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The Mission of Saint Mary's Catholic High School is to prepare students for a life of virtue, forming them through an education in the Catholic Tradition to know the Truth and to love God and others.

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A Message From Our Principal

Dear Saint Mary's Families,

The Class of 2011, 162 strong, has completed their course of study at Saint Mary's Catholic High School. Two wonderful evenings of prayer and celebration took place on May 24 – Baccalaureate Mass, and May 25 – Commencement, as the graduates were honored and diplomas bestowed. The ultimate goal was achieved! Congratulations graduates, moms, dads, guardians, mentors, and all – for your prayers, support and encouragement for these young men and women.

Our graduates continue to earn acceptance to quality universities throughout the country, as indicated on page 2. Given the cost of higher education and the attractive academic programs and financial incentives offered by Arizona's universities, many of our graduates opt to remain closer to home.



Two of our graduates, Nathaniel Glenn (far right) and Estevan Wetzel (far left), have been accepted as Seminarians from the Diocese of Phoenix and will be entering the seminary at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, which has prepared priests to serve the Church for more than 100 years. A seminary is a place to go to find out if God is truly calling someone to priesthood, a place of discernment and formation. Please keep these young men in your prayers as they seek to discover whether the priesthood is the vocation God has sketched into their future. Both bring great talent and skill to the task ahead of them. Among their many accomplishments, Nathaniel was a National Merit Finalist and Estevan

served as Student Body President.

One of our graduates, Bryan Bennett, was named as a Gates Millennium Scholar, one of the most prestigious and valuable scholarships offered to high school graduates across the country. The Gates Millennium Scholars program was established in 1999 with a \$1 billion dollar grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Tens of thousands of students apply each year and only 1,000 are awarded the scholarship. This year thirty-nine students from Arizona were selected. Bryan received a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of his choice; he chose Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska where he will begin his journey to become a physician. Bryan will also receive personal and professional development through Gates Scholars leadership programs along with academic support throughout his college career. Bryan is shown with his justifiably proud mother. He will attend Creighton University as the first step on the road to becoming a dentist.



The accomplishments of these three graduates illustrate some of the great things happening on our campus. The stories of success this past school year are many and varied. Page 5 of this issue lays out some of the major events that shaped our year. As we bid farewell to our seniors we are hard at work laying the groundwork for 2011/2012. We look forward to welcoming our returning students and greeting the Class of 2015 as well as our transfer and international students.

SAINT MARY'S SUMMER SCHOOL AND OFFICE HOURS

Summer school hours are: Monday through Friday,
 7:30 am to 12:30 pm
 Office hours for the public are:
 Monday through Thursday, 7:15 am to 3:00 pm;
 Friday 7:15 am to 1:00 pm

KEY 2011-/2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

August 2-3	Locker, Uniform Buy, Schedule Pick-up
August 08	Orientation (Grades 10-12) (8am to Noon)
August 09	Orientation (Grade 9) (8am to 1pm)
August 10	First Day of School (8am to 2:45pm)
August 12	Freshman Parent Dinner/Welcome (6:30-9pm)
August 15	School Mass (Assumption of Mary)
August 16	Back to School Night
August 17	School Photos
August 19	Freshman Dance
September 5	Labor Day (no School)
December 21 to January 3, Christmas Break	



Senior Honors Awards – 2010-2011

Knight and Lady of the Year
Kevin Stanley and Aracely Romero

Valedictorians
Aracely Romero and Brady Laughlin

General Excellence Award
Estevan Wetzel and Danage Norwsood-Pearson

General Merit Award
Gilbert Arvizu and Alexandra Silva

Citizenship Award
Colton Krolak and Kenia Herrera

School Spirit Award
Brianna Nunez and Jacob Ramos

Franciscan Award
Brenda Mallaire, Cheyenne Camarena, Ana Giorlando
Zachary Standerfer, Virgil Artuz, Ethan Graham

