



OCTOBER 2006

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 2006/2007

October

- 4 All School Mass - Feast of St. Francis
- 4 College Process Night for Juniors – 6:00pm
- 6 Eighth Grade Visitation Day #1
- 6 Homecoming
- 11 **Staff Development (Noon Early Dismissal)**
- 12 Diocesan Youth Festival (see below)
- 13 **Diocesan In_Service (No School)**
- 16 **Fall School Holiday (No School)**
- 18 All School Test Day – **Seniors have no school**
- 24 NHS Blood Drive On Campus
- 25 Report Card Night – 4pm-7pm
- 26 Freshman Day of Reflection – On Campus
- 27 Eighth Grade Visitation Day #2
- 31 Winter Sports Tryouts and Practices Begin

November

- 1 All School Mass – All Saints Day
- 10 **Veterans Day - No School**
- 13 SMPO College Night (6:30-8:00pm)
- 16-18 School Play – “Fractured Fairy Tales”
- 17 **Staff Development (Noon Early Dismissal)**
- 19 Open House for Prospective Students – Noon-3pm
- 22 Walk-a-thon
- 22 **Thanksgiving Break – Noon Early Dismissal**
- 23-24 **Thanksgiving Break – No School**

Note from the Attendance Secretary

Just a reminder. A student is considered LATE TO SCHOOL for first period if he or she misses less than one-half of the first period; a miss of more than one-half of first period is considered an ABSENCE.

A student is allowed only 5 Late to Schools each semester. A detention is given after 5 Late to Schools and one more detention is given for each additional Late to School.

Please try to arrive on time. The first bell rings at 7:55am. Students should be in their seats in the classroom at 8:00am.

Late arrivals and tardies disrupt the classroom and interfere with the learning process for all students. We urge all parents to support us in our efforts to enhance our educational atmosphere.

Please call Liz Jenkins at 602-251-2501 with any questions or concerns.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY - OCTOBER 12 Student Attendance Required

On Thursday, October 12, students from the six Catholic high schools will be attending the first ever Diocesan Youth Day in Phoenix to be held at the US Airways Center from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This Diocesan event is an official school day and is not a free day to be absent. Attendance will be taken at US Airways Center and students are expected to arrive between 7:30am and 7:45am dressed in their school uniform. Saint Mary's is covering the registration fee, but each student should bring \$10 for lunch, which will be served at the Center. Transportation to and from the Center is the responsibility of each parent/guardian. Because of parking limitations, students driving to the event should bring additional money to cover parking costs (if needed). Saint Mary's will not be providing any student transportation for this event. Please use carpool as much as possible.

The event promises to be a joyous celebration of the strength and powerful witness of our young people, shared with thousands of fellow youth.

If you have any questions about this special upcoming event, please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Garibaldi, SMHS Campus Minister, at (602) 251-2506.

BISHOP THOMAS J. OLMSTED
invites you to
PHOENIX DIOCESAN

SOUTHWEST YOUTH FEST

*Your word is a lamp to my feet,
and a light for my path.*
Psalm 119:105

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

**Matt Maher
Righteous B
Judy McDonald
Renee Bondi
Fr. Billy Kosco**

10.12.06 8AM-3PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ENLIGHTENMENT
WWW.DIOCESAPHOENIX.ORG/YOUTHMINISTRY
US AIRWAYS CENTER PHOENIX ARIZONA

How Parents Can Help Us Spread the Word About Saint Mary's

For the third year in a row, Saint Mary's has prepared a booklet that is designed to acquaint the public with the plans and programs of Saint Mary's. Just below you will find a portion of the brochure discussing the curriculum structure of our academic program. This booklet is distributed at our Open House on November 19. We have posted this booklet to the school's website. If you ever need to provide information to people with an interest in Saint Mary's, we recommend downloading a copy of this booklet and printing a copy for them. Go to our website (www.smknights.org), then click on the "General Information" button, and then click on St. Mary's Overview. The booklet downloads as a pdf file.

