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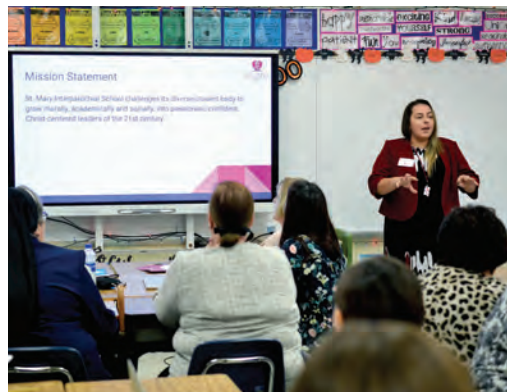
SAINT MARY MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Alumni, Parents and Friends of
Saint Mary Interparochial School

CELEBRATING ONE OF OUR GREATEST RESOURCES



St. Mary Interparochial School is blessed to have a team of hard-working staff and faculty that collaborates and seeks to enrich our student's lives through growth-mindset practices and revolutionary teaching initiatives.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Guardians, Alum, and Supporters of St. Mary Interparochial School,

Happy 2020!

As we step into a new year, I encourage you all to take the time to reflect on this past year and on all of the amazing things God continues to provide

for us daily. One thing that I have reflected on this year is how our amazing students, faculty, staff, community members, and donors always shine their St. Mary light and demonstrate a true commitment to our school's mission, "St. Mary Interparochial School challenges its diverse student body, to grow morally, academically, and socially into passionate, confident, Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century."

Over the past several months, St. Mary Interparochial School has had many exciting lessons, special programs, and immeasurable learning opportunities. Academically, we kicked off our new "STREAM" (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming, which replaced our current technology curriculum. This curriculum shift is the result of current research which suggests that in order to prepare students for the 21st Century future workforce, students need to be complex problem-solvers, critical-thinkers, and creative, empathetic and collaborative team members. Through this refocused K-8 STREAM curriculum, students will develop

the skills needed to be successful through hands-on, project-based, design thinking that emphasizes STEAM learning with the added Religious approach.

We are pleased to report that the Archdiocesan Educational Fund awarded St. Mary a generous grant that supports STREAM programming. Because of this funding, students now have access to mobile STREAM carts which allow for creative and collaborative learning. These carts include Wonder Workshop's Dash and Dot robots; Cubelets; Ozobots; Makey Makey; Osmo; and other technology and makerspace supplies.

The Archdiocesan Educational Fund grant also enabled St. Mary to add a nutritional component to STREAM programming through a partnership with Greener Partners, a non-profit organization with a mission to build healthier communities through increasing and strengthening the access to fresh, seasonal, and local food, especially to those in need; educating individuals of all ages about the origins of their food, and how to grow, cook and eat healthfully; and transforming community health through locally grown food.

Working with Greener Partners, our students learn about health and nutrition, plant biology, gardening, and cooking. Children are introduced to locally-sourced seeds, herbs, fruits, vegetables, and more while creating and tasting recipes together. Within

the peer-based tasting session, students articulate, discuss, and review the recipe and ingredients. This collective, interactive approach to nutrition, diet, and biology are critical in helping children and families make balanced nutritional decisions. Greener Partners allows for an educational structure in aiding in the prevention of childhood obesity, malnutrition, and lethargy.

In addition to working with Greener Partners this year, St. Mary also is a partner with the Global Philadelphia Association in celebration of Philadelphia being designated as the first World Heritage City in the United States of America. Students have been reflecting on their family heritage, their Philadelphia heritage, and their Catholic and/or religious heritages. In addition, our students have been learning more about other cultures and other World Heritage Cities. We are proud to be a partner in education with Global Philadelphia and look continuing to learn more about our heritage and culture.

