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Monarch News

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*Our Mission:*

*The mission of Saint Mary Academy is to educate students spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially through a curriculum rooted in the Roman Catholic faith. Students are educated in a manner that fosters academic excellence, provides a supportive atmosphere and develops students to be morally responsible members of their church and community.*



## CORE VALUES

**Building a foundation  
for lifelong learning by:**

**Opening hearts to faith**

**Opening minds to knowledge**

**Opening hands to service**

**Opening eyes to the world**

**Achieving extraordinary lives**

Dear SMA Families,

A few staff members have recently informed me that they will not be returning to SMA next year and I want to take this opportunity to share their plans with you.

After 11 years as a preschool teacher at SMA, **Ms. Cindy Blaske** is going to retire at the end of this school year. Her future plans include spending time with her family (especially her 2 grandchildren), reading and "yardening". Mrs. Blaske will always treasure the children and families that have been a part of her life.

After 9 years as the Technology Coordinator at SMA, **Mrs. Deica Brown** has decided it's time for her to "graduate" and see what it is like to teach older students. Mrs. Brown has accepted a position at Mercy Academy as a Freshman Technology Teacher beginning in the fall. Deica has worn many hats during her time at Saint Mary Academy and will miss the students, faculty and staff who have become like family. Mrs. Brown models what it is to BE A LIGHT.

**Ms. Gabrielle Keith's** experience as a music teacher here at SMA has inspired her to return to school full-time and get a degree Music Education. Unfortunately, her coursework and other requirements will not allow her to continue to teach and go to school at the same time. Over the course of the last 3 1/2 years, Ms. Keith has been involved in all things related to music including choir, grade-level performances, band and cantoring at Mass. Her favorite SMA memory was the 2019 stations of the cross performance by our current 7th grade students. Ms. Keith reminds all of us to "never stop using your talents to praise God's name."

**Mrs. Stein** came to SMA as a substitute teacher for what was to be one day back in January of 2014 and never left. She has been our PE teacher extraordinaire since the fall of 2014 and has also served as the Helen house mentor and been involved with Jump Rope for Heart, Field Day and Talent Show. Living a heart healthy and actively engaged lifestyle have always been at the core of all the lessons that Mrs. Stein has taught our students and faculty. As many of you may know, Mrs. Stein and her sister recently launched their cake business, SissyCakes, and she wants to dedicate more time to this new venture.

We wish all these ladies well in their future endeavors and will continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers. We will celebrate with them at the end of the year.

Mrs. Kelly

## Important Dates

(4/19 – 4/23) – Teacher Appreciation Week

4/21 - School Liturgy (Gr. 5-8) @ 8:15 am  
11:30 Early Dismissal

4/22 - School Liturgy (Gr. 2-4) @ 8:15 am

4/24 – Community Shred Event, 9 am – 12 pm in parking lot

4/30 – Derby Eve – No School

5/7 – Free Wear Dress

5/8 – Red Cross Blood Drive in SMA gym

5/11 – 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Awards Ceremony @ 7:00 pm

5/12 – 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Day/Clap Out

**The LMPD traffic unit has advised us that there will not be a crossing guard at the intersection of St. Bernadette Avenue and Brownsboro Road on Friday, 4/16 through Friday, 4/23. Please use extreme caution and be extra vigilant while entering and leaving our campus.**

## SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

School supply kits are available for purchase!



It's the easiest way to buy Back-to-School Supplies! The SMA PTO is continuing our partnership with 1st Day School Supplies for our 21/22 school kids.

New this year: The kits will be sent directly to your home, and students will bring them to Meet the Teacher.

Link: <https://1stday.sale/1177854>

ATTENTION

PARENTS

## REQUIRED MATH WORK FOR SUMMER

All students currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to complete 3 lessons a week from the workbooks below over summer. This book will be submitted to their teacher in August. Students who are currently in grades 2-5 do NOT need to order new books. They will be required to complete 3 lessons a week from their current Simple Solution workbooks. **Students who are currently in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade need to order the Summer Solutions book below.** Any questions? Email [carrie.mcgreevy@saintmaryacademy.com](mailto:carrie.mcgreevy@saintmaryacademy.com) (K-4) or [amelia.flynn@saintmaryacademy.com](mailto:amelia.flynn@saintmaryacademy.com) (5-8).

