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The Mission of Saint Mary's Catholic High School is to prepare students for a life of virtue, forming them through an education in the Catholic Tradition to know the Truth and to love God and others.

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Calendar 2011/2012

September

- 2 School Photo -- Retakes
- 5 **Labor Day – No School**
- 8 1st Quarter Progress Report
- 14 All School Mass-Triumph of the Cross (8:15am)
- 30 Eighth Grade Visit Day #1

October

- 2 Open House (Noon to 3pm)
- 4 All School Mass-St. Francis of Assisi (8:15am)
- 6 Honor Board Presentation and Reception - Library
- 6 End of 1st Quarter
- 7 **Fall Holiday – No School**
- 10 **Diocesan In-Service – No School**
- 12 **All School Test Day – Early Dismissal**
Seniors have no school
- 13 First Quarter Report Card
- 17-22 Homecoming Week
- 25 First Quarter Report Card Night (5pm-7pm)
- 29 Night of Hope (Diocesan Event)

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Eighth Grade Days - Fridays

September 30 and November 4

10:00 am to 1 pm

Open House – Sunday - October 2

Noon to 3:00 pm

Entrance Exam - Saturdays

January 7 and January 21

7:45 am

Our Open House is OPEN to anyone with an interest in Saint Mary's. We hope all our families will invite friends and neighbors to join us on Sunday, October 2, from Noon to 3 PM. Families are exploring school options for their children at ever earlier grade levels and we want them to know about the value of the Saint Mary's experience. Our Open House is designed so visitors can partake of the full program or gather information on selected topics. Our teachers, students, administrators, and coaches will be available and tours will be conducted throughout the day.

Celebrating Holy Days of Obligation

By Fr. Robert Bolding, Chaplain

Dear St. Mary's Community,

If you glance at St. Mary's calendar this year you may notice a few changes. Namely, there are a couple of new "no school" days- All Saints' Day on November 1 and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8- and spring break now coincides with Easter Week. These are exciting changes for St. Mary's, and we have made them so that the life of our school, and that of our students, faculty, and staff, may better reflect the life of the Church. In this letter I would like to share with you briefly the reasons for the first of these changes, the observance of the holy days of obligation. In a future letter I will discuss the relocation of spring break.

Throughout the year there are days that the Church sets aside for special celebrations, and some of these days are more important than others. The most important days of celebration are Sundays, on

which we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Sundays are holy days, set aside for rest, leisure, spending time with family, and most importantly participating in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to the Lord's Day, there are certain days throughout the year the Church has set aside as holy days of obligation. These are the highest and most solemn feasts the Church celebrates throughout the year.

Because the Eucharist is the center of Christian life, all the Christian faithful are obliged to attend Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation. In addition to the celebration of the Eucharist, "on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2185). Because of the sacred character of these holy days, and the importance of rest in being able to celebrate them properly, the Church instructs us that "every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord's Day" (no. 2187). As a Catholic school, then, it would be inappropriate for us to have classes on these solemnities. In an effort to follow more closely the celebrations of the Church, we have designated the holy days that arise during the school year as days of rest.

It is important to remember, though, that the obligation to attend the celebration of the Holy Eucharist remains on these holy days, just as on the Lord's Day. St. Mary's families should take care to make arrangements to attend Mass in their parishes on All Saints' Day and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Through this worship and the rest that accompanies it, everyone in the St. Mary's community has an opportunity to enter more deeply into these great celebrations.



Editor's Note: Teachers bring more to the classroom than academic qualifications and teaching skill. They also bring a host of life experiences that they share with students in ways that stimulate student curiosity and expand student horizons. Dr. Lacey kindly consented to write a description of her recent summer visit to Greece and Italy. Maybe she'll teach us how to make cheese.

