

SAINT MARY MESSENGER

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NINTH ANNUAL WALKATHON

On Friday, May 20, 2011, the entire student body along with numerous chaperones made up of family and friends participated in our Ninth Annual Walkathon. Thanks to the entire St. Mary Community, it was a huge success. Together we raised the highest amount, \$18,236, since the Walkathon's inception in 2003. To celebrate our 2011 theme "Honoring our Police and Firefighters", the entire St. Mary community started the day presenting two \$700 donations to selected charities of both the



Philadelphia Police and Philadelphia Fire Departments at Old St. Joseph's Church. This year the Police Department personally escorted our large group to each walking destination. It was a special treat to walk with our local heroes. Our children then headed into the neighborhood and laid carnations on the plaques of fallen Police and Firefighters at the Memorial in Franklin Square. Each child was wearing a badge with the name of one of the fallen heroes. Did you know that Philadelphia is the only (and therefore FIRST) city to have a combined Police and Fire Memorial? We then visited the Fireman's Hall Museum. There was so much to

see, hopefully you can return to these special places with your child(ren) for another visit. Thank you to all of the family and friends who walked with us in uniform. What a great day for all!

On behalf of the school community, we give special thanks to Jane and Joe Dempsey for their dedicated planning and great success in running the past nine walkathons. As chairs of this special event for the last time, they leave with the largest total funds ever raised for our school. It seems fitting that it began to rain as the Dempseys were presented with two beautiful umbrellas as a memento for all their hard work and success. Thank you, Joe and Jane!

SAVE THE DATE
Tenth Annual Walkathon
Friday, May 18, 2012.



From the Principal



Dear Parents, Alums, Benefactors, Friends of St. Mary Interparochial School,

Nine years ago, we welcomed a group of kindergarteners to St. Mary Interparochial School. I've had the distinct pleasure of watching these students grow from feisty five year olds to very engaged and ambitious graduates, St. Mary Interparochial Class of 2011. During these nine years, these ladies and gentlemen have lived our mission statement

even though we had not articulated it ourselves until about 18 months ago. They have accepted the challenges of rigorous religious and academic programs. They have been formed as Christ-centered leaders. They have prepared for life and work and further education in the 21st century. They are passionate and confident leaders in their own right.

There are eleven boys and twelve girls; 18 of these students are Catholic; 63 % are white; 24% are African-American; 4% are Hispanic and 9% are Asian. Of the twenty-three graduates, thirteen have won scholarships to Archdiocesan and private high schools in the metropolitan area. These scholarships total over \$274,000. Our eighth grade students scored in the top 15% of the nation in Terra Nova testing this past March.

More important than these statistics is the knowledge that these students are thoughtful and considerate of others. They have been active in school outreach programs and seek to help those who may need assistance; two young men have been altar servers at almost every liturgical service we celebrated this year. The class has worked at school events and has participated in team sports since they were able to do so. They have represented St. Mary Interparochial on field trips, at a seder, at Scrabble tournaments, Reading Olympics, and Mathletes. They have created beautiful artwork, danced perfect tangos, and dramatized the earth-changing story of the first Christmas in both English and Spanish.

This class will always hold a special place in my heart. We arrived at St. Mary's together; we were nervous together on that first day. Since that September day in 2002, we've all moved forward and learned as much as we could about ourselves and our peers, about how best to use our talents, about how to teach through example and how to learn something new every day.

As you read the graduates' profiles, you'll be surprised and touched by their advice to incoming kindergarteners. Their insights into what really matters is quite impressive. I congratulate the Class of 2011 and am not at all worried about their future!

Sincerely,



Audrey Litto from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts visited our Kindergarten and First Grade. They learned the difference between Landscapes, Portraits and Still Lives. They looked at and talked about some famous paintings. They reviewed the primary and secondary colors and basic lines and shapes. Then, they got to work creating their own masterpieces! Thank you, PaFA.