It is because of these valuable partnerships — as well access to the mobile STREAM carts, 3D printers, Chromebooks, iPads, and the school's robust and unique programming — that our students are building the skills needed to change the world. What's more, our students have the opportunity to solve real-world issues right from their classrooms through our many service learning projects, all designed through the lens of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

As we begin a new decade together, please know that it is through your help and support we are able to continue to offer a quality Catholic education to families from many parishes and zip codes while remaining a crown jewel of education in the city of Philadelphia. Thank you for supporting our ideas and initiatives over the past fifty years. It is our sincere hope that you will continue to share your time, talent, and treasure with the students of Saint Mary Interparochial School. I cannot wait to see what this next decade brings!

Many blessings,

Jayda Pugliese
Jayda Pugliese



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND CHAIR



Much as it is with students, faculty, administration, teachers, alumni, and parents of the school community, the St. Mary's mission statement is at the centerpiece for every action taken by the School Board — "to challenge our diverse student body to grow morally, academically, and socially into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century." But how does the Board work to ensure this mission is accomplished? The answer lies within one of the most important activities we endeavor to perform every five years as a Board: the strategic plan.

Every five years, the Board examines and revisits the pillars of our school tradition and identity: Catholic Identity; the Academic Program; Leadership; Sustainability; Advancement; and Buildings and Grounds. By drawing on the school's rich tradition (dating back to 1782) and looking at the challenges presented in the next five year window, we are able to formulate a five-year plan of specific goals that reflect and expand upon the pillars that make the school the Christ-centered, Blue Ribbon education it is today.

For example, we will look at our Catholic Identity and develop goals that will strive to build upon our strong faith culture, offering further opportunities for faith formation for students, parents, faculty, and staff. In terms of the Academic Program, we will develop goals to maintain and enhance our engaging, innovative, and rigorous

curriculum that inspires faculty, staff, and students to attain results that reflect global demands for success in the 21st century. We will develop a strategic plan to continue the practices of sound financial management, including the implementation of added measures to ensure long-term financial sustainability. We will continue to expand the Advancement program—the engine of the school's growth—based on the successes achieved in the last five-year plan. And we will develop specific goals in response to the Buildings and Grounds challenges facing the school, including addressing the needs of our physical plant in the next five years.

The strategic exercise is an important one, combining "big picture" aspirations with tasks that will be expected to be completed in the next five years. By combining the school's "big picture" vision with specific, actionable tasks, the Board is able to engage in the invaluable exercise of turning aspiration into reality. The process is a collaborative one, and the Board members will work together to combine their experiences, observations, and feedback from the school community so that we may address the most important issues addressing the school in the next five years. No goal is too big, but a list of action steps will be created with one overarching question: What steps can we, as a Board, do in the next five years to ensure that we achieve or get closer to the school's goals? As we work as a Board on behalf of the school community, we will provide a copy of the Strategic Plan to the school community. At the conclusion of the five-year window, we, as a Board, will hold ourselves to task, and see that each of these "action steps" has been accomplished.

The 2020-2025 Strategic Planning process kicks off with the turning of the calendar year, and the Board is eager to engage in this process, just as we did in 2015. As a Board, our purpose is to promote and advance the mission of St. Mary. We are but one part of the St. Mary community, of course, and we work to assist the principal, faculty, administration, students, and the entire St. Mary family, in our efforts to promote and advance the school. As a Board, we are excited as we move into 2020-2025 Strategic Plan window, and embrace the challenge of doing everything in our collective power to support the needs and interests of the St. Mary community.

Best regards,

Michael Detweiler, Esquire

President and Chairman of the Board

Michael L. Detweiler is a member of the Professional Liability Department at Marshall Dennehey where he has defended clients in numerous professional liability and casualty matters. Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Michael was Assistant City Solicitor with the City of Philadelphia Law Department for two years. Michael graduated from Dickinson College in 1998 and from Boston College Law School in 2002. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Michael and his wife Alexandra are parents of two children, Charles and Gisele.

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A CELEBRATION TO FUND OUR FACILITY

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HONORING

MRS. JOANN SULLIVAN
Legacy Leader Award

GLOBAL PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION
Partner in Academic Excellence

Cocktail Attire

On Thursday, January 30, 2020, Saint Mary Interparochial School will culminate Catholic Schools Week with the "Saint Mary Soirée: A Celebration to Fund our Facility." This event, generously presented by City Plumbing, will be held at Union Trust on Chestnut Street. The proceeds from the Soirée will support the improvement of the school's physical plant so that Saint Mary can continue to confidently build the hearts, minds, and futures of our students.