We recognize that our website needs some work and we have set out to make improvements during this school year. Please be patient. Nevertheless, much of the information on the site has been updated for the current school year and efforts are being made to keep this information current. For example, the "Academics and Guidance" button provides access to our current course descriptions under Academics and our current admissions calendar under Admissions. The "General Information" button gives access to current information on our tuition and financial aid policies, and snapshot facts on many topics of interest to those wanting to know more about Saint Mary's. The Campus and Community section includes a number of photo essays on events during the 2005/2006 school year.

2006/2007 Brochure Excerpt: Curriculum Structure and Choices

[An excerpt from the booklet described above]

Saint Mary's offers a college preparatory curriculum that satisfies the admission requirements of the most selective universities. For students with exceptional academic skills and high motivation, we now have in place an Honors Curriculum capable of challenging the most gifted student. We also offer an Advanced Curriculum for students desiring an accelerated program and, for the more typical student, we provide a Regular Curriculum designed to meet Arizona university admissions requirements. For a limited number of students, we supplement the Regular Curriculum with elective courses that reinforce basic skills. Some students take many Honors or Advanced level courses while others take only a few, depending on their aptitude and willingness to work. We work with parents to create a course of study that meets the skills and ambitions of each student. Recognizing that students are not confined to any one curriculum, the following illustrates several examples of courses of study.

<u>Honors Curriculum</u>	<u>Advanced Curriculum</u>	<u>Regular Curriculum</u>
<p><u>Freshman Year</u></p> <p>English 1-2 Honors Geometry Honors Biology 1-2 Honors Spanish 1-2 PE/Health Theology 1-2 Elective</p>	<p><u>Freshman Year</u></p> <p>English 1-2 Honors Algebra 1-2 Honors Biology French 1-2 PE/Health Theology 1-2 Elective</p>	<p><u>Freshman Year</u></p> <p>English 1-2 Algebra 1-2 Physical Science Spanish 1-2 PE/Health Theology 1-2 Elective</p>
<p><u>Sophomore Year</u></p> <p>English 3-4 Honors Algebra 3-4/Trig Honors Chemistry Honors Spanish 3-5 Honors Geography/W. History Honors Theology 3-4 Elective</p>	<p><u>Sophomore Year</u></p> <p>English 3-4 Honors Geometry Honors Biology 1-2 Honors French 3-4 Geography/W. History Honors Theology 3-4 Elective</p>	<p><u>Sophomore Year</u></p> <p>English 3-4 Geometry Biology 1-2 Spanish 3-4 Geography/W. History Theology 3-4 Elective</p>
<p><u>Junior Year</u></p> <p>AP English Language & Composition MAT 187 (Precalculus) One of 3 AP/Honors Science Courses Spanish 6-8 Honors AP US History Theology 5-6 Elective</p>	<p><u>Junior Year</u></p> <p>English 5-6 Honors Algebra 3-4/Trig Honors Chemistry Honors French 5-6 Honors US History Theology 5-6 Elective</p>	<p><u>Junior Year</u></p> <p>English 5-6 Algebra 3-4/Trig Chemistry US History Theology 5-6 Elective One Elective Two</p>
<p><u>Senior Year</u></p> <p>AP English Literature & Composition AP Calculus AB/MAT 221 One of 3 AP/Honors Science Courses AP Spanish Language AP US Government Theology 7-8 Elective</p>	<p><u>Senior Year</u></p> <p>ENG 101-102 MAT 187 (Precalculus) One of 3 AP/Honors Science Courses US Government/Free Enterprise Theology 7-8 Elective One Elective Two</p>	<p><u>Senior Year</u></p> <p>English 7-8 Algebra 5-6 US Government/Free Enterprise Theology 7-8 Elective One Elective Two Elective Three</p>

Respect Life

By Andrea Martinez
On behalf of the Spirituality Committee

On October 1, we celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday in our parishes. This calls to our attention the true meaning of protecting life at all stages. Here is an excerpt from the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the issue of abortion as compiled by Priests for Life; see below for a link to the complete references.

2258 'Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.'

2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.*

2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: *You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish. God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.*

2274 Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.

2275 'One must hold as licit procedures carried out on the human embryo which respect the life and integrity of the embryo and do not involve disproportionate risks for it, but are directed toward its healing, the improvement of its condition of health, or its individual survival. It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material.'

