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Monarch News

March 1, 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,

Just a couple of reminders and announcements from the front office:

- Congratulations to all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening.
- Lent begins on Wed., March 6<sup>th</sup>. This week our school Mass will take place on Ash Wednesday at 8:15 am.
- Good Luck to all of our students in grades 3 – 7 who will be taking Terra Nova tests for the next two weeks.
- The current forecast is calling for some snow on Sunday evening into Monday morning. In the event that school is delayed or cancelled on Monday, we will not be doing any testing. Additionally, if school is cancelled on Monday, we will have an online learning day.
- Please mark your calendars for Fish Fry Fridays – March 8, 15, and 22.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards will be available to parents on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at noon via Sycamore.

Only four more weeks until Spring Break! Enjoy your 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

- 3/1 – Beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Lunch @ 11:50
- 3/21 – 11:30 Dismissal/Spirit Wear Day
- 3/25 – School Liturgy @ 8:15  
Feast of the Annunciation
- 4/1-4/5 – Spring Break

## Monarch Award Recipients

*The following students are wonderful examples of what it means to be an SMA Monarch!*

**Logan Harris  
Kellen Ralston  
Connor Gowin  
Alex Nguyen  
Erin Hynes  
Jack Wells**

**Kimberly Christensen  
Kalyn Sonne  
Jenna Sutter  
Ava Hendrick  
Riley Hourigan  
Adam Boone**



We would like to recognize our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who received the Sacrament of



**REMINDER!**

*Now Enrolling*

IF YOU HAVE A SIBLING OF A CURRENT STUDENT THAT WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND SAINT MARY ACADEMY, PLEASE CONTACT KRYSI SIMON, ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR, AT 502-315-2555 OR KRISTINE.SIMON@SAINTMARYACADEMY.COM



Ashes will be distributed during Mass on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:15 am. There will not be a school liturgy on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.



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

**TERRA NOVA TESTING MARCH 4-15**



Terra Nova testing begins next week for all students in grades 3-7 and will continue through the week of March 11. We can work together to make your child's experience a positive and successful one!

**Here are some ways you can help:**

- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and arrives to school on time.
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast the mornings of testing.
- Keep it in perspective, be supportive and encouraging, discuss strategies to help them be successful, tell your child to give his/her best effort, have a positive attitude, but don't dwell on it.
- Please send a healthysnack (peanut-free) and water bottle to school with your child each day during these two testing weeks. This will help provide brain fuel!

All testing will occur Monday - Friday, 8:15-10:30 am the weeks of March 4, and Monday & Tuesday, 8:15-10:30 am the week of March 11. Make-up testing is reserved for March 13-15. Please schedule flexible appointments around these testing dates and times. St. Mary Academy will receive test results in late April or early May. As always, thank you for your continued support!



The bus registration deadline for the 2019-2020 school year is Friday, March 1. You can register your K-8 child(ren) at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5mnvcwO6ofgfiYdqZuot2cCQT\\_QtsqRifdBMMAC5JiD6Jig/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5mnvcwO6ofgfiYdqZuot2cCQT_QtsqRifdBMMAC5JiD6Jig/viewform)

**Haiti Collections - Lenten Service Project**

The SMA Junior Girl Scout troop 2120 is working on their **Bronze Award** project. The troop is raising money for our sister parish, St. Louis Gonzaga, and collecting school supplies for St. Veronica. St. Veronica is a boys and girls school in poverty with 300 students. The troop is requesting school supply items such as printer paper, notebook paper, notebooks, crayons, pencils, pens, backpacks, brand new shoes, educational toys (nothing requiring electricity), and empty egg cartons. Collections will begin Wednesday, March 6 through Friday, March 22. Students can place items each day in the box located outside of each homeroom.

**Athletic Volunteer Opportunities**

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 see all the open opportunities available now for boys volleyball and the upcoming fish fries. Additional spots for soccer games will also be coming soon!

**Fish Fries:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445A8AE2CA7F58-2019>

**Boys Volleyball games hosted at SMA:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445A8AE2CA7F58-boys1>



**Our SMA swimmers will be competing in the CSAA Swimming Championships this Saturday, March 2nd, at UofL.**

If you are interested in Coaching Football for St. Mary Academy in the Fall of 2019, its time to sign up. Please sign up on the St. Mary Academy Website. Deadline is March 31st.

Please make a note if you would like to be considered for a Head Coaching Position.



Headed to the March 8th or 15th Fish Fry? Don't forget to purchase a koozie to keep your beverage cold! Not a fan of cold beverages? Don't worry. Spirit wear will be available for purchase too. Support the PTO while supporting Athletics. It's a win for everyone! See you there.



**Saint Bernadette & Saint Mary Academy Rice Bowl Lenten Charity Giving:**

The "Rice Bowl" is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten money donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

**What is a CRS Rice Bowl?** Your children will be receiving the iconic CRS Rice Bowl before Lent which begins Wed., March 6 (Ash Wednesday). This simple cardboard box for your home is a tool for collecting money and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

**When and where should the cardboard containers be turned in full of coins & dollars?** Please bring the Rice Bowls to the Holy Thursday liturgy, April 18, at 7:00 PM in Church or turn them into your homeroom prior to April 18.



**St. Bernadette Cub Scout Pack 308 participated in the annual Pinewood Derby this weekend. The boys each built a wooden car and learn about physics and aerodynamics as they try to build their prize-winning car. Siblings and parents got in on the fun too, and we also had some of our SMA Brownie troop come race their cars as well. Prizes were awarded to top race winners in each den, and those racers went on to the finals. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Pack were awarded to: Charlie Miller, Kellen Ralston, Alexander Flowers, Adam Wells, & William Rothwell. Congratulations to all of our winners and job well done to all of our racers. What a fun day of fellowship!**

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](mailto: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.