Current 6<sup>th</sup> graders, order this one: [Grade 6 Standards-Based Mathematics - Summer Learning Workbooks/Worksheets \(summersolutions.net\)](#)

Current 7<sup>th</sup> graders, order this one: [Grade 7 Standards-Based Mathematics - Summer Learning Workbooks/Worksheets \(summersolutions.net\)](#)

# TALENT SHOW

Calling all singers, dancers, performers, musicians, magicians, comedians, gymnasts, and talented superstars. . .It is time for you to SHINE! SMA is having a \*virtual\* Talent Show this year!

Please complete this [FORM](#) if you are interested in auditioning for our virtually awesome Talent Show. Once you complete the form, we will provide students with a Talent Show Google Classroom Code. All auditions and final performances will be in video format and will be submitted to the Google Classroom provided. Any other submissions will not be considered. Final videos should be recorded on the student's iPad to make the submission process to Google Classroom easier.

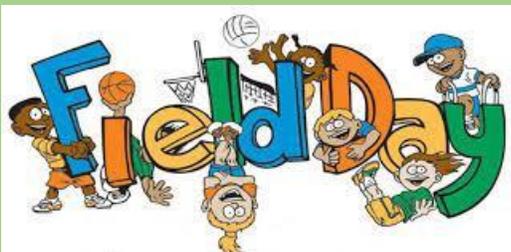
The final Talent Show video (edited by the Resource team) will air in classrooms on Wednesday, May 19th.

Here are just a few of the parameters (please read the form carefully for more detail):

1. Acts/performances must be at least 30 seconds and no more than 2 minutes and 30 seconds long.
2. Students may perform alone, with siblings, or with students in their own homeroom only.
3. It should be a practiced performance or routine. Singular tricks will not be considered.

Please email [Mrs. Brown](#) with any questions you may have!

Audition Google Form: <https://forms.gle/Rq1695Qu8Wa12LCeA>



Mrs. Stein needs vaccinated parent volunteers to help with Field Day. If you are interested in helping, please email her at [Debbie.stein@saintmaryacademy.com](mailto:Debbie.stein@saintmaryacademy.com)

# TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

April 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

WE SIMPLY CANNOT



OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOU!

**Monday:** You **DONUT** know how much we appreciate you.

Students will bring in their teacher/staff favorite snacks &/or drinks.

**Tuesday:** Thank you for helping our students **GROW**.

Students will wear their home room teacher's favorite color shirt with uniform bottoms.

**Wednesday:** You are what all the **W-HYPE** is about.

Students will bring one or more school supply items from their teacher's wish list.

**Thursday:** Let's **TACO**-bout how amazing you are.

Students will be asked to write a note of appreciation to their teacher.

**Friday:** We are so **GRAET**-ful for all you do.

Students will be allowed to have free dress day per the school handbook guidelines.

## Monarch Match Challenge

**THANK YOU** to all those families who have contributed to the Monarch Match. As previously announced, an anonymous donor has made a commitment to match all donations to Saint Mary Academy - \$ for \$ - up to a total of \$30,000 in matching funds! Since we have not been able to have any fundraisers, this money, along with your contribution, will allow us to:

- Finish replacing outdated Smartboards that are not functioning properly
- Purchase new iPads for the lower grades

Please consider making a one-time donation. Every dollar truly makes a difference, no matter the amount. Our goal is to have all commitments by April 30.

Here's how you can make a tax-deductible investment in our students:

- Send a check made payable to: St. Mary Academy 11311 St. Mary Lane Prospect, KY 40059
- Online at: <https://stb2008.weshareonline.org/SMAMonarchMatch>

We prayerfully ask you to support this effort and appreciate your consideration.

**Let's Make It Happen, Monarchs!**



**COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**  
**from 9AM-12PM**  
**Saint Bernadette Parking Lot**

**SUGGESTED DONATION**  
**\$5 PER BOX**

Cash or check accepted.  
Checks should be made out to Saint Bernadette.

**All donations benefit Saint Bernadette's Youth Ministry.**



## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
**Give blood.**

**MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:30AM—12:00PM**

**SAINT MARY ACADEMY GYM**

Saint Bernadette, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, is hosting a blood drive on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Patients and hospitals are relying on the generosity of blood donors. Your donation can help save more than one life.

For this Blood Drive, all scheduling will be made through the Red Cross Website at [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org). Search by sponsor keyword STBernadette then find St. Mary Academy and pick your time to donate. Contact Bill Blevins with the Red Cross at 609-7001 or parishioner, Rita Owens, at 387-7511 or [mthexprt@gmail.com](mailto:mthexprt@gmail.com) with any questions. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the event, contact Rita Owens.