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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 2006/2007

#### September

- 4 **Labor Day – No School**
- 14 All School Mass – Triumph of the Cross
- 25 Parent Organization College Night (6:30pm-8:00pm)
- 29 **Staff Development – Noon Dismissal**

#### October

- 4 All School Mass - Feast of St. Francis
- 6 Eighth Grade Visitation Day #1
- 6 Homecoming
- 11 **Staff Development – Noon Dismissal**
- 13 **Diocesan In-Service – No School**
- 16 **Fall Holiday – No School**
- 18 All School Test Day – **Seniors have no school**
- 24 NHS Fall Blood Drive
- 25 First Quarter Report Card Night – 4pm-7pm
- 26 Freshman Retreat – On Campus
- 27 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](mailto:smparentorg@smknights.org) or by telephone at 602-251-2546.

**The deadline for removing directory information is October 1, 2006.**

### 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. Remember, a separate newsletter will be published by the Saint Mary's Parent Organization, speaking more specifically to the opportunities for parents to become more actively involved in the life of the school. Ideas for the Green Streak can be submitted to [treilly@smknights.org](mailto: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.

### "HALL OF FAME" NOMINATIONS

Every other year Saint Mary's hosts the Hall of Fame Dinner at which we honor outstanding alumni or friends of Saint Mary's. This year the event will be held on April 21, 2007. If you know of a Saint Mary's graduate or a Friend of Saint Mary's who over the years has greatly contributed to Saint Mary's or the Phoenix community, now is the time to submit a nomination to the Hall of Fame. Please send the name of the nominee and a brief bio to [bcostello@smknights.org](mailto:bcostello@smknights.org) or mail to Saint Mary's High School, Hall of Fame Nomination, 2525 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

In the past the following awards have been presented:  
Outstanding Athlete - Outstanding Public Administrator - Outstanding Faculty - Outstanding Knight - Outstanding Alumni - Outstanding Businessman - Outstanding Humanitarian - Outstanding Knight in Service - Outstanding Faculty and Outstanding Franciscan

### SOME IMPORTANT DATES

#### Eighth Grade Days - Fridays

**October 6 and October 27**

**10:00 am to 1 pm**

#### Open House - Sunday

**November 19**

**Noon to 3:00 pm**

#### Entrance Exam - Saturdays

**January 6 and January 20**

**7:45 am**

### LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The Development Office is currently looking for people to chair their two main fundraisers for 2006/2007. Our Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007. The Hall of Fame will be on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Both are fun filled community events that benefit Saint Mary's and her students. If you would like to chair or volunteer to assist with either of these events, please call the Development Office at 602-251-2508 or e-mail to [bcostello@smknights.org](mailto:bcostello@smknights.org).

## Some Opening Day Facts About Saint Mary's

As of August 20, we had an enrollment of 842 students (up from 811 students last year). We have 250 freshmen (versus 233 last year), 210 sophomores (up from 208), 208 juniors (up from 176), and 174 seniors (versus 194 last year). Our staffing and resources were based on a planned enrollment of 820 students.

The decrease in the size of our senior class reflects the small size of this class as freshmen. Our planning takes this into account each year as this "bubble" moves through the four-year "hose." We expect to see a jump in enrollment when this class graduates and classes enter Saint Mary's with beginning enrollments in the 230-250 student range.

Average class size decreased in all but one subject area, some rather dramatically, which is largely a benefit gained by moving 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. Our freshman class exceeded our targeted number by a noticeable margin and we made efforts to adjust our master schedule to accommodate the higher number. Average sizes by discipline:

	<u>2006/2007</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2004/2005</u>	<u>2003/2004</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>
English	25.06	26.19	27.19	29.80	26.81
Math	24.12	26.87	25.50	26.47	25.69
Science	23.06	26.36	25.86	25.93	22.84
Social Studies	23.66	23.00	24.93	27.62	23.51
Theology	25.76	27.97	27.50	26.80	25.18
Foreign Lang.	21.47	23.32	23.48	26.25	22.20

We have 420 boys and 422 girls. Last year we had 417 boys and 408 girls. Our freshman class has 125 boys and 125 girls.

