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SAINT MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

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A Newsletter To Keep You Better Informed

“In the Tradition of the Franciscan Fathers and Sisters of the Precious Blood”



Calendar 2004/2005

November

- 6 Harvest Knights - Fundraising Event
- 11-12 **Veterans Day Break - No School**
- 15 On-Campus Blood Drive
- 17 Fall Play – “Little Women” @7 pm
- 19 Fall Play – “Little Women” @7 pm
- 20 Fall Play – “Little Women” @ Noon
- 21 Open House – Noon to 3pm
- 23 All School Thanksgiving Mass
- 25-26 **Thanksgiving Break – No School**
- 30 Advent Penance Service

December

- 8 All School Mass - Immaculate Conception
- 11 Father-Daughter Dinner/Dance
- 14-16 Final Exams – First Semester
- 17 Make-up Final Exams
- 18 **Begin Christmas Vacation – No School**

January

- 3 First Day of Second Semester



Most Holy Trinity Visits the Home of the Knights

Eighth Grade Days A Success

On October 22 and October 29, Saint Mary's played host to more than 500 eighth grade students, to inform them about Saint Mary's as a place to flourish in their high school years. We want to thank all the adults who contributed their time and energy to bringing these great youngsters to our campus to share a day with us.

After an opening introductory session in the gymnasium, our visitors were divided into three main groups, and each main group was then divided into smaller groups of approximately ten students. The groups then rotated through three separate segments in the day - an information session in the gymnasium, a guided tour of our campus, and a question-and-answer session with our students in our cafeteria. We provided a lunch. After lunch, all students regrouped in the gymnasium for our Friday pep assembly.

After the pep assembly, our visitors remained in the gym for a brief slide show presentation that projected their pictures on a large screen, pictures taken throughout the earlier part of their day with us. Pictures of our campus and our students were mixed into the presentation. We wanted our visitors to feel as though they were a part of our student life for a day.

Contractor Wanted

If you have visited our campus, you are probably familiar with the glass block wall that separates the lobby from the staff's working area. We plan to remove this glass block wall. This removal will require a contractor that is set up for metal studs. Inquiries regarding this project should be directed to our Maintenance Supervisor, Ray Ista, at 602-254-6371, ext. 139.

Support Saint Mary's By Supporting CTODP

For the 2004/2005 school year, the Catholic Tuition Organization for the Diocese of Phoenix (CTODP) awarded \$637,620 in financial aid to the families of our students. CTODP is, by far, the largest single contributor to our financial aid program.

Choice in education has never been more important for families than it is today. Fortunately, the Tuition Tax Credit Act allows any taxpayer with an Arizona income tax liability to make payment of up to \$625 to CTODP and receive a tax credit against his/her State income tax obligation.

This means the contribution will cost you nothing, yet it will open the door for a student with financial need who seeks an education at Saint Mary's. Donors also qualify for a federal income tax deduction. Contributions in 2004 will help students in the 2005/2006 school year.

Please keep an eye out for a future mailing requesting support for CTODP. The mailing will provide more detailed information and an easily completed form that will assure that you both benefit Saint Mary's families and receive the proper tax credit. Your payment must be received before December 31 to qualify for the tax credit.



Yearbook Advertising Available

The 2004/2005 school year is underway, and for seniors that means it is their fourth and final year as a Knight. The Yearbook staff invites all parents, relatives, and friends to immortalize your senior's journey through high school, leaving a special message that will endure for a lifetime.

The Yearbook has reserved pages so that parents, relatives, and friends can create a "Senior Ad" that contains pictures, congrats, and words of good wishes and encouragement. Space is limited, especially for color ads, and all submissions will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Color pages are \$230 (Full), \$120 (Half), and \$70 (Quarter). Black & White pages are \$140 (Full), \$80 (Half), and \$50 (Quarter). Color page deadline is Friday, December 10, 2004. Black & White page deadline is Friday, January 28, 2005.

create your layout on a blank sheet of paper and send it to the school, or you can create your own ad on your home computer, using Photoshop or similar software, save it in JPEG format, and either print it on quality photo paper or send Yearbook a copy on a CD of floppy disk. And, for the first time ever, Senior Ads can be placed directly into the official website for the Saint Mary's yearbook:

<https://portal.jostens.com/login.asp>

User ID: 1007264 Password: Knights

The Yearbook has a variety of advertising options, giving you a number of ways to help make this year's edition a wonderful and permanent catalogue of high school memories. "Business Ads" are \$45, which buys a 3" x 4" ad in the El Caballero. The yearbook is distributed to students, faculty, and staff of Saint Mary's. All we need is a business card, a special saying, and your donation. Deadline is January 7, 2005.