Mythology and Magic: A Fascinating Tour of Greece and Italy

By: Dr. Katrina Lacey

This summer I was blessed with the wonderful opportunity to travel to Greece and Italy with Discovery Student Adventures on an educational adventure. I traveled with one amazing St. Mary's High School student, Alexis Cordova, who is currently a senior. I also traveled with two independent travelers, students from New Mexico and Texas. Our adventure began in Athens, Greece where we learned traditional Greek dances at the public school of Ano Liossia. We continued our adventure in Athens by diving into the fascinating world of Greek Mythology during a lecture given by a local professor. We explored Athens by climbing up the Acropolis to visit the Parthenon and explored archaeological and architectural wonders on the Acropolis such as the Old Temple of Athena and the intriguing Erechtheon with its porch of caryatids (columns in the shape of women). Our next stop on our journey through Greece was Olympia, where the first Olympic Games took place in 776 BC. At ancient Olympia, we saw the ruins of the Temple of Zeus as well as a 3rd century BC athletic stadium, where we competed in our very own Olympic race. Our final stop in Greece was the beautiful coastal town of Kalo Nero. In Kalo Nero, we participated in the Archelon project, "Natures Trail" in the coastal forest and we also worked alongside the "Archelon Association" volunteers to take care of the protection of sea turtles. During our work with the "Archelon Association," we had the opportunity to relocate sea turtle nests laid in unsafe areas. Our adventure in Greece ended with an overnight ferry ride to Bari, Italy.

Our first stop on the island of Sicily, off the coast of the Italian mainland, was in the stunning small town of Alberobello with its Trulli buildings. We viewed this beautiful town with its traditional Apulian stone dwellings, capped with distinctive conical roofs. Next, we traveled to Dolci Pascoli Farm to learn how real cheese is made. We were able to watch and participate in all steps in cheese production and we had the opportunity to sample different varieties of traditional Italian cheese. The following day we traveled to Catania, Italy where we rafted down the stunning Lao river. We traveled to Sicily the next day and spent an exciting afternoon exploring the dramatic volcanic landscape on mountain bike! In Sicily, we also visited a typical Sicilian pottery studio and learned about the process of ceramic production. We each had the opportunity to create our own masterpieces at the pottery studio. We spent our final day in Sicily exploring the areas on Mt. Etna, including several lava fields from recent eruptions. During our strenuous hike on Mt. Etna, we experienced numerous climate changes going from a snowy landscape at 3,000 feet, to hot and humid as we descended the mountain. We spent our final day experiencing the Sicilian countryside and learning how the locals make delicious organic marmalade!

We departed Sicily on an overnight ferry to Naples and traveled to our final destination, Rome, Italy! Once in Rome, we visited the ancient city of Pompeii, Vesuvius' most famous victim. Roman life was preserved here after the mountain erupted in 79 AD, and we were granted a direct view into how the people of this doomed city once worked, lived and interacted. Next, we visited the center of the Catholic Church and the world's smallest country, the Vatican! We were fascinated at the scale of St. Peter's Basilica and the world famous masterpieces including Michelangelo's Pieta and the Sistine Chapel frescos. We participated in a

unique educational meeting with a priest in St. Ann's Church where we learned about Catholicism in Italy and the organization of the Vatican. We ended our trip to the Vatican by meeting a former member of the Swiss Guard and watching the changing of the Guard. Our final day in Rome was spent exploring the eternal city during a Discovery Adventure Team Challenge scavenger hunt, which led each team on a quest to sights like the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and the Spanish Steps. Our final day ended with my team winning the scavenger hunt and enjoying a delicious and well-deserved victory dinner at Planet Hollywood in Rome. We were sad to say "arrivederci" to Roma, but we left the eternal city with memories that are sure to last us a lifetime!



Pictured left: Dr. Lacey, Alexis Cordova, and friend in Greece. Pictured right: Dr. Lacey at the cheese-making farm

Drama Club Planning Trip to London and Paris

St. Mary's Drama Club will be embarking on its first international trip to London and Paris for Spring Break 2012. The St. Mary's Drama Club adventure will begin in London, England where Drama Club members will step into the glitzy world of London's West End theatre district for a world-class performance. The London adventure will also include a tour of some of London's most renowned sights including the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square. Drama Club members will then hitch a ride on the high-speed Eurostar for an exhilarating railway jaunt to Paris. Once in Paris, Drama Club members will explore the city beneath the streets of Paris, visit the gothic cathedral of Notre Dame, and ascend to the top of the Eiffel Tower. Drama Club members will also view a theatrical performance in a Parisian theater. For more information about the St. Mary's Drama Club international trip to London and Paris for Spring break 2012, please see Dr. Lacey (the Drama Club moderator), in Piper Hall, room P106. Drama Club meetings are held on Wednesdays, during lunch, in P106. Drama Club is open to all.

New Teachers Enrich Our Tradition of Excellence

Brian Mostoller has joined our English Department. He received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Willamette University in 1990, his teaching certificate in English from the University of Montana in 1994, and added a Master of Science in Health Studies from Portland State University in 2002. Brian has been teaching English at the high school level since 1994 in Oregon and Arizona. He has taught at every grade level and, since 2004, has taught AP English. He will be teaching junior level English, including AP English 5-6. He is the freshman football coach.

