

Principal's Letter for September 2009

Dear Saint Mary's Families, Friends, and Students:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. Here is what has already transpired at Saint Mary's High School during the month of August:



- ✓ The 10th, 11th 12th Grade Student Orientation
 - ✓ The 9th Grade Student Orientation, the 9th Grade Parent Dinner and Orientation, and the 9th Grade Student Mixer Dance
 - ✓ Back-to-School Night followed by a special blessing of the school by Fr. Bolding
 - ✓ The Saint Mary's Parent Organization has been assisting in school events, encouraging new membership, and planning the Saint Mary's Annual Fashion Show
 - ✓ The Saint Mary's Advisory Board is working with school administration on the school's next 5-Year Strategic Plan – see page 3
 - ✓ The Saint Mary's Knight's Club has worked the largest concession stand at the first two Cardinal's home Pre-Season games and is encouraging new membership
 - ✓ The Scholarship & Benefits Fund is working on the First Annual Saint Mary's Open Golf Classic and Hall of Fame event
 - ✓ The Saint Mary's Drama program has selected their fall play
 - ✓ All fall athletic teams are organized and ready to compete
- ✓ U-Knighted Week, sponsored by Student Council, was successful in bringing students together and helping to encourage new friendships among all students
 - ✓ Street Abatement Phase I has been completed...we now have a safe crossing for all of our students from building to building
 - ✓ The Power School grade check parent and student passwords and usernames have been distributed at Back-to-School night (and mailed to parents not in attendance) to be able to begin to check on student homework, quizzes and test progress
 - ✓ 14 full days of classroom instruction and 16 days of celebrating the Holy Eucharist at 7 am in the Saint Mary's Chapel

My point? We have been busy! And I hope that **you** have already been involved in one or more of the above events with other parents or with your students. If not, please ask yourself if you have any time that you can share to help any of our school's organizations to achieve their goals for the 2009-2010 school year and to build community and have fun while doing it! I encourage you to watch the Saint Mary's website, your mail and your email to keep in touch with what is happening at our school. As always, you are welcome...invited...and encouraged to work and pray together with us throughout the year. Please feel free to contact the school (602-251-2500) if you have questions about your student, how you can get involved at school or in school events and fundraisers, or if you have any special prayer intentions that you would like us to hold in our daily Mass intentions.

Peace and blessings to all.

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Principal