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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.



Dear SMA Families,

In my roles as mom, teacher, campus minister and school administrator, I have learned that listening is one of the most challenging and arguably the least mastered communication skill of all. The ancient philosopher Zeno once said, "We have been given two ears and but a single mouth, in order that we may listen more and talk less." Although it may seem easy enough, listening is a skill I continue to develop each and every day. It requires patience, focus, an awareness of others and an open heart and mind. Above all, listening requires us to set aside our personal agendas, "to do lists", assumptions and opinions and be present to one another.

We have to want to listen to what others have to say and then be deliberate about hearing their message. It is also important to pay attention when we listen. Sometimes conversations, emails and phone calls can be frustrating, challenging and even hurtful. Listening is hard work, but it has also been described as one of the greatest gifts we can give each other - a sign of love and respect. Thank you to the teacher and student who reminded me today to listen and remember the importance of personal conversations.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Kelly

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

Important Dates

- 2/24 – Confirmation Rehearsal @ 1pm
- 2/26 – Confirmation @ 7 pm
- 2/28 – School Liturgy @ 8:15/Monarch Awards
End of 2nd Trimester
- 3/1 – Beginning of 3rd Trimester
- 3/4-3/15 – Terra Nova Testing
- 3/6 – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:15 am
- 3/14 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
- 3/19 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
Feast of St. Joseph
- 3/20 – 5th Grade Parent Lunch @ 11:50
- 3/21 – 11:30 Dismissal/Spirit Wear Day



Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart 2019

The students at SMA will participate in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart event during their regular PE classes the week of February 25 - March 1. Jump Rope for Heart is a community service learning program of the American Heart Association. It teaches children:

- The importance of developing heart-healthy habits.
- That being physically active can be fun.
- That by raising funds to support research and education they help save lives across the country and in their community.



The children have brought home an **OPTIONAL** sponsor form and list of thank you gifts. **You DO NOT need to fill out the permission slip.** Your contributions help fund lifesaving research for heart disease and stroke, the Number 1 killers of children and adults. It also funds educational programs to teach our children the importance of staying fit, eating well and keeping a healthy heart. If you turn in cash or checks, sponsor forms can be turned in to homeroom teachers between now and March 1. Checks are to be made out to the **American Heart Association**. Please email Mrs. Stein (Debbie.stein@saintmaryacademy.com) if you would like to help out during your child's PE class by turning jump ropes and joining in the fun! The last day to turn in the **optional** donations is **Friday, March 1**. For **more information about Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart and to sign up for online fundraising** visit www.heart.org/jump Thank you so much!



Bus registration is now open for students in grades K-8 for the 2019-2020 school year. In March, a \$50 non-refundable fee per family will be charged to your FACTS account for bus registration. If Miller Transportation cannot accommodate your family on the bus, the \$50 will be returned.

As you can imagine, there are a number of factors to consider when establishing routes and stops, and we rely on the officials at Miller Transportation to assist us with this matter. While we try our very best to accommodate as many families as possible, bus transportation is not guaranteed for everyone who requests it. Final routes and pick-up and drop-off times will be determined by Miller Transportation. Service will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

If you are interested in bus transportation for your child(ren) for next year, please complete the necessary information by clicking the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5mnvcwO6ofgfiYdqZuot2cCQT_QtsqRifdBMMAC5JiD6Jig/viewform

TERRA NOVA TESTING MARCH 4-15



Terra Nova testing is scheduled for the weeks of March 4 & 11. All testing will occur Monday-Friday, 8:15-10:30 am the week of March 4 and Monday-Tuesday, 8:15-10:30 the week of March 11. Make-up testing is reserved for March 13-15. Please schedule flexible appointments around these testing dates and times. All students in grades 3-7 will be taking the Terra Nova test and students in grades 3, 5, and 7 will also take the InView. These tests continue our tradition of using valid and reliable data for our educational decisions and work with students. St. Mary Academy will receive test results in late April or early May. Please see the recent Terra Nova parent letter that was sent out through Sycamore for helpful testing tips and strategies.



**Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm
Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30pm**

Information of Kentucky House Bill 205

Kentucky House Bill 205 would create a Scholarship Tax Credit program that would make K-12 tuition at non-public schools, including Catholic schools, more affordable for thousands of Kentucky families. Please use the following link to contact your state representative:

<https://www.votervoice.net/CCKY/campaigns/62878/respond>

It will send you to a page where you can send a message to your legislators. It only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

You can also take a couple of minutes of your time to call your state representative and leave them a message in support of House Bill 205. The phone number is 1-800-372-7181. The operator will help you get the message to the right representative.



As part of the yearly sports volunteer policy, every family who participates in sports at SMA must complete at least one volunteer spot for a sporting event AND one for a fish fry. Please review the fish fry list and sign up ASAP!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445a8ae2ca7f58-2019>



SMA was the division runner up.
Here are the SMA students who placed:

Composition: Katie Falls tied for 2nd
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Arts and Humanities: Katie Falls 1st
Arts and Humanities: Lily Jester 4th
Language Arts: Evan Smith tied for 3rd
Social Studies: Nick Rutledge 1st
Science: Nick Rutledge 3rd
Science: Thomas Meyer 4th
Mathematics: Thomas Meyer 4th
Quick Recall: 4th place



SMA's 7th grade students with Ms. Gish at the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Kick-Off Luncheon at Assumption High School.



Stress, Anxiety & Depression
S.A.D. CHILDREN
Strategies for Parents & Teens

FREE EVENT

**St. Margaret Mary Hospitality Room
March 17th - 3:15-4:45 pm**

For parents of children of all ages with parallel programming for Jr. and Sr. High students. Psychologists Dr. Tony Sheppard and Dr. Zack Thieneman from Groupworks will run separate workshops for parents and teens respectively.

Hear ways to be supported or to support your children, friends or classmates.



Dr. Tony Sheppard
Psy.D., CGP, FAGPA



Dr. Zack Thieneman
Psy.D., CGP

**Altar Server Gathering –
WITH PIZZA!!!**

**For All Current Saint Bernadette and
Saint Mary Academy Altar Servers,
6:15pm Saturday, March 9th**



Altar Servers, please join us for a gathering after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 9th. We will meet, review, and eat pizza! Please RSVP by March 1st through our ministry scheduler or by contacting David Zorn (815-3104; davidz@stb2008.org).

**You're Invited to a Seder Celebration
Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm in the Narthex**



Join us as members of the Jewish Community lead our Saint Bernadette Community in a Seder Celebration. We do not come to this Seder Celebration as a history lesson or as a re-staging of the last supper of Jesus. We come to this Seder celebration just as it is celebrated by the Jews. To do so is to acknowledge our common biblical roots.

This presentation will be interactive and although it will not be a full meal, we will taste various food items that are representative of what the Hebrew people experienced while in slavery in Egypt.

Passover is the oldest festival of the Hebrew liturgical calendar. It has been observed by the Jewish people for more than 3,000 years. It occurs in spring (March-April) and it lasts 8 days. Jesus, as a devout Jew, celebrated Passover every year of his life including the final time at the Last Supper.

Reservations are absolutely necessary – seating is limited to 120.

Register your spot today at <https://www.stb2008.org/sedercelebration>
RSVP by Monday, March 18.

Contact Bob Sugrue at 815-3105 for more information.