For any questions on the various advertising opportunities offered by the Yearbook, contact Jim Libretti at 602-254-6371, extension 222.

A New Outdoor Seating Area

Recent visitors to our campus may have noticed the new park-like seating area near the gymnasium, complete with picnic tables and a desert-friendly landscaping. This "Senior Area" adds a pleasant location for break and lunch get togethers. Many thanks to the parents who helped bring this idea to reality.

Library Renovation

Throughout November, the Library will be getting a much needed facelift. First will come the painting, with the existing pepto-bismal pink being replaced with a pleasant green shade. The red lighting fixtures will be gone, in favor of green fixtures. The walls will be painted with Swiss Coffee (a white shade). Then the carpeting will be removed and new carpeting will be installed. Our Librarian, Mrs. Cathy Clark, will continue to operate the Library, but on a limited basis. Alternative arrangements will be made whenever the Library is unavailable to students before or after school.

DRAMA REMINDER

Saint Mary's Drama Club Presents

"Little Women"

November 17 and 19 at 7pm

November 20 at Noon

Virginia C. Piper Performing Arts Center

More than forty students auditioned for roles in this fall's presentation by the Drama Club, based upon the classic novel of the same name written by Louisa May Alcott, and published on September 30, 1868. Alcott's story of Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy was drawn from the author's own experiences growing up as a young woman with three other sisters. We invite you to share the lives of Alcott's characters as they deal with life during the Civil War. Our cast and crew are hard at work to make this presentation a rewarding experience. Tickets are now on sale in Mr. D'Arcangelo's classroom (Room 38).

Cafeteria Receives Highest Award

The Environmental Services Department of the Environmental Health Division of Maricopa County has awarded Saint Mary's Cafeteria its Gold Seal after a recent inspection. The Gold Seal is awarded only to facilities of the utmost cleanliness. Saint Mary's received a similar award last June. We thank our cafeteria staff, headed by Barbara Walker, and our custodial staff, especially Dennis Rodgers, for making our facility safe and special for our students.

Father/Daughter

Dinner-Dance

December 11

"Daddy's Little Lady Knight"

Mass 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Dance 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm



The sophomore class is sponsoring this year's Father/Daughter Dinner-Dance, one of the very special traditions at Saint Mary's. We hope all Dads mark their calendars and begin planning a "big date" with their special girl. Girls may ask their father, stepfather, grandfather, uncle, or other male adult relative to join them at this festive Christmas season evening. We will be providing details later but wanted to get the news out early.

We could use help with items that would make this evening memorable. For decorations, we could use wrapping paper, tape, mailing tape, ribbon, Christmas tree decorations, lights (preferably white), etc. We could also use some door prize items to spice the night. Think Christmas, let your imagination run wild, and perhaps you can spare a decoration that would have special meaning to your daughter (or your father). To volunteer or contribute to the success of this event, please contact Mrs. Liz Serrano at extension 242.

Girls' Volleyball News

The Lady Knight volleyball team enjoyed a fine season and qualified for the State Tournament. With a new coaching staff, and five new players joining six returning players, the Lady Knights set sail on an adventure that carried them through many tough matches against the State's top teams.

In regular season match play, the Lady Knights went 14-6, finishing 6-6 in the very powerful Desert Valley Region, which had three teams in the State's Top Ten. Three seniors will play their final match for Saint Mary's and we extend our appreciation to Brittany Speier, Aimee Shumway, and Kristina Stewart for their years of play for the Lady Knights.

Golf News

The Lady Linksters finished team competition at the Desert Valley Regional Tournament with a strong fourth place finish out of seven teams. The finish, however, was a heartbreaker. A third place finish would have qualified the team for the State Tournament, a place they missed by only one stroke. Although the team did not qualify for State, two of the girls qualified for State as individuals and we give a big HOORAY for Rachel Hernandez and Mary Beth Fisher. We extend our thanks to senior Mary Beth Fisher for her leadership on a young group of Lady Linksters.