Laurie Zentner has joined our Science Department and will be teaching freshman Physical Science and upper level Anatomy & Physiology. She received a Bachelor of Science, Biology and Philosophy in 2005 from the University of San Francisco. She received a Master of Education in Catholic School Leadership from Marymount College in Virginia in 2010. She will be the Junior Class Moderator.

Maria Diaz has joined our Fine Arts Department, teaching Studio Art and Drawing/Painting. An accomplished artist in the field of iconography, she works in acrylic and gold leaf on board. Her works are on display in many Catholic parishes and at the diocesan offices. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of San Francisco. Pictured at the right is one of her works, "Our Lady of the Sign," which was adopted as the logo for the Diocese of Phoenix, Office of Marriage & Respect Life.

Mary Havermale has joined our Science Department. She will teach Bio 201 A-B and Bio 202 A-B, which are college credit, dual enrollment classes in cooperation with Rio Salado Community College. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology/Pre-Med from Siena College in New York and a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Bernard's Institute in New York. She is Adjunct Professor of Bio202 for Rio Salado and Adjunct Professor of REL243 for Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

Sister John Mary Corbett, O.P., has joined our Theology Department, teaching freshman Theology. She grew up in New York and entered the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in August 1997. Sister holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Michigan University and a Master of Arts in Theology from Providence College. She has served as her community's Director of Novices for the last six years, a role that includes formation and teaching of the newest members of the Order.



Guidance Group Reorganized -- New Faces, Fresh Ideas



Guiding students through the high school experience is an important aspect of the educational process. The guidance counselors will work to help meet the needs of each individual student. Counselors may work with students to address concerns in many areas, including academic, personal, social, college planning, and career exploration. Counselors will serve as a guiding force to ensure that students remain on track and are well prepared to pursue their goals beyond the high school setting. Our Guidance Center will be an active campus location, and we expect our students and parents will be served well by this talented and committed group.

Carey Hausbeck (left) earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marquette University and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Counseling from the University of Phoenix. She has more than ten years of experience working in education. Mrs. Hausbeck has worked as a guidance counselor at the high school and middle school levels. She also has experience working with college students through her past employment with Northern Arizona University and the University of Phoenix. She will serve as counselor to the senior and junior grade levels.

Esperanza Espinoza (right) received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from ASU and her Masters in School Counseling from NAU. She served as an English teacher at both the elementary and high school levels, with extensive experience teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). Her most recent experience has been as a guidance counselor in the Dysart School District. She will serve as counselor to the sophomore and freshman grade levels. Her husband, Marc, is a St. Mary's graduate, and her daughter, Alycea, is currently enrolled as a junior.

Todd Williamson (center) will serve as Student Assistance Advisor. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1997 with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education while earning his Master's degree from Grand Canyon University in 2007. He will serve as Chair of the Student Assistance Team, an administrative group focused on helping students with specific needs and challenges. He will also supervise school testing, student service plans, and coordinate a "Pizza with Pros" program giving students the opportunity to meet with adults in the work force over lunch. He also serves as head football coach, a position that gives him plenty of experience in motivating young men.



Drama Club News – The Fall Play “The Giver”

By Lois Lowry, adapted by Eric Coble

□ The Giver is a grand morality tale with a magical quality. □ Jonas' world is perfect. Everything is under control and safe. There □ is no war or fear or pain. There are also no choices. Every person is □ assigned a role in the community. But when Jonas turns 12, he is chosen for special training from The Giver - to receive and keep the memories of □ the community. The Giver is the only person who holds the memories of □ real pain and real joy. Now Jonas will learn the truth about life—and □ the hypocrisy of his utopian world. Through this astonishing and moving □ adaptation, discover what it means to grow up, to grow wise, and to take □ control of your own destiny.

Performances Dates & Times
Thursday, November 17 (6pm)
Friday, November 18 (6pm)
Saturday, November 19 (6pm)

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 one full semester and who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 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.

Decisions regarding NHS membership are made by a five-person faculty council. 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 is typically 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.

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Young Club Leadership for 2011

One positive feature about Saint Mary's is the ability of younger students to achieve leadership positions in clubs and organizations. The Drama Club and the Culture Club are examples of this feature of the school. The grade level of the leadership of these two organizations reflects the opportunities available to hard working underclassmen; each was elected last Spring.