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

Our freshman class comes to us from 93 schools (up from 80) and 43 parishes. We blanket the Valley.

Our student body continues to be culturally and ethnically diverse, with families declaring the following backgrounds: 1.8% Native American, 8.3% African American, 1.3% Asian/Pacific Islander, 46.0% Hispanic, 33.8% White, and 8.8% Multi-Racial. The family tradition remains strong: 11% of incoming freshmen are children of graduates and 27% 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 \$1.4 million, approximately \$300,000 above last year's awards at this time of the school year. Awards were higher as more students received higher amounts: 51% of our student body received financial aid assistance from some source known to us, 45% received financial aid in excess of \$1,000, 38% received financial aid in excess of \$2,000, and 30% received financial aid in excess of \$3,000 (up from 18% last year).

The Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix awarded more than \$851,000 of need-based aid to our students, an increase of more than \$200,000 from last year; CTODP's highest award this year was \$3,270, and grants in that amount were awarded to 129 of our neediest students. Students with extremely high financial need were also assisted by textbooks provided by the "Romualdo and Alice Blas Lending Library" managed through our Library. 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.

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 \$50,000 grant from endowment funds.

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 or Trish Servin at 251-2509.

The Diocese of Phoenix supports us in two ways: the Charity and Development Appeal (CDA) has provided \$100,000 for financial aid and the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) has committed \$20,000 to Saint Mary's, \$16,000 of which is a grant in support of families with more than one child at Saint Mary's.

## 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.

### SAINT MARY'S PHONE EXTENSIONS -- 2006

Teachers	Ext.	Teachers	Ext.	Others	Ext.	Position
Almond, Carl	2572	McCarthy, Thomas	2561	Mauro, Mark	2511	Principal
Boyd, Clay	2586	Murphy, John	2563	Nishan, Terry	2545	Principal's Sec'y
Campbell, Colleen	2568	Nishan, John	2583	Fessler, Suzanne	2510	Asst. Principal
Conn, Tina	2556	Norville, Cher	2574	Garibaldi, Michael	2506	Campus Minister
D'Arcangelo, Nick	2588	Perna, Tom	2558	Rogers, Rob	2512	Dean of Students
Denogean, Frank	2580	Piccoti, Tony	2576	Moreno, Ric	2513	Athletic Director
dePaul, Gabriel	2573	Plote, Joy	2538	Sanford, Jim	2594	Asst. Athletic Director
Doyle, Sarah	2559	Rajyaguru, Mahesh	2582	Farrell, Pat	2507	Development Director
Drogo, William	2552	Rockwell, Susan	2562	Costello, Bridget	2508	Alumni Director
Durham, Bethany	2569	Salts, Sam	2575	Servin, Tricia	2509	Development Sec'y
Durkee, Don	2571	Sanchez, Carlos	2553	Golfen, Marci	2518	Nurse
Galindo, Mikayla	2532	Sanger, Christina	2560	Clarke, Catherine	2520	Librarian
Jenkins, Mike	2581	Scarduzio, Denise	2579	Hansen, Liz	2515	Finance Director
Juno-Allen, Sarah	2567	Sr. Mary David	2565	Schmaltz, Linda	2502	Office Manager
Kelly, Bob	2557	Sr. Mary Magdalene	2564	Benites, Alycia	2517	Accounts Receivable
Lehman, Bill	2578	Strafaci, Christina	2550	Jenkins, Liz	2501	Attendance Sec'y
Lemire, Deacon Herve	2587	Taylor, Matt	2548	Gore, Christine	2503	Administrative Sec'y
Lopez, Dave	2555	Threlkeld, Steve	2584	Garcia, Frank	2519	Security
Martin, Patricia	2566	Tofeelos, Marisa	2577	Ista, Ray	2526	Maintenance Super.
Mellis, Carol	2539	Trotti, Doug	2570	Alcocer, Frank	2528	Gym Manager
Mauro, DeAnn	2589	Vietri, Julie	2554	Walker, Barbara	2527	Cafeteria Manager
McCann, Mary	2551			Rideau, Chris	2516	Accounts Payable
				Howard, Doug	2514	Technology Director
				Farrell, Julie	2504	Registrar
Coach Espinoza	2537	School Board	2540	Reilly, Tom	2504	Administrative Asst.
Coach Merkel	2535	Spirit Shop	2533	O'Conner, Anna	2525	Personal Counselor
Coach Pacheco	2536	Parent Organization	2546	Johansen, Dan	2524	Guidance Dept.
Coach Oney	2542			Campbell, Sr. Linda	2521	Guidance Dept.
				Dibianco, Justin	2522	Guidance Dept.
FAX Number (Main)	2595			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](mailto:treilly@smknights.org). You may find this information on our website – [www.smknights.org](http://www.smknights.org)