The Soirée will honor Mrs. Joanne Sullivan, recipient of the Legacy Leader Award. Mrs. Sullivan has dedicated her life to the advancement and sustainability of Catholic education, including serving the Saint Mary community for more than a decade as a board member and faculty mentor.

In addition, Global Philadelphia will receive the Partner in Academic Excellence Award in recognition of their year-long partnership

with Saint Mary in celebration of Philadelphia being designated as the first World Heritage City in the United States of America.

Sponsorships begin at \$500. Event tickets are \$100 each (\$75 for Young Professionals, ages 21-25). For more information, and to purchase tickets, please visit www.saintmarys.us/support/st_mary_soiree

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND TICKET INFORMATION

Kindly Reply by January 15th



Individual Soirée Tickets:
\$100



Young Professional Soirée
Ticket (Ages 21 to 25):
\$75



I am unable to attend but
wish to contribute to the Campaign
to Fund Our Facility

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE with the camera on your phone to make payment or mail payment to:
St. Mary Interparochial School
c/o St. Mary Soirée
Fifth and Locusts Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Event details, and Sponsorship/Advertising Opportunities visit http://www.saintmarys.us/support/st_mary_soiree.



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13TH ANNUAL HARVEST HOEDOWN



A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Campo's Cheesesteaks, and all of our sponsors for supporting St. Mary Interparochial School through the 13th Annual Harvest Hoedown! With your help, the Hoedown raised more than \$20,000 to support our students and school community!

This fall fundraiser, which helps kick-off our 2019-2020 Annual Giving Campaign, supports St. Mary STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) Education Programs, and it was a great success. Nearly 700 guests were in attendance, making this our biggest Hoedown to date!



We had many fun Hoedown activities, including a STREAM table, where students created secret messages using cranberry juice and baking soda, and even a disappearing "ghost" science experiment. New this year, we asked our 5th through 8th grades to create games for our game tent. Our classes came up with wonderful and creative ideas, including a ring toss, a photo booth and even "Boo-ling"! Our K through 4th classes made amazing scarecrows this year, with the help of our teachers and Classroom Captains.

We served delicious food from local restaurants, such as Campo's Cheesesteaks, Stogie Joe's, Square Pie Pizza, Organico Pizza, and Las Cazuelas. Thank you to our food donors for providing us with such



great food, and our volunteer bakers who made our bake table a huge success!

Simone A. Fera, Class of 2014, was named our Harding Alumni Award Winner for demonstrating excellence in service to the community. Simone Fera continued to shine her St. Mary's light during her high school days by volunteering countless hours at the after school STEAM programming K-4th, and continues to volunteer at Catholic University. Simone is a true example of our mission statement, which calls us to shape "Christ-centered leaders of the 21st Century."





The St. Joseph the Worker Award was presented to the Aguilar Family for demonstrating exceptional support to our school. Over many years, the Aguilar family has gone above and beyond to help our school community thrive, both personally and through their business, Las Cazuelas, and we are so very grateful. We thank them for their steadfast dedication to St. Mary Interparochial School!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, parent volunteers, donors, alumni, bakers, classroom captains, teachers, staff, students and Harvest Hoedown Committee for helping to make this the most successful Harvest Hoedown yet!



ALUMNI CIRCLE NEWS

Are you a St. Mary Alum?

We'd love to hear from you and add you to our ever-growing Alumni Circle! This will give you the opportunity to connect with your own classmates, but will also give you the opportunity to meet and learn about individuals from other classes. Becoming part of our alumni group is a great way to connect to alumni, old and new.

St. Mary Interparochial has a strong alumni base, as evidenced through our annual Harvest Hoedown Alumni Reunion. This year, over 40 St. Mary Alumni participated in our annual Alumni Service Day at our 13th Annual Harvest Hoedown - the largest turnout to date!