We urge parents to encourage student involvement in our various clubs and organizations. Dr. Katrina Lacey is moderator of these two clubs.

Drama Club President: Sarah Barr (11); Vice President: Antonese Robertson (11); Secretary: Teddy Enright (11); Treasurer: Katarina Schmaltz (11); Publicist: Mackenzie Willis (11); Sgt. of Arms: Stephen Baldassarre (11); Clerk: Sheralyn Bell (10).

Culture Club President: Tristen Vaughn (10); Vice President: Emily Paz (11); Secretary: Aunese Evans (10); Treasurer: Selene Mosqueda (10); Publicist: Karla Gonzalez (10) Pictured below are three Culture Club members in clothing from different cultures. From left to right, Fiona Mallaire, Emily Paz, and Astrid Saldana.



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. The National Honor Society is now 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. 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 jvietri@smknights.org

Some Traffic Restrictions – Please Comply

Please comply with the signage that is posted with regard to the No-Pick Up and Drop-Off areas. These areas are posted as such for safety purposes, to reduce congestion, to have a parking place for guests doing business with the school, and at the request of our neighbors (Virginia Financial Plaza). The No-Pick Up and Drop-Off areas are: Virginia Financial Plaza, north of the school; Faculty/Staff Parking lot, on Third Street; the small delivery and Visitor parking area at Third Street & Sheridan. Thank you for your cooperation with this safety matter.

Ten Ways for Parents to Ensure a Good Experience for Their Knights and Lady Knights

From Mr. Jay Twitchell, the Dean of Students

10. Buy your child a padlock to bring to PE class to lock up their valuables during PE (hall lockers already have locks on them)
9. Talk with your child about plagiarism and academic honesty (technology is producing new and more subtle ways to be accused of academic dishonesty)
8. Read the dress code section from the handbook with your child (summons will cost money and may lead to suspension)
7. Encourage your children not to share their locker combination with anyone
6. Every day, ask your child about their day at school (not questions they can answer “Yes” or “No”)
5. Communicate regularly with your child’s teachers
4. Encourage your child to not leave valuables unattended (I suggest that cell phones be kept in pockets when backpacks must be left behind)
3. Take an interest in your child’s friends at Saint Mary’s. Friends often determine how seriously students take their education.
2. Introduce yourself to the Dean (602-251-2546) before the Dean introduces himself to you
1. Pray for your child

Attendance Reminder On Being Late to School (LTS)

Attendance at school is no different than attendance at any job – being late has consequences. Repeated lateness has harsher consequences. We ask parents to do their very best to assure that students arrive at Saint Mary’s on time each morning.

Page 15 of the Student Handbook sets out the following regarding Late To Schools: “A student arriving on campus after the start of the first class (no matter what the reason - excused or unexcused), is considered late to school (LTS). Students may not be allowed to make up missed work due to an unexcused LTS. Once a student accumulates five LTS’s, each additional LTS will result in campus detention. For every LTS beyond ten (10) in a semester, the student will receive an Out of School Suspension (OSS). Excessive lateness, more than ten (10) in a semester, may also lead to loss of credit in the student's first period class. Any student more than thirty minutes late to school will be considered absent to period one, not late to school.”

*** Important Reminder for Seniors ***

The deadline for submitting senior graduation portraits for publication in the 2011 Saint Mary's Yearbook is Friday, September 30. 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.

Wanted: Kleenex and Handi-Wipes

You can help us out for the upcoming “sniffles season” by dropping off some of these essential tools to control outbreaks of colds and flu this year. Bring them to the front office. Thanks.

Robotics Club Powers Up – The Newest Club On Campus

Dear Students and Parents,

We have an exciting new club that is jumpstarting this year! The Saint Mary’s Robotics Club was introduced to the school last school year, but it wasn’t involved in the community yet. This year, things are going to change for this rookie team -- the Robotics Club is preparing to participate in the 2011-2012 FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC)! All the members can’t wait for this season to start, but there are several things that the team needs to have to jumpstart the right way.

We need your help to get started!

In order to build our robot so we can compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition this year, we will need some important tools. [See the list below] We will also need donations to help us to pay for expenses like competition registration fees or wood and metal and other essential items. Also, if anyone has experience in programming, designing, or mechanics, we would love if you could become a mentor for our team this year. Your experience would really help us out!