Mission Statement

St. Mary Interparochial School challenges its diverse student body to grow morally, academically and socially into passionate, confident, and Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century.



ADVISORY BOARD

On May 17, 2011, the Charter Advisory Board held its final meeting for the school year. All deemed this year a success. The Board and its committee's members worked hard on the strategic plan and this summer several committees will plan for the upcoming year. In early fall a full Advisory Board Summary along and our Annual Report for 2010-2011 will be available as part of our Fall Newsletter. Thank you to all the members of our Advisory Board and Committees for your dedication to the sustainability and viability to our school community.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Class of 2011, St. Mary Interparochial School Scholarship Winners

Isabel Cieri

Bishop Eustace Prep (1/4 tuition)
Merion Mercy Academy (1/2 tuition)
Millay Scholarship to Sts. John Neumann-Maria Goretti HS
Neumann Scholarship (Hallahan)

Lea Comby

John W. Hallahan (\$500 per year)
JCCAA (1/3 tuition each year at Hallahan)

Kieran Dempsey

La Salle College HS (\$6500 per year)
Roman Catholic HS (\$2000 per year)
Bishop Eustace (1/2 tuition)
Millay Scholarship to Sts. John Neumann-Maria Goretti HS

Nicholas DiClaudio

Roman Catholic HS (\$500 per yer)

Amanda Figueroa Diaz

John W. Hallahan (\$1250 per year)

Nia Manns

Little Flower HS (\$2000 per year)
Neumann Scholarship (Little Flower)

Josephine Mensah

John W. Hallahan HS (\$250 per year)

Nicholas O'Karma

Roman Catholic HS (\$500 per year)

Jianna Pappalardo

John W. Hallahan (\$1250 per year)

John Rossi

St. Joseph Prep (Ignatian Scholar)
Roman Catholic HS (\$4000 per year)
LaSalle College HS (\$6500 per year)

Nikolette Wagner

Sts. John Neumann-Maria Goretti HS (\$500 per year)

Melissa Weisman

Nazareth Academy (\$1000 per year)
John W. Hallahan (\$3500 per year)
Sts. John Neumann-Maria Goretti HS (\$1000 per year)

Samantha Wong

John W. Hallahan HS (\$750 per year)

EIGHTH GRADE PROFILES

Congratulations to the Class of 2011

John Rossi

High School: Saint Joseph's Preparatory School
Activities: Baseball, Basketball, Yearbook, Big Brother

Accomplishments: Ignatian Scholar- Saint Joseph's, Scholarship- Roman Catholic, Principal's Scholar- La Salle.

My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience has prepared me for high school.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory was when I graduated to the second floor, because I knew that school was almost over, but had yet to begin.

Future goals: In the future I would like to go to college, and possibly go to graduate school.

Greatest influence in my life: The biggest inspiration in my life is my mom. My mom always supports me, and is my biggest fan.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? Pay attention in class, and listen to the teachers, they know what they're talking about.

Nia Manns

High School: Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts
Activities: Big Brothers and Sisters, Lunch with Santa, Volleyball, Yearbook

Accomplishments: Neumann Scholarship, Little Flower Academic Scholarship

My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience has been fun and full of memories. Fondest memory: My fondest memory of school was the May Procession Mass and Luncheon.

Future goals: My future goals are to earn a degree in theater. I also want to become either an actress or a writer.

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Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life is my mother. My mom always teaches me to do what is right and to follow my dreams and never give up.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? Have a good attitude about school, make friends, and work hard. It will all be worth it in the end.

Kieran Dempsey

High School: St. Joseph's Preparatory School
Activities: Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Coaching Pee-Wee Sports, Guitar
Accomplishments: City All Star 2010 in Soccer, Millay Scholar, Sabres In-house League Sports-manship award 2010

My elementary school experience: I had a very nice elementary school experience. My teachers were great; they were always trying to help me and get me ready for high school.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory in St. Mary was probably kindergarten graduation. All of my family was there and I grew so much closer to my friends of today.

