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Monarch News

March 8, 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,

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who took the high school placement test back in December. The data compares our students' results with all other Catholic elementary students who took the test. Our kids did exceptionally well, which is a credit to parents and the faculty and staff who have worked with them during their time at SMA. Lots to be proud of and celebrate! Five of our students had a composite national percentile score of 95% or higher. Two students had composite national percentile scores between 90% and 94%. To date, I know of three of our 8th grade students who have received scholarships from their respective future high schools based on their placement test results. And finally, 41% of our 8th grade test takers performed above average scoring a composite national percentile of 76% or higher. Congratulations to our 8th grade students!

**High School Placement Test 2018**

	Arch of Lou Elementary	SMA
Verbal Skills	533	549
Quantitative Skills	523	563
Total Cognitive Skills	527	555
Reading	517	542
Math	498	536
Language	510	525
Total Basic Skills	507	532
Composite	515	541

Have a wonderful 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

**Will My Monarch Be Ready?**  
**By: Julie Atkinson Smith MD**  
**(Parent & School Board Member)**

As a parent of students at Saint Mary Academy, I want to trust that my children are getting the preparation they need to succeed at the next level of education. As a physician specializing in child psychiatry, one of the most powerful tools to help me feel comfortable trusting any developmental process is data. Although data from standardized studies conducted somewhere in the United States is helpful to me, real time data from my own community is even more powerful.

I would like to share some exciting data I just received at the February school board meeting in regards to our students' preparedness for high school. Each year in December, eighth grade students in both public and private institutions across the United States take the High School Placement Test. It assesses basic verbal, quantitative, and cognitive skills as well as achievement in reading, math, and language. It is required for admission to all Louisville Catholic Secondary Schools and helps these schools determine the most appropriate course work and academic path for its students. The Saint Mary Academy Class of 2019 performed very, very, well on this exam. Not only did Saint Mary Academy students outscore the national average on all measures of basic skills and educational achievement, but SMA students also outscored the average of our own community, the Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Elementary Schools!

This real time data from our SMA community brings me comfort knowing my children will be given the tools necessary to succeed at the next level and helps me trust Saint Mary Academy will prepare them for the rigors of high school. I hope you find some comfort and excitement in this data too.

Julie Smith MD  
Parent & School Board Member

### Important Dates

**3/4-3/15 – Terra Nova Testing**

**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 am**

**3/21 – 11:30 am Dismissal/Spirit Wear Day**

**3/22 – Camp Monarch**

**3/25 – School Liturgy @ 8:15**  
**Feast of the Annunciation**

**4/1-4/5 – Spring Break**



8<sup>th</sup> Grade students served as Eucharistic Ministers during Ash Wednesday Mass.

### **TERRA NOVA TESTING**

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!

Students will have the opportunity to participate in Lenten Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, March 12. During their time in the church, students spend time in solitude and reflection as they open themselves to God's grace which flows from the Eucharist.

### 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, new or gently used shoes, 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.

congratulations



**Brant Fannin was one of the top 5 participants in the annual Pinewood Derby. He is so excited as this is his first time competing. Way to go!**

## 2019 Father/Daughter Event

Save the date! Our Father/Daughter event at Camp HiHo is confirmed for May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-5pm. More details to come soon.



If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Nicole Cooper at 502.608.1458.

### Available PTO Positions for 2019/2020 School Year

Plenty of research shows that parent involvement increases student achievement. Come get involved...we have the following positions and events open for next school year and several come with a very minimal time commitment.

**Communications Chair**--What better way to know what's going on than to be the one who holds the information? This role is part of the PTO executive board. You would share PTO communication with our school community via Sycamore, SMA website & PTO facebook group/page. You would also reserve space and take minutes at the meetings; currently there are 4-5 meetings per year.

**Professional development lunches for our teachers**--order lunch (such as pizza or sandwiches), drinks & a snack, set up the day of the event (usually around 11am since these take place on the half days). There are four PD events; you could choose one or all.

**Conference lunch** (October & February)--provide food, drink & snack for the staff who will be present at conference day, set up that morning. There are two conference days; choose just one or both.

**Mother/Son Event**--plan an outing or event that is for SMA moms & their sons. The options are wide open on what you plan (past events have included a movie, Bats game, mighty titans obstacle course & camp hi-ho). The event can take place on or off SMA campus.

**Monarch Business Directory**--gather and maintain our parent/family business directory. Parents and/or families who want to include business and/or service information will submit via an online form during registration and you will compile, and update information throughout the year.

**Box Tops Program**--this is a fundraising program for SMA. You would gather and submit the BT coupons that the students send in throughout the year. There are two submissions dates (October & March) that you would mail the collected boxtops to the company in order for the school to be paid.