Outstanding Athlete Award
Patrick Barefield and Ariel Armendariz

Sportsmanship Award
Gilbert Arvizu and Karina Pacheco

Visual Fine Arts Award
Miles Gallegos and Jennifer Toledo

Performing Fine Arts Award
Ana Giorlando and Paul Arambula

World Language Award
Aracely Romero and Anna Bojorquez-Jimenez

Mathematics Award
Daniel Garrison and Luce-Auriane Kassi

Science Award
Brady Laughlin and Danielle Hawthorne

English Award
Brigido Rocha and Alyssa Holland

Social Studies Award
Chanel Abril and Riley Laughlin

Physical Education Award
Tomas Apodaca and Lourdes Pina

Technology Award
Kaylor Tiffany and Jordan Sanchez

Theology Award
Nathaaniel Glenn and Alexandra Silva

Christian Service Award
Estevan Wetzel and Lourdes Pina



Lady and Knight of the Year
Aracely Romero, Mrs. Fessler, Kevin Stanley



From left, Mrs. Fessler, Salutatorian Brigido Rocha, and
Valedictorians Aracely Romero and Brady Laughlin



General Excellence
Estevan Wetzel and Danage-Norwood Pearson



General Merit
Gilbert Arvizu and Alexandra Silve

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Graduates With Many Choices, Many Opportunities

We have been blessed with the opportunity to share in the lives of some very talented and committed young men and women. We thank their families for entrusting them to our care and express our admiration for the sacrifices made to make a Catholic education possible for these young adults. We wish them all well as they move to the next stage of their development.

More than 95% of our graduates continue their education at either a four-year or two-year school and more than 60% continue their education at a four-year school. Listed below is a list of colleges and universities that have accepted our 2011 graduates for admission. These graduates were offered \$3.9 million in scholarships.

Arizona State University	50	Fordham University (NY)	1	Salve Regina University (IN)	1
Grand Canyon University	15	Franciscan Univ of Steubenville (OH)	2	Santa Clara University (CA)	1
Northern Arizona Univ.	34	Gonzaga University (WA)	1	Seattle Pacific University	1
University of Arizona	29	Hamline University (MN)	2	Southern Methodist Univ. (TX)	2
American University (DC)	1	Hawaii Pacific	2	Texas Christian University	2
Austin College	1	Holy Family University (PA)	1	Texas Tech University	1
Belmont Abbey College (NC)	1	Howard University (DC)	1	Trinity University (TX)	1
Boise State	1	Jackson State University (MS)	1	University of Alabama	1
Cal Stae University (Fresno)	1	Kings College (PA)	1	University of Illinois	3
Cal State University (Northridge)	1	Michigan State University	1	University of New Mexico	1
Cal State University (Sacramento)	1	New Mexico Highlands University	4	University of Oklahoma	1
California Lutheran University	1	New Mexico State University	2	University of Puget Sound (WA)	1
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	1	Ohio State University	1	University of San Diego	2
Carrol College (MT)	1	Penn State University	1	University of the Pacific (CA)	4
Catholic Univ. of America (DC)	1	Pittsburg University (PA)	1	University of Washington	1
Clark Atlanta University (GA)	1	Purdue University (IN)	1	University of Wisconsin	1
Creighton University (NE)	2	Sacred Heart University (CT)	1	Western New Mexico Univ.	2
DePauw University (IN)	1	Saint Gregory's University (OK)	1	Western State College (CO)	1
Drexel University (PA)	3	Saint Martin's University (WA)	1	William Penn University (IA)	1
Elmhurst University (IL)	1	Saint Mary's College (CA)	2	Wooster College (OH)	1
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	3	Saint Vincent College (PA)	1		

Baccalaureate Mass



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Some Highlights from the 2010-2011 School Year

Below find a summary of some of the many learning opportunities and experiences, events, awards, competitions, and celebrations that your sons and daughters, faculty, staff, administration, coaches, and volunteers shared over the past school year. Many thanks to all who participated and to those who helped plan and organize these events including the Saint Mary's Advisory Board, the Saint Mary's Parent Organization, the Saint Mary's Knights Club, all Booster parents, and the many other parents and volunteers who gift us with their time and talents throughout the school year.