### OUR WEBSITE

We have committed time and resources to redesigning our website and the fruits of our efforts should be displayed in the not too distant future. We intend to make the site more interactive with parents regarding a child's progress in school, as well as enhance some of the informational features on the site. Please be patient as we finalize this advancement in our technology program.

## The Beauty and Worthiness of Our Teens

By April Yeager on behalf of the Spirituality Committee

Another start of another school year with our teens... as I write, I am reminded of a dear children's book, I Love You Forever by Robert Munsch. In it, the narrator laments over her teenage son, whose strange friends, strange clothes and strange music makes her feel like she is "in a zoo!" Still, she sneaks into his room later that night and takes that great big boy into her arms singing "I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always..." Undoubtedly, you may have read this book to your child.

So what do we really think of our teens? Are they still precious to us, an amazing gift from God, little angelic beings as we watch them sleep? Or are they half man, half child-like beasts who always seem to get on our nerves, do what they want to do, when they want to do it, and just plain old cause us continuous anguish at each and every moment of the day?

Pope John Paul II possessed an amazing gift to draw the youth of our times to his message of love. What was his magic? Pope John Paul II looked at the teens and young adults of our day with great expectations and great love! He chose not to see first the radical and sinful side of today's youth, but in fact, viewed them as the "salt of the earth and the light of the world." At World Youth Day 2002, the Pope commissioned our teens to "change and improve the taste of human history..." and our youth hung onto every word he spoke.

As parents and administrators, we can learn something from this man's insight into the minds and hearts of our teenage children. Our teens possess an enormous degree of awkwardness, as they are now discovering who they are. They are wrestling with two key elements: identity and independence. At this stage of their development, it's their job to separate themselves from us, physically, mentally and even emotionally. It's their job to respectfully question everything! We watch and cringe to save them from making mistakes; we wonder what they are doing and how they are acting out of our presence; we wish to save them, perhaps even control them, particularly from making the same mistakes we made. But like Pope John Paul II, we can encourage our teens by seeing them first as gifts, and respond to them with love and expectations of goodness, purity and responsibility. We can acknowledge their potential and their dignity. We can entrust to them the future of their own souls, the Church and even the world. But most of all, we need to honestly express to our teens our belief in them, for when a human being is thought of as being wholly formed, with substance that is worth much in this crazy world we live in, it is then that they will flourish and fly!

So as we begin the start of another school year with our teens, remember that they are truly precious in His sight. Through exercising over our teens the same belief, the same love, and the same mercy that our Heavenly Father shows to us, we can fulfill our parenting roles by wholly preparing these little souls to bring forth God's Kingdom here on earth!



**Please pray for  
peace**

## 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.

Freshman Justin DiBianco 251-2522  
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Junior Pamela Hollerbach 251-2523  
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Senior Sr. Linda Campbell 251-2521  
lcampbell@smknights.org