Future goals: My future goals include graduating from University of North Carolina and then receiving my law degree.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life is my brother. I look up to him and hope to be like him.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? I would tell them to listen to their teachers. They are only trying to help you, and most of the time, they are right.

Julian Morgan

High School: Catholic High School
Activities: Sports, BMX, Skateboarding, Serving my Church
Accomplishments: Getting accepted to Roman Catholic, Getting a Job

My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience was meeting a bunch of new people and becoming friends with them, meeting teachers who really care about me and meeting people who I can't stand and learning how to deal with them.

Fondest memory: When my Roman letter came telling me if I would be going to Roman came. I was accepted and I told my dad and sister right away. My dad told my mom that I was denied acceptance. I went upstairs to see my mother crying and then telling her that I was accepted. She said she knew it was a good idea to put me in Saint Mary Interparochial School, because this school really did help me get through this.

Future goals: My future goal in life is to become a videogame designer, tester, or get sponsored by "Machinima", a high paying company that pays people to play videogames. Before I do that I would like to serve in the US Seals or in the Air force as a Gunship Pilot.

Greatest influence in my life: My greatest influence in my life is my dad. My dad has gotten me through everything. He was always there when I needed him.
What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? I would tell them listen to the teachers, do what they say, do your home work. The teachers really are out to help you in every way possible.

Josephine Mensah

High School: John W. Hallahan
Activities: Singing and playing guitar
Accomplishments: I have set a good example for my younger siblings' in terms of education and social activities.

My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience has been a challenging journey in that I have come to realize that I need to pay attention in class in other to get understanding of what is being taught.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory is the birth or delivery of my youngest sister.

Future goals: My future goals are to be a pharmacist singer, and an actress.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life is the taught and advice of my parent.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? The advice I would give to the incoming kindergarten class is for them not give up on anything.

Richard Conway

High School: Roman Catholic High School
Activities: Basketball, Baseball
Accomplishments: Accepted into Roman Catholic High School

My elementary school experience: Elementary school was the best nine years I've ever had.
Fondest memory: Kindergarten Graduation, trip to Washington DC.

Future goals: Make a difference in the 21st century
Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influences in my life are the teachers at St. Mary's. They taught me everything I need to know to thrive in this world.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? Try to feel comfortable in your new school. It must be very tough trying to adapt to the new environment at St. Mary's. Listen to your teachers and they will get you to where you need to be.

Jianna Pappalardo

High School: Merion Mercy Academy
Activities: Volunteer work
Accomplishments: Getting in to all the high schools I applied to and receiving a scholarship from Hallahan.

My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience was going on the Easter egg hunt.

Fondest memory: The annual Spring Fling at the end of the year.

Future goals: My future goals are to graduate from high school, then go off to college, and later pursue my career.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life would have to be my parents.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? To the incoming kindergarten class, my advice would be to listen to the teacher and be ready to learn new things.

Melissa Weisman

High School: Nazareth Academy
Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Lunch with Santa, and Volunteering
Accomplishments: Honors Math, Scholarship offers to Hallahan, Neumann-Goretti, and Nazareth Academy

My elementary school experience: Throughout the years at St. Mary school I have learned many things, especially things about having respect and love for others. There have been many times that people at school have taught me to show others that you care about them and that has helped me to grow as a person.

Fondest memory: The bus to Washington D.C. in 7th grade.

Future goals: My future goals include continuing softball, going to college, and one day to work in a children's hospital.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influences in my life are my friends. Each day they show me how to treat others in the best way. All of them show me how to succeed and show love for everyone.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? Enjoy each year and the time with their friends. I would also tell them not to try to grow up too fast.

Samantha Wong

High School: John H. Hallahan Catholic School for Girls
Activities: Little Brother and Sister, Luncheon with Santa
Accomplishments: Neumann Scholar participant and a scholarship to one of the schools of my choice
My elementary school experience: My experience here at Saint Mary's is very unforgettable one. I remember all the fun things we did as a class throughout these years and hope that my high school experience will be just like it.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory would be when I first came here in first grade and was welcomed with open arms. I remember seeing all new faces and hoping to have a great years ahead of me.