We would like to foster our alumni relationship and make it even stronger by featuring St. Mary Alumni news on our social media platforms. As a new feature, we highlight St. Mary Alumni once a month through our Alumni Spotlight! Submit your Alumni Spotlight News by visiting www.saintmarys.us/about/alumni-circle and join our Alumni Facebook Page by visiting www.facebook.com/groups/smipsalumni. We can't wait to hear from you!

Join the Alumni Circle! *The Alumni Circle is an informal alumni community connecting former classmates and school in a fun and easy way.*

Email alumni@saintmarys.us and provide your name and graduation year



STORM REPORT:

STORM UPDATE 2019-2020

Storm Athletics is continuing the tradition of excellence in the 2019-2020 CYO School year.

Cross Country

Our newest program debuted this fall with the advent of our Cross Country program. Under the leadership of P.J. Gallagher, this K-8 program was a huge success giving children of all grades, ages and abilities the opportunity to run and represent the Storm in CYO Cross Country. It is very gratifying to see a new program open up that allows us to offer the lessons of teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship to our youngest through our oldest student-athletes. Our runners steadily improved throughout the season and several of our runners placed well in districts and regionals. Two of our runners are off to the nationals! Based upon this year's level of interest and success, we expect Cross Country to continue to thrive at Saint Mary's. We owe a big debt of gratitude to P.J. Gallagher, who took on organizing this program single-handedly and made Sunday afternoons at Belmont Plateau great days for our entire school community.

Volleyball

We enjoyed another great season of Girls Volleyball. With coaches Lynn Lopez (Olivia '22) and Chris Isaacson at the helm, St. Mary's dominated the regular season and took home the Region 6 Regular season



title. A tough five-set loss in the Region 6 tournament final did nothing to diminish the hard work and sustained excellence the girls displayed all year long. While we will graduate a steady group of 8th graders, our 6th and 7th grade players (along with some 5th grade reinforcements) will return to take another run at the title next season.



Basketball

Our **VARSITY GIRLS** are looking to repeat as Region 6 champions, led by coaches Lindsay Flood (Ella '20) and Michael Shapson (Maria '20 and Jacqueline '23). The girls are working hard in practice and look to their veteran 8th grade leadership group to continue the winning tradition.

Michael has agreed to coach our **JV GIRLS** this season. Our 5th and 6th graders will have an opportunity to learn the basics of the game while representing the Storm in JV competition.





JV BOYS (5th and 6th grade) are again under the tutelage of Howard Briskin (Oscar '22) and John Paris. Howard and John bring a wealth of experience in coaching, having run youth programs at Murphy Recreation Center for years. Our JV Boys are learning the basics of offense and defense and are already mastering several intricate plays and schemes. Last season, The JV Boys won the Parillo Memorial Tournament.

Howard and John are doing double duty coaching our **VARSITY BOYS** (7th and 8th Grade). The 8th graders gained a valuable year of experience last season and look to improve with another year under their belts and some new talent in our 7th grade class.

The boys are working hard and, as always, will give their best efforts while representing the Storm.



Please check the school website for schedules and results. Our CYO games are a great place to spend a few hours supporting our kids and growing the sense of community at St. Mary's.

Spring Sports

As in years past, we will attempt to offer Baseball and Softball teams for our eligible students (6th-8th grade). We have had a tough time with numbers for these spring sports as many children have baseball and softball commitments to other leagues and clubs. If we get sufficient numbers of players, we will field teams. We have also been approached by commissioners for Softball and Baseball to advise that they will likely field some combined teams from other parishes and schools to afford children a chance to play if their own school or parish does not field a team. As spring approaches, we will update the school community with all pertinent registration information.

Coaching Opportunities

We are always on the lookout for coaches and volunteers to help Athletics. Please check the school website for clearance and accreditation requirements.

As always, sincerest thanks and appreciation to our volunteer coaches, our administration and all of the Saint Mary's community for supporting our student-athletes.