See www.priestsforlife.org/magisterium/catechisonabortion, which includes all of the footnotes and complete references. See www.priestsforlife.org; www.rachelsvineyard.org; and www.silentnomoreawareness.org. Visit the Diocese Respect Life Office for additional references and local resources at <http://www.diocesephoenix.org/lifeissues/abortion.htm>

Freshman Officers

September saw the election of officers for the Class of 2010, a spirited group of new Knights. Each office saw multiple candidates, which is a good sign for future leadership.

Congratulations to those who won the support and confidence of their classmates: Candice Fraley – President; Katie Barr – Vice President; Miranda Estrada – Secretary; and Zach Sanchez – Treasurer.

Reminder On Christian Service

The Varsity Spirit Line organized a Christian Service opportunity that saw a number of girls serve meals to the homeless at the Andre House: Bridgette Gore, Demi Null, Marissa Piasecki, Nikki O'Connor, Stephanie Martinez, Alexis Verlinde, Kristen Buhrow.

André House is a ministry to the homeless and poor populations of the Phoenix area. Located in the heart of the Capital Mall District, Andre House makes its services available to hundreds of people in need every day. André House was founded by two Holy Cross Priests in 1984, combining elements of the [Catholic Worker](#) movement with the charism of the [Congregation of Holy Cross](#). It dedicates its efforts to serving Jesus through others, as we are challenged in the Gospel: "I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you welcomed me. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you took care of me. I was in prison, and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36)



Student Council News

During the week of November 13 we will be having a Scholastic Book Fair. The proceeds will benefit future Student Council activities. Look for more information in weeks to come!

Student Council is pleased to announce that Saint Mary's will be hosting the [2006 Smiles of Christmas](#) event on our campus on December 5. This event will take place during regular school hours, and will be bringing approximately 250 high school students from around the Valley to be matched up with 250 underprivileged elementary school students from Edison Elementary for a day of Build-a-Bear, visits with Santa, and a picnic lunch with snow to play in. The theme of our event is "A Christmas Teddy Bear's Picnic." This is considered to be one of the largest student led charity events in the State of Arizona. Various Saint Mary's clubs will be sponsoring a mitten/glove and toy drive. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR

"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE HALL OF FAME" NOMINATION DEADLINE ~ NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Please submit your nomination for the Hall of Fame.

If you know of a Saint Mary's graduate or a Friend of Saint Mary's who over the years has greatly contributed to our school or community, now is the time to submit a nomination to the Hall of Fame. Categories are:

**Outstanding Alumni -- Outstanding Faculty -- Outstanding Coach
Outstanding Athlete -- Outstanding Knight -- Outstanding Humanitarian
Outstanding Businessman/Public Administrator -- Philanthropist**

This year's event will be held on April 21, 2007 at the Phoenix Wyndham Hotel.

You can access a nomination form on our website, www.smknights.org, click onto "Calendars and Events" then "Upcoming Events". You may also contact the Development Office at 602-251-2508 or 2509.



ANNUAL WALK-A-THON – NOVEMBER 22

Saint Mary's will conduct their annual Walk-A-Thon on Wednesday morning, November 22, 2006, with early dismissal before our Thanksgiving Break. This is a mandatory fundraiser for Saint Mary's students. All students will be receiving their collection envelopes in November. Each year, this has proven to be a fun-filled event for our students and staff. This year should be no exception. What a better way to start the Thanksgiving recess than a gathering of our Saint Mary's student family.

Knights of the Future Fashion Show Coming February 10, 2007

Committees are forming for the 4th annual fashion show "Knights of the Future." This year we will host the event at the Phoenix Wyndham Hotel in downtown Phoenix. Many exciting ideas are forming for this event and you can be a part of it. Call Helen Condit at 623-687-0120 for volunteer opportunities.