PTO does reimburse you for what you spend (each event carries a budgeted amount to work within). You can work alone or recruit a friend to help with any of these activities. Please contact Ashley Lyon ([Lyon.AshleyM@gmail.com](mailto:Lyon.AshleyM@gmail.com)) or Misty Storm ([StormFamilyEmail@gmail.com](mailto:StormFamilyEmail@gmail.com)) if you are interested or would like additional information.

Dear SMA Families,

The annual SMA Fish Fry is near upon us! This is the largest annual fundraiser for the SMA Athletic Department and has funded projects like the new hardwood floors in the gymnasium and the new grass, fencing and bleachers on the football field. There are 2 requests of our SMA families. The first is volunteering. We hope that every family will consider working at least one shift through the fish fry. You can sign up via Signup Genius at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0445a8ae2ca7f58-2019/9140882>.



The second is to come and enjoy the food! The first Fish Fry will be on March 8 (this Friday) from **5:00 to 8:00 pm**. We will again have online ordering and credit/debit card processing! We still accept cash of course. The link for online ordering is <https://stb2008.weshareonline.org/FRIDAYLENTENFishFryOrderForm2019>.

You can use this to either order a drive thru order or to skip the ordering line when you arrive.

**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.

## Attention all Football Coaches!!



**If you are interested in being a Head Coach in the Fall of 2019. Please send an email to Craig DeSensi at [William.c.desensi@medtronic.com](mailto:William.c.desensi@medtronic.com) to express your interest in a Head Coaching Position.**

# CONGRATULATIONS SMA SWIMMERS

SMA finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 21 schools at the CSAA Championships, Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Hayden Beckham** finished FIRST in 5<sup>th</sup> grade 50 yd breaststroke and set a new school record!
- Our swimmers broke a total of 4 school records! Congratulations to all our new record holders:

Event	Name	Time
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade girls 25 yd Back	Brooklyn Ayvazian	18.92
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade boys 50 yd Free	Chase Kuhn	31.83
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade boys 50 yd Breast	Hayden Beckham	37.77
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade boys 50 yd Fly	Alex Kuhn	31.80

- 20 swimmers scored points in their events:

Name	Event
Emma Spengeman	1st gr girls 25 yd. Free
Sofia Cupolo	1st-2nd gr girls 100 yd Free relay
Anne Lyon	1st-2nd gr girls 100 yd Free relay
Livia Masternick	1st-2nd gr girls 100 yd Free relay
Madeline Cahill	1st-2nd gr girls 100 yd Free relay
Caroline Isaac	3rd gr girls 25 yd. Back 3rd-4th gr girls 100 yd. Free Relay
Kimberly Christensen	3rd gr girls 50 yd. Free 3rd-4th gr girls 100 yd. Free Relay
Sarah Haines	3rd gr girls 50 yd. Free 3rd-4th gr girls 100 yd. Free Relay
Brooklyn Ayvazian	4th gr girls 50 yd. Free 3rd-4th gr girls 100 yd. Free Relay
Remy Hourigan	5th gr girls 50 yd. Free

Name	Event
Riley Hourigan	7th gr girls 50 yd. Free
Hannah Christensen	7th gr girls 50 yd. Free
Levi Christensen	1st gr boys 25 yd Free 1st-2nd gr boys 100 yd Free Relay
Grant Ayvazian	2nd gr boys 25 yd. Free 1st-2nd gr boys 100 yd Free Relay
Gavin Jackson	2nd gr boys 25 yd Free 1st-2nd gr boys 100 yd Free Relay
Liam Schmidt	1st-2nd gr boys 100 yd Free Relay
Daulton Beckham	4th gr boys 25 yd Back 1st-8th gr boys 100 yd Medley Relay 5th-6th gr boys 200 yd Free Relay
Chase Kuhn	4th gr boys 50 yd Free 1st-8th gr boys 100 yd Medley Relay 5th-6th gr boys 200 yd Free Relay
Hayden Beckham	5th gr boys 50 yd. Breast 1st-8th gr boys 100 yd. Medley Relay 5th-6th gr boys 200 yd. Free Relay
Alex Kuhn	7th gr boys 50 yd Fly 1st-8th gr boys 100 yd. Medley Relay 5th-6th gr boys 200 yd. Free Relay

## GREAT JOB TO ALL OUR SWIMMERS!!!

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.**



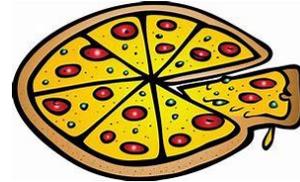
**Dr. Tony Sheppard**  
Psy.D., CGP, FAGPA



**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.