Spiritual Formation Experiences and Opportunities:

- Daily Morning Mass –Fr. Robert Bolding, Fr. Kilian McCaffrey
- Students commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers
- Two March for Life trips in January - Washington, D.C. and San Francisco
- Justice for All School Assembly – 18 upper class students trained
- First Kairos Retreat for Saint Mary's students
- Pro-Life Day of Solidarity
- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Nine School Masses – September through May
- New Diocesan Theology Curriculum implemented in grades 9 and 10
- Two graduates accepted as Seminarians for the Diocese of Phoenix

Instruction and Learning:

- Thirty seniors recognized on Honor Board (3.75 GPA+)
- Advanced Placement Program (AP) – 6 different classes, 152 students; Dual Enrollment – 6 different classes, 153 students
- National Merit Scholar, Gates Foundation Scholar, AP Scholar, Regents AIMS Scholarship – 10 students
- Class of 2011: \$3.9+ million in college scholarships offered
- National Honor Society – 26 students inducted; National English Honor Society – 8 students inducted
- Robotics Club initiated on campus
- Eighteen International students –_from China, Japan, Mexico, Korea, Vietnam

School Awards/Achievements

- Gold Award presented to SM at Blood Drive luncheon
- Student Council received the Council of Distinction Award (3rd consecutive year)
- Girls Basketball Team State 5A-1 Champs, received numerous awards; Nationally ranked
- Harmony Dance – first place at Fiesta Bowl competition; performance in Fiesta Bowl Parade; featured on Varsity Zone TV show
- Two students made State Regional Music Competition
- National Essay contest winner

Special School Events and Service to Others:

- Two drama productions; Annual Talent Show; Drama club performances for grade schools
- Key Club - sponsored seat belt safety education days, house painting project, and others
- Two NHS Blood Drives
- Student Council - Smiles of Christmas, Easter Basket Drive, hosted first Diocesan Student Council Leadership Conference, Christmas book drive, St. Mary's Food Bank, Earth Day clean-up project
- CDA Charity Student vs. Faculty Basketball Game
- Honor Band traveled to New York City
- Ballet Folklorico Alegria assembly for Cinco de Mayo

Athletic Achievements:

- Football – 1st round play-offs, Varsity football victory over Brophy
- Girls' Basketball – 5A Division I State Champions; Nike Consolation Champions in the Tournament of Champions; Tournament Champions in Nike Interstate Shootout
- Monthly Student-Athletes recognized by the Athletic Department
- Seven Letters of Intent for Collegiate level athletics

2010-2013 Pastoral/Strategic Plan - April 18, 2011 yearly update meeting; four of eight objectives nearly complete, one of five goals nearly complete.

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Financial Aid Update

The deadline for applications for scholarships funded by CTODP was April 18, 2011. Applicants filing on or before that date will be eligible for CTODP need-based financial aid. Families who missed the filing deadline should nevertheless file a complete CTODP application as soon as possible. This allows us to receive an evaluation of financial need and may permit us to use non-CTODP funding sources to provide some help to families with need. Financial aid from every source requires proof of financial need. Other funding sources may have later deadlines. Applications are available in the Business Office. Help with applications is also available in the Business Office. Please ask for help.

Financial Aid Seminar, July 16, 11:00am

Our Business Office will be holding a financial aid seminar on July 16 at 11:00 am in Piper Auditorium. Parents are urged to attend, particularly newcomers to the financial aid process. The seminar begins after the used book sale described below.

Summer Used Book and Previously Used School Uniform Sale

The Saint Mary’s Parent Organization sponsors a used book and uniform sale in the Cafeteria from 9am to 11am. Please bring small bills and no change will be provided. Please refer to the book list to be sure you are buying a book that will be used in 2011/2012. Please check to be sure used uniform items comply with the school’s current requirements.

**Physicals Offered Saturday, July 30, 2011
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

On Saturday, July 30, 2011, Physico Health Assessments will be conducting sports physicals on our campus. The physicals will be conducted in private in accordance with AIA rules and regulations. Go to www.physico2go.com to schedule an appointment online and to download the history and consent forms. Complete and bring the forms with you on the clinic date. Walk-ins welcome as time permits. If you have any questions, call Physico at 480-510-3075.

Cost: \$25, Payable in cash or money order, no checks

Wear glasses or contacts if you have them. Drink 12 ounces of water before arriving. These physicals satisfy the athletic requirements for the 2011-2012 season in all sports, including our spirit line. We are pleased to be able to provide this service to our student body.

2011 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
August 26	North	Away
September 2	Ironwood	Away
September 9	Basha	Home
September 16	Boulder Creek	Away
September 23	Central	Home
September 29 (Thursday)	Westview	Home
October 6	Maryvale	Away
October 14	Brophy	Away
October 21	Tolleson	Home
October 28	Alhambra	Home
Home Games Still At Phoenix College		