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Monarch News

January 25, 2019

*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,

Next week Saint Mary Academy will join Catholic schools across the country in a celebration of Catholic education. The week will include Mass, a volunteer reception, an ongoing collection for the Schuhmann Center, and "Buddy Bingo." Through these events, we will focus on the value of a Catholic education and recognize several stakeholder groups within our school community. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Special thanks to Mrs. Speer and the CSW committee for planning such a great week.

Speaking to participants in the *Gravissimum Educationis* Foundation's conference entitled, "To Educate is to Transform" last June, Pope Francis said, "Catholic education gives soul to our globalized world and radiates the promise of Christian salvation." As I reflect on this statement and my own kids' Catholic school experience, I am reminded of what I believe to be some of the greatest treasures of a Catholic education. Catholic schools provide an opportunity for students to learn God is present and active in their lives and our world. Students are able to recognize the "footprints of God" in their daily experiences and encounters with one another and how to be an instrument of God's love. Catholic schools give students the opportunity to explore scripture through the lens of faith and live the lessons in daily practice. Catholic school students are able to experience God's unconditional love and forgiveness through relationships with their teachers, classmates and families. Catholic schools promote service and help foster a greater awareness of the needs of others. Finally, Catholic schools challenge students to be Christ-like always and in all ways.

Stay warm and 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

(1/28 – 2/1) – Catholic Schools Week

1/31 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am

2/6 – 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Parent Lunch @ 11:45 am

2/7 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am  
Science Fair

2/9 – Evening of Excellence

2/11 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am

2/13 – Class Valentine Parties @ 1:45

2/14 – (P-T-S) Conferences

2/15-2/18 – Winter Break

2/26 – Confirmation @ 7 pm

2/28 – School Liturgy @ 8:15/Monarch Awards  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

3/1 – Beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester

3/4-3/15 – Terra Nova Testing



## LAST CALL for Evening of Excellence Tickets

Evening Under the Stars at the  
**2019 Evening of Excellence**  
Dinner, Auction, Dancing!  
February 9, 2019 at 6:00pm



### **BUY TICKETS HERE!**

<https://stmaryacademy.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list>  
Proceeds from this event fund SMA's  
technology department!

Join us on the SMA Facebook page for sneak peeks on our  
Auction items, a look into what the event has already done for  
the school, and what we hope to fund this year!

<https://www.facebook.com/SMALouisvilleKY/>

If you still have an auction item  
contact Tennille Hicks [tennille@jhagancapital.com](mailto:tennille@jhagancapital.com)  
we need them ASAP!

### **Thank you so much to our Sponsors!**

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## Catholic Schools Week 2019



January 28 - February 1, 2019

Monday, January 28: Celebrating Vocations  
Tuesday, January 29: Celebrating Faculty and Staff  
Wednesday, January 30: Celebrating our Parents  
Thursday, January 31: Celebrating our Community  
Friday, February 1: Celebrating our Students

On Thursday, January 31, all parents, volunteers, and first responders are invited to join us at our all school Mass at 8:15am. We look forward to recognizing and offering special appreciation for these individuals at this time. Directly following the church service, all school volunteers and first responders are invited to a “thank you” reception in the cafeteria.

On Monday, January 28, in celebration of vocations, students may dress like what they want to be when they grow up. On Friday, February 1, students may have a free dress day.

During January 22<sup>nd</sup>– February 1<sup>st</sup>, students will work together to provide items for the Schuhmann Center. The collected items will be gifted to the needy in our area. Please know, the Schuhmann Center and their clients are very appreciative of the support and prayers they receive. The center is in need of the following travel size toiletries and men’s/women’s tube socks: shampoo, soap, lotion, razors, deodorant, Chap-stick, Kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, shaving cream. Later, students will work together to prepare a ‘sock stocking’ filled with these items. All items can be dropped off in designated bins in the school lobby upon student arrival in the mornings.

Thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to celebrating all that is special and unique about our Catholic school.



