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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

February

- 9 All School Mass – Ash Wednesday
- 12 Fashion Show – Fundraising Event
- 15 Junior Day of Recollection @ Saint Mary's
- 21 **President's Day Holiday – No School**
- 23 **Faculty In-Service – Early Dismissal - 11:30**

March

- 11 End of Third Quarter
- 19 Freshman Registration Day
- 24-31 **Easter/Spring Break – No School**

April

- 1-3 **Easter/Spring Break – No School**
- 4 Return to School
- 6 Report Card Night – 4 pm to 7 pm

Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 4

** Saint Mary's will celebrate all school mass in preparation for Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, January 27.

** Saint Mary's students and staff will pray the rosary each day during the week, with Freshman on Monday, Sophomores on Tuesday, Juniors on Wednesday, Seniors on Thursday, and the entire student body on Friday. Special prayers will be read during morning prayer to set the appropriate atmosphere for that day's rosary. Students and staff will all receive a special rosary to assist with this event throughout the week.

** Saint Mary's staff will celebrate a staff mass and breakfast on Tuesday. Breakfast is being organized by the SMHS Parent Organization. At the breakfast, staff members will be presented with a special pin from the administration that has the theme of Catholic Schools Week - "Faith in Every Student" - engraved on it.

** Saint Mary's students will celebrate with an all-school lunch on Wednesday and an all-school breakfast on Friday.

** Selected members of the Catholic Formation classes and various staff members will participate in the Diocesan mass at Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral on Thursday.

2005-2006 Course Selection Process

Saint Mary's will soon begin the course selection process for the 2005-06 school year. The sequential order of steps that will occur prior to finalizing student schedules will include: (1) dispersing information to parents regarding their students, (2) allowing for current teachers to communicate with their students (and parents as needed) regarding proposed student course selection for next year, (3) allowing for counselors to meet individually with students (and parents as needed) to assist with course selections, and (4) allowing departments to review student course selection lists to make sure students have been appropriately placed (and to communicate with students and their parents as needed).

It will be critical for everyone to emphasize the expected rigor required of students selecting honors, co-enrollment, or AP courses for next year. Information about this process will be mailed to parents and dispersed to students in the near future. Everyone's positive participation in this process will assure our students of the best possible schedule for next year!

School Calendar & Seven-Period Schedule Committee

Saint Mary's has formed a committee to review input from parents, students, staff members, and advisory board members regarding the calendar for future years and the seven-period schedule. Specifically, the committee will oversee the creation of 2005-2006 calendar, the creation of a three-year calendar for the 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09 school years, and the creation of a seven-period schedule for the 2006-07 school year. Parents will be represented through the SMHS Parent Organization. Information will be dispersed to the school community continually as the process proceeds.

Lenten Reflection

From the Parent Organization Spirituality Committee

As we approach Lent, let us be reminded of the call to Prayer, Fasting, and almsgiving during this season. Here is a wonderful prayer to meditate upon during Lent as well as being tied to Saint Mary's Franciscan heritage.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love with all my soul.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

Annual Parent Retreat February 5, 2005

The Spirituality Committee of the Parent Organization invites all parents to join us on Saturday, February 5, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Lenten day of renewal. This event will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel followed by a continental breakfast. This Lenten retreat will focus on the theme: "The Prayer of St. Francis".

We will have several excellent presentations and time for reconciliation and adoration. Our guest speaker will be Donna Killoughey Bird, 2004 Chair of the Diocesan CDA program. Donna and her family have established a scholarship in memory of her husband, Gary, lost in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. Also presenting will be Raúl Espericueta, President of Esperança, a local non-profit international health organization. Raúl has addressed more than 40,000 Catholics this past year as the mission speaker for many parishes across the country.

This is our second annual retreat and we hope that many of you can come. The cost is a donation of \$5 to cover the expenses for refreshments and materials. Please RSVP to Andrea Martinez by email at ajmartinez7@yahoo.com or by phone 480-966-8147. Guests are welcome. Hope to see you there!

RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL BY OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

"FAITH IN EVERY STUDENT" CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Date: Thursday, February 3, 2005

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Capitol Building Lawn/Mall

Special Guests this Year:

**Bishops from the Diocese of Phoenix,
Tucson & Gallup**

Saint Mary's will have a delegation at this important event. We are asking parents to join us and to arrange a visit with your legislators to urge their support for our Catholic school system.

On February 19, 2005, Herve Lemire, a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Phoenix, and a theology teacher at Saint Mary's, will be honored by the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor. The celebration of this honor will take place in Guaymas Sonora Mexico where Deacon Herve has served with the Friars Minor for many years.

At the recent request of the Provincial Ministers of both the Santa Barbara Province based in California, United States and the Junipero Serra Province based in Sonora, Mexico with the members of their respective definitories, The Most Reverend Jose Rodriguez Carballo OFM, Minister General of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor, has authorized that Deacon Herve Lemire be vested with the habit of Saint Francis and made a member of the Order Friars Minor as a Friar Brother, by mutual adoption.

A good description of the honor that Deacon Herve will receive was given by Father Joseph Chinnici OFM, when he served as the Provincial Minister of the Santa Barbara Franciscan Province.

"Some of us choose to enter our community and solemnly pledge to remain steadfast in our pursuit of Saint Francis of Assisi's ideals... to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Others, however, do not enter our religious community as official members but have chosen to place themselves, their talents and resources at our disposal. So much so, in fact, that they are an extension of us as we strive to serve our brothers and sisters around the world.

We express our gratitude and esteem by affiliation, that is, by engrafting them as it were, into our province and into our religious order.

They then become in a very special sense our brothers and sisters by mutual adoption: they adopted us; and we adopt them!"

Deacon Herve Lemire was given the Franciscan Service Award in 1990 and was made a member by affiliation of the Franciscan Province of Santa Barbara in 1994.

March of the Living 2005 Auschwitz Sixtieth Anniversary

From Matt Taylor, Social Studies Teacher

The "March of the Living 2005" will take place on the sixtieth anniversary of V-E Day, May 8, 2005. Along with others from the Diocese of Phoenix, I will be marching through Auschwitz, the most notorious death camp during WW II, to celebrate life. I view this as an opportunity to grow as a human being. It is also an opportunity for me, as a teacher, to witness first hand a part of our past and allow me to better communicate to students, so they never forget, the atrocities of WW II. But the March is also a celebration – a celebration of life. While we should never forget the past, it is time to learn from these experiences (for some) and to reflect on history (for others). I feel honored and extremely fortunate to be able to attend this upcoming event.

Congratulations Brother Herve Lemire OFM

PROJECT GRADUATION UPDATE

Thanks to those who attended our ProjGrad meeting on January 26. We continue to hope for even more involvement by senior parents and renew the invitation to join us in putting together a great night for our soon-to-be graduates.

Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Parents -- Do you know you can be involved in Project Graduation 2005 right now. We need volunteers for many committees and what better way to be ready for your student's Project Graduation night then get involved now so it won't be a last minute learning experience. If you would like to work on Project Graduation 2005, contact Bob Lieber, President, Project Graduation 2005, at projgradsmks@aol.com or call him at 602-544-0986.

We have lots of tasks, and one may be perfect for you. We have the following committees that may interest you:

- Food Committee
- Door Prizes/Raffle/Gift Committee
- Decorations Committee
- Chaperones/Security
- Activities Committee

For those who may not be familiar with ProjGrad, it is a night of food, fun, swimming, and games at Kiwanis Park in Tempe following the senior commencement ceremony. ProjGrad is supported by the Diocese of Phoenix, keeps the class together that memorable evening, and offers a tobacco, alcohol and substance free party. This is also Saint Mary's 11th year in sponsoring ProjGrad.

Senior Parent Reminder: We have approximately 70 Project Graduation 2005 packets in the school office that need to be picked up if your student is going to attend the Project Graduation 2005 party at Kiwanis Park after commencement on May 20.

