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SAINT MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

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--GREEN STREAK--

A Newsletter To Keep You Better Informed

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



Calendar 2007/2008

September

- 3 **Labor Day – No School**
- 12 AZ College Visitation Day – 1:00-2:45pm
- 14 Staff Development – Noon Dismissal

October

- 4 All School Mass-Feast of St. Francis
- 5 **Diocesan In-Service – No School**
- 8 **Fall Holiday – No School**
- 9-12 Homecoming Week
- 12 Eighth Grade Visitation Day #1
- 17 **All School Test Day – Early Dismissal**
Seniors have no school
- 19 Rivalry (Brophy) Day
- 19 **Staff Development – Noon Dismissal**
- 24 First Quarter Report Card Night – 4pm-7pm
- 25 College Night for Junior Parents – 5:00-9:00pm
- 26 Eighth Grade Visitation Day #2

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The Saint Mary's Parent Organization publishes an annual school directory. The information is provided to students and their families. Each student's information includes parents or guardians names, address, and telephone number.

YOU MUST OPT OUT IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY.

To remove your information from the directory, you must either (1) fill out the form for Directory Contact Information (available in the school office) or (2) contact the Saint Mary's Parent Organization via email at smparentorg@smknights.org or by telephone at 602-251-2546.

The deadline for removing directory information is Friday, September 14, 2007.

Editor Notes

The Green Streak is a near-monthly publication addressed to the families of current Saint Mary's students. We hope to bring you timely information regarding many aspects of the school and highlight accomplishments of our students. We welcome any suggestions for inclusion in any issue. Ideas for the Green Streak can be submitted to treilly@smknights.org

Each issue of the Green Streak is posted to the school's website, where it can be viewed in color. The print edition is in black & white to keep costs low while serving as a means of communication within our community.

***** Important Reminder for Seniors *****

The deadline for submitting senior graduation portraits for publication in the 2008 Saint Mary's Yearbook is Friday, October 5. All yearbook portraits must be taken at Duke Studios, 2810 North Seventh Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. There is no charge for the portrait sitting. However, seniors and their parents will be offered the opportunity to purchase a portrait package if they so desire. Seniors should have received mailers from Duke outlining the various packages and respective costs. Once again, seniors who wish only to have their portrait published in the yearbook incur no charge for the sitting. Appointments can be made by calling Duke at 602-265-2065.

Coming Soon At A School Near You – See Page 5



Left: Entrance to Virginia G. Piper Education Center. Right: Auditorium

Some Opening Day Facts About Saint Mary's

As of August 20, we had an enrollment of 847 students (up from 842 students last year). We have 231 freshmen (versus 250 last year), 220 sophomores (up from 210), 203 juniors (down from 208), and 194 seniors (versus 174 last year). Our staffing and resources were based on a planned enrollment of 860 students.

Average class size remain at the low levels achieved last year when we moved to a seven period day. Although we make every effort to design a master schedule with balanced class sizes, student class requests always result in several classes being larger than we would prefer and others being smaller than anticipated. Average sizes by discipline:

	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2006/2007</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2004/2005</u>	<u>2003/2004</u>
English	23.97	25.06	26.19	27.19	29.80
Math	24.11	24.12	26.87	25.50	26.47
Science	22.15	23.06	26.36	25.86	25.93
Social Studies	25.58	23.66	23.00	24.93	27.62
Theology	27.00	25.76	27.97	27.50	26.80
Foreign Lang.	21.39	21.47	23.32	23.48	26.25

We have 430 boys and 417 girls. Last year we had 420 boys and 422 girls. Our freshman class has 128 boys and 103 girls.

Over 87% of our students are registered members of a Catholic parish.

Our freshman class comes to us from 101 schools (up from 83 last year). Six of our freshmen are newcomers to the Valley. Fifty-seven freshmen are the only student coming from their eighth grade school. We blanket the Valley.