It is never too early to send in donations. We could use small and large items. Gift cards, dinner certificates, etc. can be placed with many different items to create wonderful baskets. Airline tickets, game tickets, basket ideas such as romance, family that prays together, etc., are welcome donations. Donations can be made in the Development Office or you may call 602-251-2508 for donation pickup.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE – OCTOBER 24



The National Honor Society is once again sponsoring its Fall Blood Drive. It is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school's Gym. Any member of the Saint Mary's family, including parents, students, graduates, faculty and staff members, over the age of 17, are welcome to participate. You can also donate blood at any United Blood Services Center. Just write in Saint Mary's High School under the organization column when you sign in. Your donation can save several lives. For further information contact Mrs. Vietri, NHS advisor at 602-251-2554 or jvietri@smknights.org

Reminder On Yearbook Senior Ads Deadline October 27, 2006

The Yearbook staff has reserved pages so that parents, relatives, and friends can create a "Senior Ad" that contains pictures, congratulations, 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 \$300 (Full), \$185 (Half), and \$100 (Quarter). Black & White pages are \$250 (Full), \$160 (Half), and \$75 (Quarter). Deadline is October 27, 2006.

The Yearbook submission process has three steps: (1) select the size and layout color; create your layout by placing photos and writing your message on a blank, quality piece of paper; and (3) mail or deliver your ad, order form, and payment to Saint Mary's, attention Christina Sanger.

The Yearbook is also accepting business ads, using the same pricing and submission procedures. Contact Christina Sanger at 602-251-2560 or via email at csanger@smknights.org

**Report Card Night
Wednesday, October 25, 2006
Gymnasium – 4:00 to 7:00 pm**

THE HISTORY OF THE SAINT MARY'S GYM

We would do well, at times, to revisit some of the events that exemplify the spirit and character of Saint Mary's. Although old timers may be familiar with the history of the gym, our later Knights and Lady Knights may not be familiar with the debt they owe to a group of men and women who truly made a difference in the history of the school.

The Saint Mary's gymnasium is a tribute to several of mankind's greatest attributes; generosity, imagination, perseverance, loyalty, and the highest form of friendship.

In 1988, when the old Saint Mary's was razed to make room for the Arizona Center, the school moved to its present location, renovated existing buildings, and constructed a multi-purpose building to house administration, classrooms, and a cafeteria. Financial constraints, however, prevented the school from building a gymnasium; a new facility, estimated to cost \$1.2 million, was beyond the school's means.

Enter Roger Spade, a graduate of Saint Mary's and a mill shop owner, who galvanized an effort to pursue a rather unconventional solution to the problem. Nearby Girard Catholic High School had closed, leaving behind a prefabricated metal building that had housed its gymnasium. Spade contacted a contractor who agreed to relocate the steel superstructure to Saint Mary's at no cost. Pulling together a core of volunteers into the effort, Spade then began creating a gym from parts of other buildings from all over the Valley and beyond.

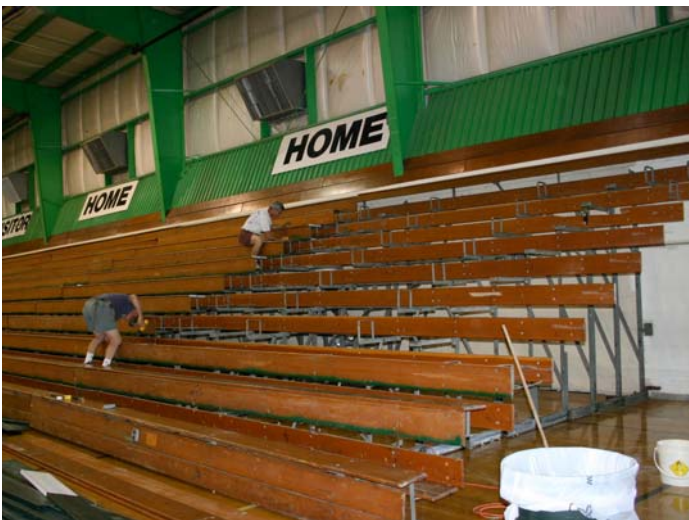
Total funding for the project was \$400,000. A \$100,000 gift from a charitable foundation was matched by general contributions, and the Diocese provided a loan of \$200,000. The balance of the project cost came from in-kind donations and volunteer labor.