Future goals: My future goals include many of the things everyone would look forward to. I would love to excel in my high school and get accepted into a college of my choice.

Greatest influence in my life: My parents because they've always encouraged me to try my hardest and work to the best of my ability.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? Take on new adventures here at Saint Mary's with all of their charisma and energy.

Amanda M. F. Diaz

High School: C.A.P.A (Creative and Performing Arts)
Activities: Guitar, volleyball, and writing
Accomplishments: Scholarship to Hallahan, accepted to C.A.P.A, and 1st place in science fair
My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience has been fairly well and rather entertaining. Many things happened throughout the years... And now we are finally graduating.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory is my kindergarten graduation. I remember dressing up in a white dress and the boys in small tuxedos.
Future goals: My future goals are to write a play and a novel and to travel the world.

Greatest influence in my life: My greatest influence is my mom. She is the perfect example of a hard worker and is the only person to always be there for me. She loves me and cares for me.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? My advice to the incoming kindergarten class is to Not Be a Follower and not to let anyone get them down. Do what you like and think is right.

Cierra Beckett

High School: George Washington Carver High school of Engineering and Science
Accomplishments: Big Brothers and Sisters
My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience has been fun and exciting. I met new friends who care for each other like family. I have been able to learn about God with my class which is wonderful. My experience has taught me to be a better person and to achieve beyond expectations.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory from Saint Mary is when I first visited the school. Everyone was so nice and I was excited to come to this school after spending the day there.

Future goals: My future goals are to study at Columbia College in New York city. I would like to become a forensic scientist or a bio engineer.

Greatest influence in my life: My greatest influences in my life are my teachers and my family. They both support me and help me to be the best I can be. They have encouraged me and taught me to be the person that I am.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? I would tell an incoming kindergartener to do your best in school and make the best of elementary school because you only go once.

Peter Mattei

High School: Roman Catholic High School
Activities: Big brothers and sisters
Accomplishments: Getting into Roman Catholic High School, learning to play violin, completing eighth grade, gaining all my current knowledge, learn how to speak Spanish.

My elementary school experience: Though there were hard times in my elementary school experience I still had a great time. I will always have the knowledge and memories I have gained.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory of my elementary school was our sixth grade class field trip to the battleship New Jersey. I had so much fun with my friends, it was the most fun I have ever had.

Future goals: My future goals in life are to complete high school, learn to speak German, Russian and Italian, complete college, get a masters degree and a PH.D, and become a violinist.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life is my aunt. She has given me the courage to do so many things and pursue them as well. She never gave up on me and always believed in me.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? The advice I would give to the incoming kindergarten class would be to always focus on your schoolwork and always give everything that you do 100% and never give up.

Phillip Laute

High School: Roman Catholic High School for Boys
Activities: (With school) I volunteered for many school events such as; the harvest hoedown, visitation night, and lunch with Santa. I played basketball and baseball through my years at Saint Mary. (Outside School) I play recreational football, I skateboard, I walk my neighbors dogs, and I sometimes baby sit for the kids on my street, and other than that I'm usually out with my friends.

Accomplishments: My major accomplishment from SMIPS is that I have progressed exceedingly in my grades throughout the years.

My elementary school experience: My Elementary School experience was a very fond one. I am going to miss the teachers mostly. They go out of their way to help students who do not completely understand something, and they like to build a certain trust in their students that they will be the best student that they can be.

Fondest memory: Making good friends and knowing that we are not just the graduating class of 2011, but we are a family that will always remember our great days spent at Saint Mary's.