You may contact Bob Lieber, President, Project Graduation 2005 at ProjGradSMKS@aol.com or call him at 602 544 0986 to offer help or ask additional questions.

Selective Service Registration

Federal law requires that every male U.S. citizen and male alien residing in the United States must register with the U.S. Selective Service System within 30 days of his eighteenth birthday. Also, seventeen-year old males are encouraged to register early. The fastest and easiest way to comply with the law is to access registration via the internet at www.sss.gov.

Registering with the Selective Service System does not mean that you are joining the military. Registration provides the federal government with an accurate list of males who might be called to military service if a return to the draft is authorized by Congress or the President.

Men who register with the Selective Service remain eligible for important benefits linked to student loans and grants for college, employment by the federal government, many state programs, and the U.S. citizenship application process.

Reminder On Financial Aid For 2005-2006

DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2005 DO YOUR TAX RETURN EARLY!!!



Our financial aid program begins with the completion and filing of the CTODP application form, which will be mailed to parents in early March. This CDODP form must be completed and filed on or before April 15. Because a copy of your 2004 Federal income tax return must be attached to the CTODP application form, parents are strongly urged to work on their income tax filings as early as possible.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 23, 2005
6:00 PM

Knights of the Roundtable
Hall of Fame Dinner
Wyndham Phoenix Resort
100 North First Street, Phoenix, AZ

HONOREES:
Ray ('75) and Ernestine ('74) Arvizu
Michael Tiffany ('57)
Sr. Anna Rita Deland
Tom Reilly
Herb ('50) and Betty Bool

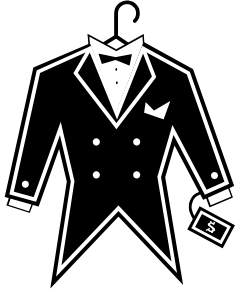
Details will follow in the March issue.

Bring on the Eighth Graders

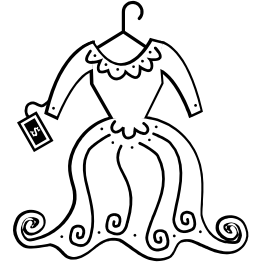
We gave our Entrance Exam on January 8 and January 22. Under a new Diocesan policy, test takers at any Catholic high school were allowed to request that test scores be sent to a total of three schools. Any school requested as a first, second, or third choice by a test taker received the mailing address for that test taker. We have sent enrollment information to all of these test takers, no matter where they took the Entrance Exam.

If you know of any eighth grader who took the Entrance Exam at any high school, please be sure the family understands that additional paperwork is required before the student can be considered for admission to Saint Mary's.

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Saint Mary's Hosts Fashion Show
"Knights of Romance"
Saturday, February 12, 2005
Phoenix Country Club



Saint Mary's High School will host its second annual fashion show on February 12, 2005, at the Phoenix Country Club, 2901 North Seventh Street in Phoenix. The event takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The event will feature a luncheon with honored guest and speaker, Adele Ashworth, acclaimed Avon romance novelist. Adele will be available for a book signing. Our emcee will be celebrity comedian Lewis Dix. Saint Mary's students, faculty, and staff will model fashions from Dillard's, Azteca Bridal Formal Wear, and the Saint Mary's Spirit Shop.

A silent auction and raffle will take place. A boutique will also be offered, perfect for taking care of shopping for Valentine's Day. The raffle includes a two-night stay at the Across the Creek Resort at Aravaipa Canyon and multiple drawings every half hour for \$100 cash.

Tables for ten are available at \$650, \$550, and \$450, and individual tickets are available at \$65, \$55, and \$45. Please contact the Development Office for availability at 602-254-6371 ext 173. Seating is limited.

The event promises to be an affair to remember! If you are interested in helping put together this fantastic event, or donating an item for the auction, please contact our event Chairs, Pam Tercero at 623-939-5050 or Vicky Gonzales at 623-872-0391. Volunteers are needed in many areas.

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