In-kind donations seemed to come in just when they were needed. A broken water main flooded Camelback High School's gym and the school's athletic program couldn't afford to take the time to dry out the maple floor. The insurance company agreed to donate the wet wood to Saint Mary's, and the use of a temporary warehouse was donated in order to allow the floor to dry out. Another soon to be demolished Phoenix school was the source of lights, scoreboards, and backboards. A building gutted by fire was the source of 36,000 pounds of tile for the locker rooms and showers donated by an alumnus. The elevator came from another alumnus.

In all, some 20,000 volunteer hours were spent building the gym, seventy percent of which was constructed from reused materials. In the words of the then Development Director: "It's bits and pieces from all over that miraculously turned into this absolutely gorgeous facility. There is probably 30 or 35 different buildings from the Phoenix area that were recycled into our gym. For under \$400,000, we ended up with a \$1.4 million gymnasium."

The entry to the gymnasium contains several awards from Federal and local government agencies for our "environmental recycling" efforts. Also, a photo documentary of the work of many volunteers is available for viewing. True to the traditions of the school, the center court of the old gymnasium in downtown Phoenix is above the entry to the floor to the new gymnasium and the cornerstone of the old gymnasium stands across from the new cornerstone; these two connections to the past join the arched front door entry to the old school that was reconstructed at the entry to the new campus.

This past summer Saint Mary's invested in the future of our gymnasium by changing the bleachers from the prior "splinter factory" to a modern, efficient green product. Although the black-and-white pictures don't fully convey the improvement in the bleachers, the gym definitely sports a new look, a look that does justice to the efforts of all those who labored so hard and so long to bring a gymnasium to our campus.



Splinter Factory



New Green Bleachers

The Life of a Golfer

Submitted by Coach Robert Kelly



Having a conversation with senior Mark Newman is a lot like watching him play golf when he's on top of his game. It's relaxing. It's serene. It's good for the vital signs. But underneath all that tranquility, one senses that something significant is about to happen. There is a sense of dedication, even of doggedness, lurking in the vicinity. And that's how Mark sums up

what he sees as his greatest strength as a golfer. "I think it's my determination," he said. "My ability to get my score back to where it should be whenever I mess up. I know what a golfer has to do, so I just go do what I have to do."

This determination was in evidence in Yuma early in September. Playing in the Criminal Classic - a two-day event hosted by Yuma High School - Mark walked away with the medalist honors. But it didn't come easily. Noah Cook, a sophomore player from Highland High School in Gilbert, forced a playoff. Mark secured the championship, sinking a 10-foot birdie putt on the third hole of sudden-death play. "I wish I could have won it outright," he later told a Yuma reporter. "That upset me. But I had to put all that behind me and focus on my next tee shot."

But Mark is not all about Mark. Far from it. When asked what he found most rewarding about this golf season, his last at St. Mary's, he took a walk on the community path. "It's the team," he said. "The team is doing so much better. We're winning matches. We're doing well in tournaments. And there is all that coaching. You can put that in, too."

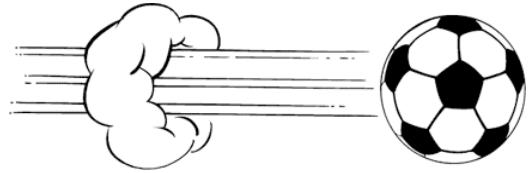
No kidding! He really said that.

Success for Girls Golf

The St. Mary's Girls Golf Team is off to a tremendous start this year. The Lady Knights are 13-2 this season and claimed the title earlier this year at the Phoenix City Tournament. The team is lead by Senior Alex Erb and Junior Michelle Arbagey. Erb and Arbagey have been the individual medalist twice apiece this year in team matches and Arbagey was the individual medalist at the Phoenix City Tournament. The Lady Knights will continue to march on this season toward the Regional and State Playoffs which take place in late October and early November. The team is looking forward in its attempt to make the state tournament for the second year in a row. Great job and continued luck to the Lady Knights golf team.

Volleyball – Game, Set, Match

Our Lady Knights have given notice that they are a force to be reckoned with this year, posting an 8-2 regular season record through September 28. Please support this exciting team as they enter a crucial part of the season and the march to the playoffs.



