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Monarch News

March 26, 2021

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,

Each week during Lent, we have introduced a "fast" and "feast" focus as a way to grow closer to God throughout our Lenten journey. This week, the students and staff focused on "fasting" from discontentment and "feasting" on gratitude. Some of the things that I am currently grateful for include:

- Mrs. Mary Jo Burke, a former SMA volunteer, who surprised our faculty with a special breakfast in gratitude for all that they do.
- Our teachers and staff who continue to dedicate countless hours to new schedules, the well-being of our students and families, and constantly adjusting and remaining flexible.
- The abundance of in-person learning days we have been granted this school year.
- A kind, positive email from a parent that lifted several of our teachers' spirits.
- The warmer weather and gradually longer days.
- To be a witness of one particular middle school student who always, no matter what, holds the door for each one of his classmates...and the thanks that he receives from them in return.
- The beautiful singing of Ms. Victoria VonBusch and Ms. Gabrielle Keith at our weekly middle school Masses that often brings many to tears.

As I reflect on these "small" moments of gratitude, it makes it difficult to depart such a wonderful community for my upcoming maternity leave. It reminds me that no act of kindness is too small. We are surrounded by so many blessings and gifts from God, even in the smallest moments of each day. I pray that you are able to experience moments like these in your own lives. Focusing on gratitude helps us to become better versions of ourselves.

Please enjoy your Spring Break and the relaxation that many of us need. We look forward to seeing you upon our return.

Blessings,

Julie Speer



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

3/29 - Spring Break Week

4/4 - Happy Easter

4/7 - School Liturgy (Gr. 5-8) @ 8:15 am
11:30 Early Dismissal

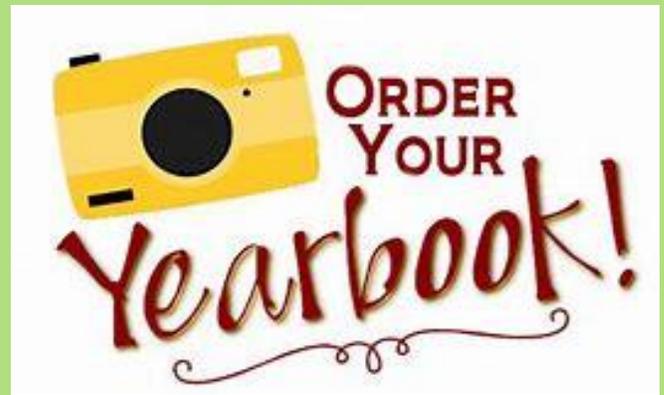
4/8 - School Liturgy (Gr. 2-4) @ 8:15 am

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It's that time of the year again! 😊

Please be sure to order your 2020-21 SMA Yearbook online by March 26th!

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>

Yearbook ID code is:

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SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

School supply kits are available for purchase beginning this week.

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 kits.

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>



Thank you to all of our families who have informed us of your plans to travel over spring break. Please be reminded that if a student travels out of state, s(he) is to quarantine from school for at least five days after you return to town. Students may return to in-person instruction after receiving a negative COVID test administered on at least day 5 after you return. Students who choose not to be tested should quarantine from school for 10 days, returning to in-person instruction on the 11th day. **Negative COVID test results should be scanned and emailed to Mrs. McConnell at mary.mcconnell@saintmaryacademy.com** prior to your child(ren)'s return to school. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.



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