Our student body continues to be culturally and ethnically diverse, with families declaring the following backgrounds: 1.2% Native American, 7.3% African American, 1.2% Asian/Pacific Islander, 48.6% Hispanic, 32.0% White, and 9.7% Multi-Racial. The family tradition remains strong: 12% of incoming freshmen are children of graduates and 28% have a brother or sister who is attending, or has attended, Saint Mary's.

OUR FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

So far this year, financial aid awards total more than \$1.86 million, approximately \$460,000 above last year's awards at this time of the school year. Awards were higher as more students received higher amounts: 55% of our student body received financial aid assistance from some source known to us, 47% received financial aid in excess of \$1,000 and 36% received financial aid in excess of \$3,000 (up from 30% last year). All financial aid administered by Saint Mary's is based on demonstrated financial need after a needs assessment by an independent agency. We have made every effort to use our limited resources to help as many families as possible meet their tuition obligations. Students with extremely high financial need were also assisted by textbooks provided by the "Romualdo and Alice Blas Lending Library" managed through our Library.

The Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix awarded almost 1.2 million dollars of need-based aid to our students, an increase of more than \$320,000 from last year; CTODP's highest award this year was \$3,590, and grants in that amount were awarded to 181 of our neediest students (up from 129 last year). For the first time, CTODP awarded grants to students under the Corporate Tax Credit program, which is restricted to students coming to Saint Mary's from a public school, and this source added more than \$181,000 to student financial aid resources.

Through the efforts of our Business Office, many families sought financial aid from more than one tax credit tuition organization. One such organization, Arizona School Choice Trust, awarded grants to our students in excess of \$215,000. Two other tuition organizations provided \$50,000 to our students.

In addition to CTODP, we receive generous support from a number of significant financial aid sources, for which we, and our families, are grateful.

The Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Board is an invaluable source of support. Separately incorporated and managed by independent directors with ties to the school, the Board utilizes earnings from its endowment to fund scholarships; for the current school year, the Board has committed to a \$85,000 grant from endowment funds (up from \$50,000 last year).

The Board also serves as a sponsor of the POSSE program. Started in 1995, this program recognized that students with the greatest need required special help to make the Saint Mary's experience a reality. POSSE sponsors help provide financial assistance to such a student for a three or four-year period and have the opportunity to provide encouragement and inspiration throughout the year. POSSE sponsors can choose from among a number of different annual gift levels, ranging from \$500 to full tuition amounts; several sponsors fund multiple POSSE students. POSSE commitments so far for this school year exceed \$90,000. Please help if you can. If interested, please contact Bridget Costello at 251-2508.

THE SAINT MARY'S PHONE SYSTEM

Last year, Saint Mary's made significant improvements to its telecommunications system to make it even easier for people to communicate with our faculty and staff. Our phone system allows phone calls to be made directly to the desired extension. Because teacher phones are located in classrooms, during the school day, our system will route calls to those numbers to the teacher's voice mail system, to avoid classroom disturbances. For other staff members, many have duties that cause them to be in many places on our campus throughout the day, so voice mail can be very helpful in contacting these individuals. When leaving a message, please speak slowly and clearly, and please repeat phone numbers. Please keep a copy of this page handy near the phone you would use when calling the school.