Future goals: My future goals are to graduate high school and go to college and study law. I want to become a lawyer and put people who deserve to be put behind bars.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life is my father because he sacrifices a lot for me. He does anything he can to give me a good life and prepare me for the future. He works extra hours he just to pay for my school tuition and never complains. Next year he might just have to take a second job just to pay for high school. I just hope and wish that when I'm his age I can be a good father like he has been to me and be able to give my children the best there is to offer.

What advice would you give to the incoming

kindergarten class? Advice I would give to the incoming kindergarten class is to have fun and cease the many opportunities that are given while going to SMIPS. Don't waste your time with any fights with other classmates while you continue to advance in Saint Marys. You should try to enjoy your time hear and get close to your classmates because by the time you graduate you realize that your class is your family, Saint Mary Interparochial School is your family and always will be.

Omar Brooks

High School: Roman Catholic High School
Activities: The activities at Saint Mary's that I participated were playng basketball for the varsity team, volunteering at Lunch in with Santa, and big brother and sister for first graders.

Accomplishments: The accomplishments that I had in saint Mary's were being selected to all stars for varsity basketball and getting accepted to my first choice of high school.

My elementary school experience: My experience at Saint Mary's was very significant. I learned to become responsible for my words and actions. However by doing so I had received knowledge from my education. Also having great friends that are there for me, and being set for high school.
Fondest memory: My fondest memory at Saint Mary's was coming in 1st grade and meeting good friends. However I increased my education over the years.

Future goals: My future goals in life are going to college and expanding my education. However I would like to go to law school so I can become a lawyer. But I would like to become a NBA basketball player and a NFL football player. Also raise a family that I could provide.

Greatest influence in my life: My greatest influence in my life is my mom. My mom provides for me and does thing that I appreciate. However my mom is going to school so that she can become a lawyer so that she can achieve her goal in life.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? The advice I would give the incoming kindergarten class is do your homework but also stay out of trouble and school will be more easier then you think.

Nikolette Wagner

High School: Neumann-Goretti
Accomplishments: Going to All-Stars every year, getting a scholarship to high school, making it through 5 tough years at St. Mary's.

My elementary school experience: My experience here at st. Mary's was tough. You have to come into school everyday with a hardworking attitude. You have to keep up with work to the very end, but my teachers have led me along the way down a good educational path.

Future goals: To go to college, have a successful career, and have a safe and healthy family life.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory was my 7th grade year. Every morning before the doors opened I would sit outside with Mr. Tobasco, whom was our janitor for a long time. We would talk about life and school and he taught me a lot and how to build character.

Greatest influence in my life: My greatest influence in life is my Mom-mom. Her struggles throughout life made her out to be the nicest, bravest, and strongest person ever. She has taught me how to live a good life so far and to take everything I learned in Catholic school with me forever.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? This is to all incoming students; don't take Catholic education for granted. In the long run you will take everything you learned here even though the years are tough and long. The teachers will pull you through when you need help; enjoy it while it lasts because eighth grade year comes, fast.

Nicholas Okarma

High School: Roman Catholic

Activities: Baseball team, volunteer as a "big brother", and year book

Accomplishments: Roman Catholic's "Trustees Scholarship"

My elementary school experience: I really wish I could relive my experience in elementary school.

Fondest memory: Will always be the lovingness of the teachers.

Future goals: I plan to achieve after I graduate from college include being a part-time pharmacist and a full-time realtor.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life would definitely be John Lennon. I feel this way because from learning about his life, I've learned to always strive to be a leader, not a follower, while keeping the peace.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? If I could give any advice to the incoming kindergarten class, it would be "The teacher is always right" -Mr. Stepnowski.

Rachael Hunsberger

High School: Little Flower

Activities: Swimming, basketball, dance, and softball

Accomplishments: My accomplishments are to try my best at everything I do.

My elementary school experience: My experience at St. Mary was fun but can be challenging at times.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory would have to be May Procession. May Procession was a lot of fun for the eighth grade class.

Future goals: My future goals are to graduate high school and go to college for a good job. I wish to be child advocate to help those children in need.