If you would like to volunteer and participate, please contact the Athletic Department at storm@saintmarys.us.

LET'S GO STORM!!!

Harry Kane,
Athletic Director



Harry Kane has been our dedicated Athletic Director for years, and has led our teams to countless victories. St. Mary Interparochial School thanks Harry Kane for his tireless work as our Athletic Director. Go Storm!

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS OF ST. MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL! It is with great honor, that we present the 2018-2019 Annual Report of Gifts. The following pages clearly demonstrate the overwhelming support from our greater school community in making a difference in the preparation of our Christ-centered leaders rooted in God's love. Thank you!

SUMMARY OF GIFTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 2018-2019



iPads and Chromebooks
are utilized by students in K-8 to support our blended learning initiative.

A 2016
National Blue Ribbon School
of Excellence

Implementation of a sustainable **K-8 STREAM curriculum** (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) in order to prepare students to be complex problem-solvers, critical-thinkers, and creative, empathetic and collaborative team members for a 21st-century workforce.

Competitive athletic teams
are organized in cross country (Grades K-8), volleyball and basketball (Grades 5-6)

Our 2019 graduates were awarded over **\$820,000** in scholarships and financial aid.

STRATEGIC GOALS 2015-2020

1. Maintain and enhance our engaging, innovative, and rigorous curriculum that inspires faculty, staff and students to attain exemplary outcomes that reflect global demands for success in the 21st century.
2. Build upon our strong faith culture, offering further opportunities for faith formation for students, parents, faculty, and staff.
3. Address the needs of our physical plant, such that it can support our outstanding educational program.
4. Transition to a Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ), ensuring governance for a strong future.
5. Fully develop the Advancement Office and implement a comprehensive Advancement Plan.
6. Continue the practices of sound financial management, implementing measures to ensure long-term financial sustainability.

ST. MARY AT A GLANCE – 2019-2020

Demographics

Current enrollment	250 Students
Curriculum	Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Co-ed
Gender	135 Girls : 115 Boys
Tuition	\$5,400 \$7,000 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each K student)
Governance	Principal, Pastor Delegate and BLJ
Faculty/Student Ratio	23:1

About Our Students

Catholic Children:	82% of the student body (Children enter from 32 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden and Trenton)
Ethnicity:	11% African-American children; 2% Hispanic children 6% Asian children; 72% Caucasian children 2% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 7% Other; 2% Two or more races
Economics:	Title One School
After School Enrichment Programs:	50% of the student body (participate in our afterschool programs)
Financial Aid:	\$27K from Children's Scholarship Fund; \$108.7K from BLOCS; \$8K from Foundation for Catholic Education; \$8.75K Bridge Education Fund; over \$14K scholarship program; over \$165K in financial aid awarded; St. Mary Interparochial Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program also awards students in need.
Achievements:	Class of 2019 received tuition assistance or scholarships to high school, totaling over \$820,000, 2 Xavierian Scholars to St. Joseph's Preparatory School, 2 Neumann Scholarships, 1 Maguire scholarship and 1 Josephine Connelly Awards.

St. Mary
families received
**\$160,000 in
financial aid**
for the 2019-2020
school year

Over **75%** of our graduates
**qualify for
honors classes**
as high school
freshman

To stay at the forefront
of educational practices, faculty and
staff members attend **regional,
national, and
international**
professional development
programs.

St. Mary is
**fiscally
independent**
of the Archdiocese
of Philadelphia.

Students receive
**Spanish, Art,
Music, and Physical
Education**
instruction in
all grades

**Robust afterschool
enrichment
opportunities**
STEAM • Junior Explorers • Debate • Theater
Future Cities • Girls and Boys on the Run
Industrial Design • Chess Club
Reading Olympics

ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who have generously invested in our students so that they may continue to receive an exceptional academic foundation and solid spiritual formation in the heart of historic Philadelphia.

Each year we strive to list each gift accurately, however, if there is a different way you would like to be acknowledged, please email Betty Montgomery at emontgomery@saintmarys.us. Please provide the way in which you would like to be acknowledged.

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