Teachers	Ext.	Teachers	Ext.	Others	Ext.	Position
Atteberry, Linsy	2585	Mellis, Carol	2539	Mauro, Mark	2511	Principal
Boyd, Clay	2586	Moran, Nina	2539	Nishan, Terry	2545	Principal's Sec'y
Campbell, Colleen	2568	Morrin, Michael	2572	Fessler, Suzanne	2510	Asst. Principal
Combs, Ken	2551	Murphy, John	2563	Garibaldi, Michael	2506	Campus Minister
Conn, Tina	2561	Nishan, John	2583	Rogers, Rob	2512	Dean of Students
D'Arcangelo, Nick	2588	Norville, Cher	2574	Moreno, Ric	2513	Athletic Director
dePaul, Gabriel	2573	Perna, Tom	2558	Farrell, Pat	2507	Administrative Asst.
Doyle, Sarah	2559	Powell, Allison	2594	Costello, Bridget	2508	Development Director
Drogo, William	2552	Purington, Rob	2584	Servin, Tricia	2509	Development Sec'y
Durham, Bethany	2569	Rajyaguru, Mahesh	2582	Condit, Helen	2546	Asst. Devel. Director
Durkee, Don	2571	Rockwell, Susan	2562	Golfen, Marci	2518	Nurse
Fahrendorf, Greg	2548	Salts, Sam	2575	Clarke, Catherine	2520	Librarian
Hart, Nick	2578	Sanchez, Carlos	2553	Hansen, Liz	2515	Finance Director
Jenkins, Mike	2581	Scarduzio, Denise	2579	Schmaltz, Linda	2502	Office Manager
Jette, Marc (AMSL)		Serrano, Liz	2577	Benites, Alycia	2517	Accounts Receivable
Kelly, Bob	2557	Simtion, Adrian	2556	Jenkins, Liz	2501	Attendance Sec'y
Lehman, Bill	2567	Sr. John Paul	2565	Gore, Christine	2503	Administrative Sec'y
Lemire, Deacon Herve	2587	Sr. Mary Magdalene	2564	Garcia, Frank	2519	Security
Lopez, Dave	2555	Strafaci, Christina	2580	Ista, Ray	2526	Maintenance Super.
Martin, Patricia	2566	Trotti, Doug	2570	Alcocer, Frank	2528	Gym Manager
Martone, Anne	2550	Veniard, Katie	2535	Walker, Barbara	2527	Cafeteria Manager
Mauro, DeAnn	2547	Vietri, Julie	2554	Roman, Esther	2516	Accounts Payable
McGill, Reggie	2576			Martin, Richard	2514	Technology Director
				Farrell, Julie	2504	Registrar
				Reilly, Tom	2504	Administrative Asst.
Coach Espinoza	2537	School Board	2540	O'Conner, Anna	2525	Personal Counselor
Coach Pacheco	2536	Spirit Shop	2533	Johansen, Dan	2524	Guidance Dept.
		Parent Organization	2546	Campbell, Sr. Linda	2521	Guidance Dept.
FAX Number (Main)	2595			Dibianco, Justin	2522	Guidance Dept.
				Hollerbach, Pam	2523	Guidance Dept.

USING THE SAINT MARY'S EMAIL SYSTEM

Staff members now have direct email addresses through the school's telecommunications system. The email address of the people listed above consists of a first initial and last name, followed by @smknights.org. For example, Tom Reilly's email address is treilly@smknights.org. You may find this information on our website – www.smknights.org

K12 Planet and Parent Access to Grades on a Current Basis

Last year we implemented the K12 Planet program that allows parents to review a student's academic progress in each class on a real time basis. This program returns again this year. Before it becomes available, we need to take a number of steps to place the system in service. We hope to complete this set-up process soon and all parents will be notified by mail with appropriate instructions. Parents new to Saint Mary's should visit the school's website (www.smknights.org) to download a quick reference card in PDF format. The link is at the bottom of the website's home page.

“World-Class Catholics or Worldly Catholics?”

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On Behalf of the Spirituality Committee

Welcome to the first St Mary’s High School spirituality article for the 2007/2008 school year. As I recall, Jesus said to His followers, “Go throughout the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.” The Pope recently asked all of us (young and older) to go out in Faith and evangelize God’s Word (even in our schools). Therefore, I have the first opportunity to evangelize with our readers this month.

Let us see where we are all at in our Faith journey. If you have not decided where you are at, I guess this means we as parents and students have a critical choice to make at this time: We will either be world-class Catholic parents and students or worldly Catholic parents and students.

Worldly Catholics and other worldly Christians look to God primarily for personal fulfillment and are usually a bit self-centered in their ways. They attend concerts, sporting events, parties and enrichment seminars, but you’ll rarely find them at a mission’s faith conference or faith fulfilling retreat because they simply are not interested. Their prayers primarily focus on their own needs, blessings, and happiness. It’s usually a “me-first” faith: How can God make my life more comfortable? What material needs and things can God give me today? They want to use God for their own purposes -- instead of being used for His purposes.

