remember that it is with the guidance of the Holy Spirit that all things are possible.

God bless,  
Julie Tobbe, M.Ed.



### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

#### Immaculate Conception

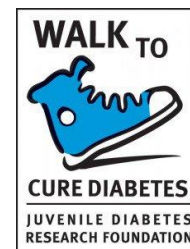
Saturday – 5:00

Sunday – 8:00 and 10:30

#### St. Bernadette

Saturday – 5:00

Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00



### 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!!!