The boys' golf team swung through a successful season and, for the fourth straight year, qualified as a team for the State Tournament. Led by senior Ryan Kelley, the Knights finished fifth out of thirteen teams in a sectional qualifying tournament. We wish all the Knights well in the State Tournament. A special thank you to seniors Ryan Kelley, Matt Newman, Mike Labbe, Casey Carson, and Nick Vester, who will tee it up for the last time as a Knight.

Swimming News

Our Nautical Knights enjoyed a great season of competitive swimming. Our girls posted a 6-5 record and the boys finished at 7-4. Both squads trained with both enthusiasm and dedication, and effort paid off with improved performances.

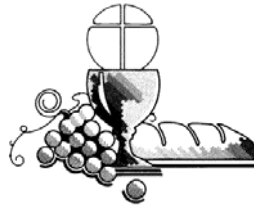
The Knights made a splash at the Desert Valley Region Meet with nine boys and ten girls being finalists in their event. For the boys, finalists were Joe Baldessarre, Max Moorman, Derek Sanchez, Patrick Cardenas, Tyler Glanzer, Nick Pease, Kevin Finley, Brian Cruess, and Theo Torres. For the girls, finalists were Rachel Rodia, Taylor Sanchez, Lindsay Treon, Charli Pronto, Michela Ricci, Aida Soto, Mary Margaret Skelly, Amanda Mehr, Cindy Reynolds, and Lauren Forrester.

As we go to press, nine of our swimmers are headed for the State Meet: Derek Sanchez, Patrick Cardenas, Joe Baldessarre, Nick Pease, Tyler Glanzer, Rachel Rodia, Charli Proto, Lindsay Treon, and Michela Ricci.

We want to congratulate all our swimmers for a job well done. In particular, we want to thank our seniors for their years of service to the swim program; Lindsay Treon, Derek Sanchez, Joe Baldessarre, and Nick Pease.

The Year of the Eucharist

Submitted by Andrea Martinez
Parent Organization Spirituality
Committee



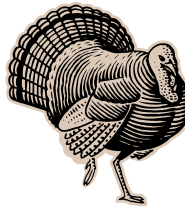
Thank you to everyone who joined Saint Mary's on October 17 for the celebration of Rosary Sunday in honor of Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This marked the 150th anniversary of the teaching of the Church that Mary was free from original sin from the first moment of life in the womb of her mother. October 17 also marked the beginning of the "Year of the Eucharist" as proclaimed by our Holy Father.

"By contemplating with greater perseverance the Face of the Incarnate Word, truly present in the Sacrament, they (the faithful) will train themselves in the art of prayer and undertake that high standard of Christian living, an indispensable condition for effectively developing the new evangelization. From this moment I entrust to the Virgin Mary, "Woman of the Eucharist", this new initiative. May the one who in the Year of the Rosary helped us to contemplate Christ with her eyes and her heart, enable every community in the "Year of the Eucharist" to grow in faith and love for the mystery of the Body and Blood of the Lord." *Pope John Paul II, Angelus, June 13, 2004.*

"The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of Christian Life. All of the sacraments and all the ministries of the Church flow toward and around the Eucharist. It is a sacrificial meal in which we commune with Jesus himself and are renewed with grace and food for the journey of the apostolate. We should ask Mary, who prepared herself so profoundly for the reception of Jesus at the incarnation, to prepare us for receiving Jesus in our hearts." *Teen Catechism, Fr. Alfred McBride.*

Mary's example can lead us into a deeper and more profound understanding of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at mass and in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Thanksgiving – A Day for Prayer



The Thanksgiving custom originated in 1621, when Governor Bradford of the Plymouth colony appointed a day for public praise and prayer after the first harvest. The first national observance was when President Washington, at the request of Congress, recommended Thursday, November 26, 1789, to the people of the United States "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God". In 1863 President Lincoln made his first proclamation, naming the last Thursday of November as a day of national observance, which President Johnson also selected in 1867 and President Grant in 1870. Since then there has been no change, the last Thursday in November being named in each year's proclamation.

PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

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**Reminder of A Very Important
Event in November**

**Open House for prospective students
and their parents:**

**Sunday, November 21, 2004
Noon to 3:00 PM**

**Entrance Exam For
Incoming Ninth Graders:**

**Saturday, January 8, 2005
Make-Up Examination
Saturday, January 22, 2005
7:45 AM**

A \$35 testing fee will be charged.



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