World-class Catholics and other world-class Christians, in contrast, know they are here to serve and are eager to receive a personal assignment and excited about the privilege of being used by God. Their joy, confidence, and enthusiasm are contagious because they know they are making a difference.

On a personal note, I pray that I as a parent can make a difference in my child’s life inside and outside the Catholic school system. I, like everyone else, will pay the tuition, provide the transportation, buy the books, attend mandatory meetings, pay the lunches, participate in the fund raisers, let the teachers teach and let the administrators administrate. With that said, the most important thing (which usually gets lost in all the shuffles of high school) is “PRAYER” for our children. My own personal prayers do not include my child scoring the winning touchdown, scoring a last second 3-pointer to win the game or hitting the game winning home run. Those are usually considered worldly prayers.

My prayers have always been that my child be the best she can be, for her to continually grow in her Faith and pray that God’s Will be done according to His Plan. Do not get me wrong as this view of my faith did not come easy. After years of struggle with my Faith, I had to finally assess myself in front of a mirror one day and ask “Do my behaviors, thoughts and prayers seem to indicate I want to use God for my own purposes? Or do my behaviors, thoughts and prayers seem to indicate I want to be used for God’s purposes? I believe God would be very happy to see his children (parents included) pray together for each other whenever the opportunity arises. Look for those opportunities in our school and join us in prayer and/or retreats (For parents and/or students) for the much needed prayers for our children and for ourselves. **Go Knights!**

Knight Ambassadors Serve The School

The Knight Ambassadors are a group of students who are proud to be a part of Saint Mary's High School. Ambassadors must be members of the current Junior or Senior classes. These students are enthusiastic, friendly, disciplined, and willing to work as a team to promote the history and traditions of their school. Typical responsibilities include leadership through example, mentoring new students, public relations, and service. Knight Ambassadors take part in Eighth Grade Days, Open House, Freshman Orientation, and other occasions where they can serve their school. Some public relations activities may take place outside of the normal school day, including evenings and weekends. Since most members of the student council participate in these activities as members of that organization, ambassadors are sought outside of the student council membership in a variety of other school clubs and organizations. Applications for membership in the Ambassadors will be available in early September from Mrs. Vietri, Ambassador Advisor. If you have any questions about the Ambassadors, contact Mrs. Vietri at (602) 251-2554 or lvietri@smknights.org.

Guidance Center Reminder

Parents of students who are deficient in credits required for graduation should contact their respective counselor to set up a plan so that their student can graduate on time. Deficiencies can be made up through on line classes or summer programs. Please encourage your students to maintain passing grades throughout this year and to eliminate their deficiencies as soon as possible.

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Senior	Pamela Hollerbach	251-2523	phollerbach@smknights.org

Virginia G. Piper Education Center To Open In September

In May, 2006, Bishop Thomas Olmsted came to Saint Mary's to bless the groundbreaking for the first major addition to the Saint Mary's campus in more than a decade. Today, as we go to print, the three-level building nears completion. The lower level will be home to a fine arts department, with an art studio, an art classroom, a music studio, a band studio, and the stage level for a 250-person auditorium. The ground level will have three classrooms, a teacher's lounge and workroom, the offices of the Development Office, and seating ramping down to the auditorium stage. The second level will house four classrooms and three computer classrooms.

The completion of the building was made possible by a loan to Saint Mary's by the Diocese. We are grateful for the generous commitment by Bishop Olmsted. While the diocesan loan decision is very good news, assuring project completion, the additional debt service will negatively impact the school's operating budget. The loan is an unplanned substitute for the funding that would have been provided by a timely receipt of expected Capital Campaign contributions. We estimate that this new loan will be in the range of \$1.6 million, depending on final project bids and additional Capital Campaign receipts, and be repayable, both principal and interest, over a 10-year period. Without additional equity contributions, our tuition rates will increase in a manner that might place in jeopardy our historic mission to bring Catholic education to every segment of our community.