We are looking forward to a thrilling new year! We are hoping that more students will get involved in the club this year. This club is open to anyone from grades 9-12. This club offers many opportunities for students such as meeting new people, learning more about science, technology, engineering, and math, and being part of a team. Also, students who are graduating this year could be offered college scholarships!

If you have any questions or if you are interested, contact Dr. Rajaguru, Saint Mary’s Chemistry teacher, or Mrs. Conn, Saint Mary’s Geometry teacher. We will appreciate any effort to help! Thank you for reading this and have a great year!

Sincerely,

Angelica Gutierrez

Saint Mary’s Robotics Club President

Tools: tape measures, rulers, safety goggles, wire cutters, wire strippers, rivet gun, brushes for tables, vacuum, brooms, dust pans, drill bits, drill press, wrenches, pliers, drills, hammers, mallets, vice grips, saws, ban-saw, circular-saw, files, horses to hold wood, screwdrivers, soldering iron, air compressor, gloves.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 12, 2011
3rd Annual Saint Mary's Open
Golf Tournament
ASU Karsten Golf Club
8:00 am Shot Gun Start



The Annual Saint Mary's Open Golf Classic is an enjoyable way to support the school and affords golfers the chance to play a round at one of the premier college golf courses in the United States.

Pull together a foursome (or more). Invite friends or business contacts to join you. Your invitation will be well received.

To reserve a place in this year's Open Golf Classic, or inquire about sponsorships, contact Aaron Muth at 602-251-2507 or via email at amuth@smknights.org

For online info and registration: <http://www.smknights.org/specialevents.htm>

Last Year Was Tons of Fun



Andre Ethier, Nick Evans, Brian Matusz

Ways We Communicate Within Our Community The Saint Mary's Phone System

The Saint Mary's communications system makes it easy 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 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. Phone numbers of faculty and staff are available by calling our main line (602-251-2500) and online at www.smknights.org

Using The Saint Mary's Email System

Staff members have direct email addresses through the school's telecommunications system. The email address of staff 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

Parent Access to Student Records on a Current Basis

Saint Mary's uses a school-wide software system that includes real time parent access to student records on a confidential basis. Every parent and student should have received by mail a distinct user name and password. We urge parents to use this feature to help guide a student in the course of his or her studies. Parents who may not have received the user name or password information should contact Julie Farrell at 602-251-2504.

Keeping in Touch With Saint Mary's

It surely is the digital age and social networking is the latest in town hall meetings. If you want to keep up on Saint Mary's events and have some fun, check out the SM Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysKnights>

We keep the picture gallery full of images of both current and past Knight activities. Look for updates on reunions and announcements of events. So drop by and say hello. Contact Aaron Muth for info at amuth@smknights.org

A Message From Your Athletic Director, Rose Vargas

Welcome back to another exciting new year of athletics! Our football players have been working hard getting ready for their first game against North on August 26. Once again we are declaring the Brophy game on Oct. 14 a "green out". We are proud to bring back the Pom line to St. Mary's. Leading our girls on the sideline and competing at State this year is Head Coach Monique Espiritu. Working together with the cheer squad are co-head coaches Nicole Rideau and Keyauna King. Welcoming all our feeder school kids back with free admission to all our home football and volleyball games is a great sight to see as they are our future Knights! Good luck to all our swimmers, cross country runners and golfers who will soon be competing in their first meets/matches of the season.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 602-251-2513. GO KNIGHTS!

2011 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

August 30	Tolleson	Away
September 1	Xavier	Away
September 7	Alhambra	Home
September 8	Central	Home
September 13	Pinnacle	Away
September 14	Kofa	Away
September 21	Alhambra	Away
September 22	North	Home
September 26	Bourgade	Home
September 27	Carl Hayden	Away
October 4	Cesar Chavez	Home
October 5	Xavier	Home
October 11	North	Away
October 13	Cesar Chavez	Away
October __	Carl Hayden	Home
October 19	Central	Away
October 20	Tolleson	Home

All three levels play at the same site

Freshman 4:00pm – JV 5:00pm – Varsity 6:00pm

Cross Country

Our cross country team will participate in several invitational meets: The Peaks Invite at Buffalo Park n Flagstaff (9/3), the Chandler Invitational at Tumbleweed Park (9/10), the Artichoke Invitational at Scottsdale CC (9/17), the Wolves Classic at Estrella Mtn Park (9/24) and the O'Connor Invitational at Skunk Creek Wash in Phoenix (10/8). The team has several head-to-head matches as well, Coach Don Durkee

Swim

Our swim team has six meets and several invitational opportunities for State qualifiers. The only home meets are on September 15 against Paradise Valley (1pm) and on September 22 against North Canyon (4pm). Home Pool is the Phoenix Swim Club at 28th and Campbell in Phoenix. Coach Kevin Williams.