Greatest influence in my life: My parents would be my greatest influence because they always push me to do my best.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? I would tell a kindergarteners to have fun and to be ready for the years at St. Mary. It is a great experience that you will love.

Leah Comby

High School: John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School

Activities: Sports, yearbook, volunteering at school fund raisers, Big Sister, Chess Club

Accomplishments: Josephine C. Connelly Scholarship and Hallahan Scholarship

My elementary school experience: St. Mary's was challenging, but very enjoyable. I will miss going here next year, but I am ready for high school because of my time here.

Fondest memory: May Procession Luncheon.

Future goals: In the future I hope to get a scholarship to college, maybe in a different state, to be a Psychologist. Something I would love to do and look forward to doing in the future is writing a book. I also want to do missionary work. First missionary work here in America, then countries all over the world.

Greatest influence in my life: My Pop-Pop is my main role- model as I grow up. He was a strong and caring person. In situations where I'm not sure what I should do, I can think of what he would do, almost like WWJD. Anybody would've been lucky to have him as a grandfather.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? Although nine years seems extremely long, the years go by really fast. Enjoy every one.

Isabel Cieri

High School: Merion Mercy Academy

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Lunch with Santa, yearbook, Big Brothers and Sisters, and Mathletes

Accomplishments: Half Scholarship to Merion Mercy, Quarter Scholarship to Bishop Eustace, Neumann Scholarship, and Millay Scholar

My elementary school experience: My experience at St. Mary's has been crazy . I've made great friends and learned a lot.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory would be playing baseball for the school.

Future goals: My future goals are to keep on playing baseball and graduating high school.

Greatest influence in my life: My Nan is the greatest influence in my life. I look up to her and she inspires me.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? Enjoy the time they have here because it goes by really fast.

Martino Parente

High School: Roman Catholic

Activities: Baseball

Accomplishments: Playng baseball and graduating elementary school.

My elementary school experience: My elementary school experience has taught me to keep on trying.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory would be playing baseball and graduating high school.

Future goals: My future goals are to keep on playing baseball and graduating high school.

Greatest influence in my life:

The greatest influence in my life are my parents because they taught me right from wrong and learned to never give up.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? The advice I would give to the incoming kindergarten class would be to never give up and keep on trying your best.

Michaela Maloney

High School: CAPA

Activities: Karate, chess club, Reading Olympics, Red Cross Baby Sitting Class

Accomplishments: I got accepted into both of the high schools that I applied to, and got a blue ribbon in the Reading Olympics.

My elementary school experience:

My elementary school experience was something to remember although I was here for nine years it went by so fast I will always remember what I learned here and how much fun we all had.

Fondest memory: My fondest memory was in Kindergarten when Leah and Gabby came up to me and asked me to play with them.

Future goals: My future goals are to graduate from a great college and become a principal in Pennsylvania Ballet.

Greatest influence in my life: The greatest influence in my life is my parents. They have helped me though all the hard times in my life and I and extremely grateful that they are there for me.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? The advice I would give to the incoming Kindergarten is to have fun and use every moment like it's the last because it is not as long as you think.

Martin abyes

High School: Boys Latin Charter School of Philadelphia

Activities: Basketball and baseball

Accomplishments: An accomplishment was that I got accepted into Boys Latin Charter School Of Philadelphia.

My elementary school experience: My school experience at Saint Mary's could be described as a cool and fun experience but had some hard times when the class would get in trouble.

Fondest memory: When I was in fourth grade I introduced Shorty Mcshort Shorts.

Future goals: My future goal is to be a videogame designer or a football player.

Greatest influence in my life: I would have to say that the greatest influence in my life would be my dad because he went through a lot of hard times in his life but he still stayed focused and did well in school.