As we head toward our Centennial Celebration, we once again rely on our alums and benefactors to respond to this very real need for more equity for our plant and facilities and reduce our reliance on loans. We also need help from outside our community from people who respect our ability to create leadership among underrepresented community groups, with more than 90% of our very diverse student body continuing with education after graduation from Saint Mary's. Naming opportunities are still available for significant gifts. Please contact Bridget Costello at 602-251-2508 if you are interested, or you know of someone that might be interested, in naming opportunities.

Save the Date!
Public Grand Opening Of
The Virginia G. Piper Education Center
And Ninetieth Anniversary Celebration
-- Tentative Date – November 3, 2007 --

Saint Mary's ninetieth year celebration promises to be a night to remember, at no charge to you. Plan on joining us for celebration, reminiscing and fellowship. The Grand celebration is tentatively planned for November 3. The event will be held on our campus. The evening will feature guided tours of the Virginia G. Piper Education Center, food, libations, music, and an Anniversary tribute. All are invited – Don't miss this wonderful event! Contact 602-251-2509 for further details.



Saint Mary's Fourth Quarter Campaign

As a part of its efforts to raise the \$1,600,000 needed to repay the Diocesan loan, last Spring we began the "Fourth Quarter Campaign," symbolic of the Knights' long tradition of finishing strong in all its undertakings. The Fourth Quarter Campaign is calling for 1,000 Knights to donate \$1,000. You can extend this pledge over a four year period for just \$21 a month! All donors of \$1,000 or more will receive a commemorative engraved brick that will be placed in the entryway of the Virginia G. Piper Education Center. Make your donation or pledge today by visiting www.4thquarter.org. Thanks in advance for your support.

What About Traffic? What About Safety? What About Parking?

The addition of the Virginia G. Piper Education Center to our campus has created some traffic and parking issues during construction. We are thankful to our parents and our students for their patience and understanding. Parking should return to normal, with sufficient space in our own lot, when the remaining construction area is converted to parking.

More importantly, perhaps, is our commitment to assure that the opening of the new facility does not expose our students to any additional traffic risk and that traffic patterns permit a safe entry and exit from the campus. In that regard, we are pleased to report that we are far along in the process of causing the City to abandon Sheridan Street, which would allow us to restrict the flow of traffic during the school day. We are confident that our entire community shares a dedication to safety and a desire for a safe and secure school year for everyone. Before the street abandonment can be implemented, we will employ crossing guards during the school day to assure students pass safely across Sheridan Street.

Before that time, however, parents can begin to help us prepare for the opening of the new facility. We will be providing more information on traffic issues as we finalize our plans. In general, we will require all traffic to follow a fixed pick up and drop off pattern. Although this will require some changes to past entrance and exit patterns for some people, the need to ensure a safe campus by far overrides any convenience factor.

For people leaving our campus: THINK RIGHT TURN. Remember: THINK RIGHT TURN.
If you leave our campus and head North, please go to Third Street and TURN RIGHT.
If you leave our campus and head South, please go to Seventh Street and TURN RIGHT.





**CTODP GREATLY BENEFITS SAINT MARY'S
- PLEASE SUPPORT CTODP**

CTODP is the largest single support for the Saint Mary's financial aid program. For this school year, through the generosity of individual donors, CTODP has made more than one million dollars available to our families, helping more than 430 students. We thank everyone who has supported CTODP, especially those who have designated Saint Mary's as the school to benefit from your generosity.

For the 2007 calendar year, the maximum credit for married couples will be \$1,000, and for single taxpayers the maximum credit will be \$500. A contribution to CTODP 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 and also claim a deduction on your federal income tax return. So, it costs you nothing to participate. You can actually make money through this program.

**THE NEW CORPORATE TAX CREDIT:
A NEW COST-FREE WAY TO HELP**

The Arizona Legislature has enacted into law a provision that grants a tax credit to corporations for contributions to organizations like the Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix (CTODP). This is a credit, not simply a deduction. There is no maximum amount that a corporation can contribute, but the state program was capped at \$10 million for fiscal year 2006-2007. Each year, for the five years of the program, the cap will increase by 20% until fiscal year 2010-2011, when it will reach nearly \$21 million! A corporation may carry any unused tax credit forward for five years.