2011 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 26	North	Away
September 2	Ironwood	Away
September 9	Basha	Home
September 16	Boulder Creek	Away
September 23	Central	Home
September 29	Westview	Home
October 6	Maryvale	Away
October 14	Brophy	Away
October 21	Tolleson	Home
October 28	Alhambra	Home

Homecoming Game: October 21 vs. Tolleson

Home Games Still At Phoenix College

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.

Girls' and Boys' Golf

The girl's team has 10 scheduled matches at various courses throughout the Valley. Our home course, Cave Creek Golf Course, will host three matches, on August 29 with North, on September 7 with Chaparral & La Joya, and on September 14 with Desert Mountain and Horizon. Coach Ruth Arbagey.

The boys' team has nine scheduled matches at various courses throughout the Valley. Our home course, Encanto Park, will host two matches, on August 30 with Pinnacle and North Canyon and on September 27 with Desert Mountain, Chaparral, and Camelback. Coach Wendall Dawson.

Town Talk II Golf Classic Draws Big Crowd –Supports Football Program

126 friends, parents and alumni of Saint Mary's got together and welcomed new head football coach Todd Williamson during the Town Talk Golf Classic at Encanto Golf Club on August 13th. The event was a huge success with a 200% increase in participation over the prior year. Thanks to all participants and sponsors for making this event such a tremendous success. Your support will help make Saint Mary's football strong again! The event title went to the Tommy Mora foursome at 16 under par in the best ball scramble format. We would particularly like to thank Town Talk BBQ & the Rideau Family for being this year's Title Sponsor, Magalite Catholic & the Ahern Family and KJ Wagner's group for playing with Coach Williamson! Your support is essential for our program success, thank you so very much!

SUPPORT ALL SAINT MARY'S ATHLETIC TEAMS!!!

SEPTEMBER 2011

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SEPTEMBER 2011

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Principal's Letter for September 2011



Dear Saint Mary's Families,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! I know you were as anxious (maybe more?) to begin this school year as were your sons and daughters. This school year will undoubtedly bring new academic and spiritual challenges for your student to face and to conquer. We have new counselors for you and your student to get to know (see article in this publication introducing our counselors), new teachers on campus (also introduced in this issue) and of course new friends and families to meet or old acquaintances to renew. We especially welcome all freshman students, transfer students, and international students, new parents, guardians, and host families. All of us working together will help insure that our young people will have a challenging and rewarding school year.

I firmly believe that it is part of God's plan for you to be at Saint Mary's High School this year, allowing us the opportunity to help your son or daughter encounter Jesus through the spiritual, academic, and social experiences they will have. They will be taught and challenged to apply and live the teachings of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives on campus and at home.

New this year: Our students and faculty begin each afternoon by praying the Angelus together – a special prayer honoring our patroness, the Blessed Mother. Also new, on a Friday Schedule without a pep assembly, our school uses that half hour as a school-wide sustained reading time for students, teachers, administrators, and staff. We have had two successful sessions already! And also, with the smaller enrollment, the faculty and students recommended a single lunch period this year, and it was granted. I assure you that there is plenty of time for all to go through the food lines and to eat with this schedule.

I encourage you to stay in contact with your student's teachers, and to keep abreast of the school calendar, found on the website (www.smknights.org) and updated regularly with all of the major school events. At this time I wish to thank our Director of Development, Ms. Angie Bayless, for her dedication to giving Saint Mary's a new, easier to navigate website look this summer. It is still in the building process in some areas, but already receiving great reviews. Also remember to use your Power School parent login to better monitor your student's academic progress. This login was sent to you in the mail on August 18, 2011. If you have not yet received your login information or misplaced it, please contact the receptionist in the main office for assistance.

I look forward to a fantastic school year with your students. I encourage you to join us in prayer or even join us at daily 7 am Mass to pray for your intentions, for your son or daughter, their teachers, and the needs of the entire Saint Mary's community, as we keep continue to keep you in our prayers.

Blessings to all,

Mrs. Fessler, Principal

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