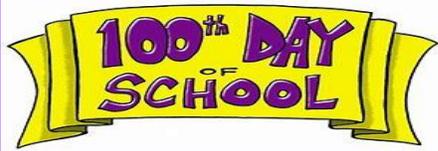
Our next Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Day for Pre-School-8<sup>th</sup> grade students is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Students are expected to attend their scheduled conference with a parent, otherwise they will be counted absent. Students in Pre-School-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with homeroom teachers. Middle school students should meet with 1 teacher of their choice.



Parent Meeting on  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm in the church



Confirmation Rehearsal  
on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm



## 2019 Geography Bee



**Congratulations 2019 Class Winners!**

Saint Mary Academy hosted and competed in the Governor's Cup Academic Competition this past Tuesday and Saturday. We are proud of all of our students who competed and thankful to everyone who volunteered to help make this event a success! Overall, our school placed 2nd, and we received the Hume Sportsmanship Award! Our Quick Recall team came in 2nd in the tournament on Saturday. Also, the following students placed and received metals:

Grace Guernsey--1st in Math

Abby Rutledge--1st in Science & 1st in Social Studies

Elaina Ralston--3rd in Social Studies

Elizabeth Grant--3rd in Social Studies

Erin Hynes--2nd in Composition

Emma Piegols--3rd in Composition

All 6 of these students, as well as our Quick Recall team, which included Brady Davis, Grant Falls, Elizabeth Grant, Christian Kosek, Elaina Ralston, and Abby Rutledge, will be advancing to Regional Competition on Saturday, February 2nd.



## SMA Annual Father/Daughter Event

We want your input! We are considering something new for our Father/Daughter event and we would love your feedback. If you have a daughter at SMA, please follow the link below to complete our survey. This should take less than a minute of your time and we will use the outcome to plan for this year's event!



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMF4XGPjHBZMrqKR2r5QpO6QmpVxyW9vDSRIT\\_8jrbxYafmw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMF4XGPjHBZMrqKR2r5QpO6QmpVxyW9vDSRIT_8jrbxYafmw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1)

## SMA ATHLETICS

SMA Parents,

As a reminder, all families who are participating in SMA sports for this school year need to complete volunteer sessions for each of the following:

**ONE sporting event** hosted by SMA throughout the year by family (multiple volunteer sessions are not necessary but have been appreciated!), **and ONE fish fry**.

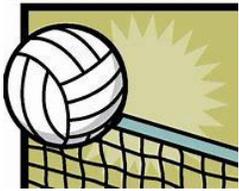
There have been several questions about the volunteering sessions, so here are a couple of points of clarification:

- ONE sporting event per family – this is not necessary by season or by child; you only have to volunteer once per family for the year
- ONE fish fry event per family – same as above
- If you are not receiving emails with the signup genius for volunteer opportunities, please email the volunteer coordinator at [volunteersma8@gmail.com](mailto:volunteersma8@gmail.com). Also please check your SI account to ensure you have the proper email address(es) listed for your family. The volunteer email list was pulled from SI earlier this year.
- There will be additional volunteer opportunities for spring volleyball and soccer. If you have not fulfilled your volunteer obligation yet, please be on the lookout for these.
- Fish fries are approaching, so please be on the lookout for those soon too!
- Per the policy set at the beginning of the school year, if one or both of your volunteer obligations are not fulfilled, a \$100 charge will be assessed to your family's FACTS account.

If you have a question about whether you have met your obligation or not, please contact the SMA Volunteer coordinator at: [volunteersma8@gmail.com](mailto:volunteersma8@gmail.com).

Thank you,

SMA Athletic Directors



### Boys volleyball season is upon us and registration is open for the Spring CSAA season.

Boys of all skill levels are encouraged to register to play. Tryouts are February 19 and 20. The season runs through the month of March and ends by spring break. It is a fun, laid back spring sport for boys. Registration is:

\$75 for grades 5-8

\$65 for grades 3-4

Registration closes February 4 and absolutely no extensions will be offered. So sign up now! To register, go to the SMA Athletics website at <http://saintmaryacademyathletics.com>, click on the big Register Now banner at the top of the page, login and register your son.

Coaches are needed for all grade levels. Please register yourself as a Volunteer/Coach the same way you register your son (just choose you instead of him when doing so).

Email Melissa Bakken, [melissabakken@hotmail.com](mailto:melissabakken@hotmail.com) for general questions about boys volleyball.