"A corporation may obtain a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for its contribution up to the amount of its Arizona state income tax liability."

If you, or someone you know, is a decision maker at a corporation willing to help families desiring a choice in education for their children, contact the school's Development Office at 602-251-2508.

This school year is the first year funding from this source was available to people filing CTODP financial aid applications. Under the corporate tax credit law, CTODP may make grants from corporate contributions only to students transferring to a Catholic school from a public school. CTODP has allocated more than \$181,000 to our families from this new source of financial aid.

National Honor Society Process

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a national organization that recognizes students who have achieved high standards in scholarship, leadership, character, and service. A student must show strength in all four areas to be selected for membership. This is how it works.

Each sophomore, junior, and senior who has been on our campus for at least two full semesters and who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better after grades are posted for the first semester of this school year, is academically qualified to be considered for NHS membership. In February, each academically qualified student will be invited to apply for membership by completing a Student Information Form that details leadership and service activities and allows them to express their views on several topics. The names of students seeking admission are then circulated to all faculty and administrators for comment. All information is then reviewed by the selection committee.

Decisions regarding NHS membership are made by a five-person faculty council. Two or three new members are appointed to the council each year. The NHS advisor is not a member of the council, and students do not participate in the selection process in any way whatsoever. The selection process hopefully will be completed by the end of March.

In prior years, some students (and parents) have assumed that NHS membership is based on grades alone and have been disappointed to learn that leadership, service, and character are of equal importance. Sophomores, in particular, should be aware that they might have a difficult time demonstrating leadership and service in the short time they have been at Saint Mary's.

NHS Tutoring Help On Campus

Could your son or daughter use a little help or encouragement in some of his/her classes? Sometimes the best help comes from another student. Beginning Tuesday, September 4, members of the National Honor Society will be available in the Saint Mary's library to tutor other students. NHS members will be manning the tutoring table every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30 until 8:00 through May 17.

Please feel free to encourage (and/or demand) that your students utilize this opportunity to be tutored by their peers. A daily log will be kept on those students reporting for tutoring, to allow you to check on your student's attendance.

If you have any questions or comments about this program, please feel free to contact Mrs. Vietri, NHS advisor (602) 251-2554 or svietri@smknights.org.

Senior Honored With Scholarship

Senior Lane Gallett was named a finalist winner of the Executive Women International (EWI) corporate scholarship competition. Lane has competed against 24 men and women at the state level where she was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship towards her college education. After competing at the national level against another 34 men and women Lane will add another \$2,000 toward her college education. Congratulations Lane!

Fall Sports Have Big Turnout, 290 Students Represent Saint Mary's

The opening of school brings new life and energy to the Saint Mary's sports program and 2007 once again saw strong interest in all of our Fall programs. High school sports are not an "add on" to the academic mission of Saint Mary's. Sports are very important to the development of young men and women, whether as participants or spectators. Teamwork, perseverance, handling adversity or triumph, sharing goals, and helping others -- all of these character traits, and more, are learned through sports. More than 34% of our students are participating in one of our Fall sports activities. More of our students will participate in Winter and Spring sports. Best of luck to our Knights and Lady Knights.

Football always fields the most athletes and this year is no exception; all levels attracted 119 boys. Coach Pat Farrell is back at the helm with an experienced group of coaches at each level.

Our Nautical Knights will make a big splash with 27 boys and 15 girls from all grade levels. Coaches Carlos Sanchez and Denice Scarduzio return for this developing program

Our Net Knights will be spiking, digging, and blocking on three levels. Our varsity volleyball team has 14 girls, our junior varsity squad has 14 players, and we have 15 new Netsters. Coach Melinda Espinoza returns to continue the march to championship caliber play.