A Word About Winter Sports

Saint Mary's offers a number of fine athletic opportunities during the winter season for both boys and girls. Basketball has a varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams; soccer participates at the varsity and junior varsity levels. Tryouts and practices begin on October 30, 2006. Anyone needing information on the Saint Mary's sports program should contact Mr. Ric Moreno, the Athletic Director, or Linda Schmaltz, Secretary.

If your son/daughter is planning to try out for a winter sport, prior to tryouts the parent and student must (1) complete a Physical/Permission form (a new form is required each year) and (2) complete a Transportation form, signed by the parent and notarized. Each form must be filed with the athletic office before October 6, 2006. The forms are available in the front office.

If the student makes the team, a number of things need to be done before issuance of uniforms. We urge parents to complete the required paperwork as soon as possible in order to avoid a flood of last minute paperwork just before the start of the season.

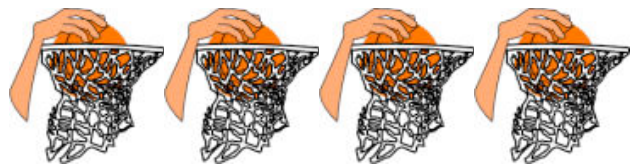
1. A student must have on file in the office a copy of his/her birth certificate. [This should have been done at the time of enrollment.]

2. Each student and parent/guardian should sign and date the last page of the Athletic Handbook/Code and return it to the front office.

3. Any prospective athlete who has transferred to Saint Mary's from another high school, from September 1, 2005 to the present, must see Mr. Moreno or Mrs. Schmaltz for clearance to participate in an AIA sport. Transfer students are not eligible to participate unless certain procedures are followed. Not following proper procedures would result in penalties for the school, the athletic department, and the transfer student.

4. If a student receives a failing grade for the First Quarter, he or she is not eligible to participate in an AIA sport for the balance of the First Semester. Eligibility will be restored if the student achieves all passing grades for the First Semester.

5. A sports participation fee of \$135 per sport is payable on or before November 10, 2006. [Ask about multi-student discounts for children of the same family playing sports during the winter season.]





Please support our Cast
Role, Name, and Grade

Fairytale Courtroom

- Judge – Alex Hoskins 12
- Bailiff – Colin Laughlin 11
- District Atty – Rebekah DiBianco 12
- Wolf – Vince Yearack(12
- Pig #1 – Victoria Munson 9
- Pig #2 – Hailey Rons 11
- Pig #3 – Emily Schuler(9
- Red Riding Hood – Katie Siesco 12
- Grandmother – Erin Murphy 10
- Boy – Chris Salazar 10
- Badger – Paul Baker 12
- Short Order Chef – Chris Perez 11
- Defense Atty – Tim Hintze 11
- Scarecrow – Burt Kudray 12
- Flying Monkey – Louie Martinez 12
- Dorothy – Stephanie Martinez 12
- Witch – Jessica Chavez 11
- Hansel – Patrick Taylor 9
- Gretel – Erin Murphy 10
- Sleeping Beauty–Monica Salazar 11
- Snow White – Kaitlin Tanner 12
- Prince – Tommy Cunningham 11
- Dwarf #1 – Victoria Bonani 9
- Dwarf #2 – Alberto Gonzales 9

Sleeping Beauty

- Prince Charless – Tim Hintze 11
- Princess Rose – Victoria Bonani 9
- Frankie/Beast – Louie Martinez 12
- Snow White – Kaitlin Tanner 12
- Puss 'N Boots–Stephanie Martinez 12
- Headless Horseman–Colin Laughlin
- Wicked Faerie – Jessica Chavez 11
- Igor – Alberto Gonzales 9
- Good Witch – Katie Siesco 12
- Faerie Godfather – Vince Yearack 12
- Vinnie – Chris Salazar 10
- King – Tommy Cunningham 11
- Queen – Monica Salazar 11
- Town Crier – Erin Murphy 10
- Step Sister – Kristi Hintze 9
- Step Sister – Madison Berry 9
- Real Estate Lady - Rebekah DiBianco 12
- Dwarf – Chris Perez 11
- Dwarf – Dallas Escobedo 9
- Palace Member – Patrick Taylor 9
- Palace Member – Paul Baker 12

Fall Drama Turns to Fractured Fairy Tales

The Drama Department has geared up to bring laughs and chuckles to our community with a look at the legal side of some classic fairy tales. How bad was the Big Bad Wolf? Is he innocent or guilty of gobbling up Grandma? How wicked was the Wicked Witch? Will the jury let her off or will it be off with her head? Two offerings seek the answer to these questions as the lead character gets put on trial for alleged crimes and misdeeds. A third offering turns Sleeping Beauty and the Beast upside down and explores what happens if Prince Charming is, in fact, Prince Charmless.