What advice would you give to the incoming kindergarten class? My advice that I would give to the incoming kindergarten class would be to always do your homework when and how the teacher wants it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fifth Annual Harvest Hoedown

Saturday, October 15, 2011

12 noon to 4 pm

Fifth and Locust Streets



New this Year – Alumni Award

The Harvest Hoedown and Alumni Homecoming will be held on Saturday, October 15th. For the first time, at the Hoedown, a distinguished alumnus will be presented with the Harding Award. As a new tradition, the alumni and school community will honor a graduate of St. Mary Interparochial for his/her service to the community at large. If you would like to nominate a St. Mary Alum, please email alumni@saint-mary.us. Please include the nominee's name, year the graduated and brief description for consideration.

Reading Olympics

After reading fifteen books, the seventh grade team participated in the Reading Olympics competition at Temple University. The competition consisted of three rounds of fifteen questions about the books read. The seventh grade team answered 55 questions correctly resulting in the winning of a blue ribbon. Each student decorated a T-shirt depicting the title of their group - The Literate Leopards. The students' shirts were the hit of the competition. The fourth and fifth grade team competed at the Community College of Philadelphia and came home with a jubilant victory. They rocked the competition and won a blue ribbon with 69 points! The students had a wonderful time and were very proud of their accomplishments.

ST MARY SOFTBALL

A Season to Remember!



The St. Mary Softball team completed a winning season with a record of 5-4 and made the playoffs for the first time since 1995.



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Saint Mary Interparochial School Class of 2012

Religion

Watch the movie The Scarlet and the Black.

Activity One

Keep a diary for one week in the life of Father Flannery. Each day should be at least two paragraphs long. Talk about what was going on in his life, how he felt about the situation and what his plans might be.

Activity Two

Create a movie poster to advertise the movie (paper is included). Make it bright and attention getting that would make people want to see the movie.

Math

Activity One

Since we are working with signed numbers do a time line of your life!!!! Include times that were before you were born (negative numbers) your birth (0) and on. We will hang these up in the classroom. Include artwork and pictures to make it more special for you.

Activity Two

Complete worksheets.

ANNUAL FUND TODAY, TOMORROW AND TOGETHER

Five Reasons To Support

The annual appeal was kicked off in late November with a detailed letter, which can be read on our website, explaining our need for school and community support today, tomorrow and together.

If you have not contributed to our Annual Appeal we ask you to consider these five reasons.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate online at www.saintmarys.us or mail your donation to school.
- Double your impact by checking to see whether your employer will match your gift. Your company's personnel office will know about matching gifts.
- Spread the word about our Annual Appeal to others who, like you, believe in excellent and affordable Catholic education for children of all religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.

1 The Annual Appeal is a yearly fundraising drive that reaches out to local businesses, major corporations, parents, alumni, etc., for the purposes of raising much-needed funds to benefit St. Mary Interparochial School's building and infrastructure. This important fund forms the foundation for all other development efforts.

2 When you make a contribution to the Annual Fund, 100 percent of your contribution will be applied to our general fund.

3 Your support encourages giving by demonstrating to potential donors in the business world that St. Mary's is a viable and worthy institution with the backing of our alumni, parents and friends.

4 By giving to the Annual Fund, you are helping to live out our mission.

5 Of course, the most important reason to contribute to the Annual Fund is the children of St. Mary School, who benefit greatly from all contributions.

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The rich academic and historic heritage of St. Mary Interparochial School dates to the early days of Philadelphia, as Catholics and Protestants engaged in a spirited debate over educational practices. Founded in 1782 by the Jesuit fathers of Old St. Joseph's Church, St. Mary is known as "The Mother School" of catholic parochial education and is credited with influencing Catholic educational patterns in this country. Situated near Independence Hall and other pivotal sites in old Philadelphia, it served children for more than a century before closing in 1902 after a devastating fire. St. Mary's reopened in 1968, again with a distinction: With students drawn from six different parishes, it was the first interparochial school in the nation. St. Mary Interparochial School is situated in Independence National Park and serves 250 children from all over the City of Philadelphia and its suburbs.

History of Saint Mary Interparochial School



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