Our golfers hope to have a "Below Par" year, with 12 boys and 14 girls doing the birdie watching. Each year sees a further advance in our golf program. Coach Michael Jenkins moves from the girls' team to the boys' team, while Coach Jacque Underwood brings a fresh face to the girls' team.

Cross country is a sport that gives those with a running interest the opportunity to train and compete in a team atmosphere. We have 11 boys and 5 girls representing Saint Mary's in cross country. We urge students at every grade level to consider participating in this sport. Coach Don Durkee has brought this program along nicely.

Finally, our Spirit Line squads are ready to add the spirit and pep that is part and parcel of the school's athletic program. Our three squads have a total of 44 girls, lead by Coach Katie Veniard. You go, girls!



2007 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Kickoff at 7:00 pm

August 31	Boulder Creek	Away
September 7	Mountain View	Home
September 14	Mountain Pointe	Away
September 20	Gilbert	Home
September 28	North	Away
October 5	Desert Vista	Home
October 12	Maryvale	Home
October 19	Brophy Prep	Away
October 26	Mountain Ridge	Home
November 2	Desert Mountain	Away

Homecoming Game: October 12 v. Maryvale

Football Pre-Game Ticket Sales

There is a pre-sale in our office beginning every Tuesday of the week in which we have a Varsity Home Football game. Pre-sale tickets at St. Mary's are \$4.00 (cash only). All tickets at Phoenix College on Friday night are \$5.00.

Save yourself time and money by purchasing your tickets early. You can save additional time by entering through the gate on the north side of the stadium, where there is far less traffic.



2007 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

August 28	Dobson	Home
August 30	Corona del Sol	Home
September 4	Gilbert	Away
September 6	Pinnacle	Home
September 11	Highland	Away
September 18	Central	Away
September 19	Mountain Ridge	Home
September 25	Xavier	Away
September 26	Hamilton	Away
September 27	Desert Mountain	Home
October 2	Mountain Ridge	Home
October 4	Xavier	Away
October 9	Desert Mountain	Away
October 11	Mountain Ridge	Away
October 23	Sunrise Mountain	Home
October 25	Xavier	Home
October 29	Desert Mountain	Home

All three levels play at the same site
Freshman 4:00pm – JV 5:00pm – Varsity 6:00pm

**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A
MINOR SPORT.
PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OUR TEAMS.**

**Don't Miss Being a Part of the
Sixth Annual Fashion Show
"Return to Oz & The Emerald City"
Saturday, February 9, 2008
Wyndham Phoenix Hotel**

Lights, Camera, Action...Saint Mary's is on the runway for the 6th year in a row. The Wyndham in Downtown Phoenix is where our students and alumni will shine. Don't miss this fun filled event, so mark your calendar. Also, please consider sharing your time and talent. It takes many volunteers to put on such a wonderful event. Volunteer positions are still available - Contact Helen Condit to volunteer at 602-251-2546.

This event has been sold out every year, so make your reservations early by visiting www.smknights.org and click on "Event Registration" or call the Development Office, Helen Condit at: 602-252-2546. Tickets range from \$100 per person to \$75. Sponsorship Opportunities are available.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Eighth Grade Days - Fridays

October 12 and October 26

10:00 am to 1 pm

Open House - Sunday

November 18

Noon to 3:00 pm

Entrance Exam - Saturdays

January 12 and January 26

7:45 am

JUNIOR CHEER TEAM CLINIC

Calling all future cheerleaders! Please come and show us your spirit. Join the Saint Mary's Spirit Line and coaching staff, who will teach you the latest cheers for our Saint Mary's Knights.

Saturday, September 29, 2007

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Place: Saint Mary's High School

Ages: 5 – 8 years and 9 – 14 years

Cost: \$50.00 (checks made payable to St. Mary's High School, Visa/Mastercard accepted).

Participants will receive an official St. Mary's Cheer shirt and photo. Snacks will also be provided. All participants will perform at half time during the Varsity Football Home Game on Friday, October 5, 2007

For information contact: Debbie at alcantar3@cox.net or 602-931-9684

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