New Students -- Some Key Dates

Eighth Grade Days

Friday, October 6, 2006

Friday, October 27, 2006

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

(Please call for reservations)

Open House for Prospective Students and Their Parents:

Sunday, November 19, 2006

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

Entrance Exams For Incoming Ninth Graders:

Saturday, January 6, 2007

Saturday, January 20, 2007

7:45 AM

A \$35 testing fee will be charged.

CTODP Tuition Tax Credit Amount Increased to \$1,000



For the 2006 tax year the maximum credit for married couples will be \$1,000, single taxpayers will be \$500. A contribution to the Catholic Tuition Organization is one of

the best “investments” you can make. You can receive a dollar for dollar tax credit when you file your Arizona income tax return. So, it costs you nothing to participate. In addition, since the Catholic Tuition Organization is a non-profit charitable organization, any amount donated above the tax credit amount may be claimed as a charitable deduction on both the Federal AND State tax returns.

For the 2006/2007 school year, the Catholic Tuition Organization for the Diocese of Phoenix (CTODP) awarded more than \$851,000 in financial aid to the families of our students. CTODP is, by far, the largest contributor of financial aid to our families and plays a very important role in helping Saint Mary’s continue to serve its historic mission of serving families from widely different backgrounds.

We hope that the increased credit amounts will give even more students the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic education at Saint Mary’s! We hope you will consider becoming a sponsor and giving even more than you will receive in tax credit.

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OOPS – I GOOFED

In the September issue, I incorrectly stated that the Sixth Annual Steve Beltran Golf Tournament would be held on a Thursday. It will, of course, be held on a Saturday. For information, call 480-588-6773 or e-mail ebeltran@redtee.org

SIXTH ANNUAL STEVE BELTRAN MEMORIAL RED TEE TOURNAMENT

October 21, 2006

McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale

KNIGHTS FOOTBALL NOW ON INTERNET RADIO

www.audiosportsonline.net/Knights/Football.htm

Alumnus Anthony Perez (2001) now broadcasts al Knights football games over the internet. If you can't make it to the game, you can still follow the Knights. Anthony has three years of experience broadcasting sports events while working at ASU's campus radio station. Now Knights football is available worldwide.

A PRESENTATION FOR ATHLETES AND THEIR PARENTS "RECRUITING REALITIES" – IT'S A GAME, KNOW THE RULES OCTOBER 24 – 7:00 PM – SAINT MARY'S GYMNASIUM

On October 24, at 7:00pm, in our gymnasium, we are sponsoring an event that is a "must attend" for our athletes, their families, and our coaches. Jack Renkens has been speaking on the subject of recruiting in all of its aspects for a long time, and he does so in a way that is informative, educational, and entertaining. Here's what other Athletic Directors have said about this presentation:

"In 39 years of coaching, I have never heard a more valuable and informative discussion on the recruiting process. Mr. Renkens goes beyond myth, hearsay, and rumor to the very core of how students are 'actually' recruited. He talks about pitfalls that recruited athletes can fall into and the opportunities that are largely overlooked. If you are a prospective college athlete or the parent of one, you will be glad you attended this seminar." Joe Schrag, Athletic Director, Topeka West H.S., Topeka, Kansas

"The key to Jack's success is his ability to translate a mass of information into common language for everyone to understand. He cuts through the myths and delivers clear cut facts about the recruiting process to parents and students that simply want the truth. His combination of humor and his years of experience in the game gets his message across effectively." John Magrino, Athletic Director, Dr. Phillips H.S., Orlando, Florida

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