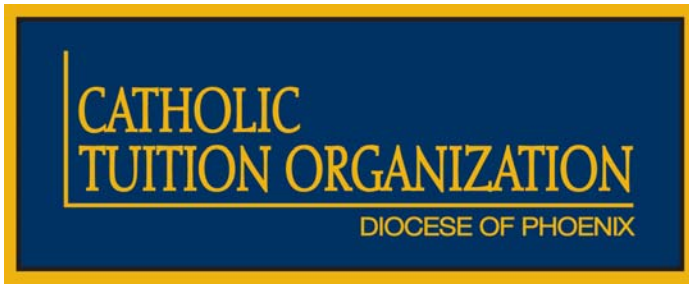
## College Process Night for Juniors

On Wednesday, October 4, Ms. Hollerbach, the Class of 2008 Academic Advisor, will hold "College Process Night" for all junior parents. The evening will be held in the library. Information regarding work ethic for junior year, cumulative grade point averages, standardized tests, ACT, PSAT and SAT, college application timelines and more will be discussed. So that a personalized packet can be ready regarding your student, parents are asked to RSVP by phone or email to Ms. Hollerbach at 602-251-2523 or phollerbach@smknights.org by Friday September 29, 2007.

Covering  
Arizona Kids

## Get Your Kids Insured For the Upcoming School Year!

You don't have to be rich or make a lot of money to get good health insurance. If your job doesn't give you health insurance, your kids might be able to get low-cost or free health coverage just in time for the new school year. KidsCare and AHCCCS cover doctor visits, medicine, emergencies, and more. Children who are citizens living in families earning up to \$40,000 a year or more may be eligible. Call 1(877) KIDS-NOW or (602) 417-5437 today.



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

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.

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 tax year the maximum credit for married couples will be \$1,000, single taxpayers will be \$500. 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. Any donated amount will help to fulfill the dream of Catholic school students to attend Saint Mary's.

Please keep an eye out for a future mailing requesting support for CTODP. The mailing will provide more detailed information and an easily completed form that will assure that you benefit Saint Mary's families and receive the proper tax credit. Your payment must be received before December 31 to qualify for the tax credit. Anyone wanting to serve on our CTODP campaign for this year should contact Bridget Costello at 602-2508.

**NEW!!! -- CTODP Corporate Tax Credit**

Arizona's new Corporate Tax Credit allows "C" corporations to claim an income tax credit for contributions made to a school tuition organization (STO) that provides educational financial aid to children of low-income families. This law will allow corporations to do what individual taxpayers can do, re-direct a portion of their State tax liability into a private school's financial aid. The Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix is such a STO. Please contact the Development Office at (602)251-2508 for information on how your business can provide children the opportunity to attend Saint Mary's and receive a promising future with a Catholic education. The deadline for submission is September 21, 2007. For more information, please visit [www.catholic tuition.org](http://www.catholic tuition.org).

**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. 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 [jvietri@smknights.org](mailto:jvietri@smknights.org).

**SIXTH ANNUAL  
STEVE BELTRAN MEMORIAL RED TEE  
TOURNAMENT  
October 21, 2006**

McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
7505 McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale

Steve Beltran graduated from Saint Mary's in 1989; he was a 4-year letterman on the school's golf team. The Beltran family and friends are hosting the SIXTH ANNUAL STEVE BELTRAN MEMORIAL RED TEE TOURNAMENT on Thursday, October 21, 2006. Proceeds from the tournament will go towards the STEVE BELTRAN MEMORIAL FUND and vocational/technical training and college scholarships for graduates of Saint Mary's.

Last year's tournament was such an overwhelming success that golfers had to be turned away. Register early to ensure a spot. You can help by sponsoring a hole, donating money and prizes, playing in the tournament, or all three. The tournament is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

An entry fee of only \$125 per player includes GREEN FEES, GOLF CART, GIFT BAG, BANQUET LUNCH, TWO (2) COURSE DRINK TICKETS, and the GRAND PRIZE PACKAGE (One Grand Prize Ticket, Two Raffle Tickets, and Two Mulligans). The DEADLINE for registration is September 18, 2006.

For more information, and registration forms and instructions, go to [www.redtee.org](http://www.redtee.org), or call 480-588-6773

**LADY KNIGHTS HOST GRADE SCHOOL  
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, October 14, the Saint Mary's volleyball program will be hosting the Third Annual 7/8th grade volleyball tournament. Teams interested in entering should contact Melinda Espinoza by September 29 at 623-764-5688.

## Fall Sports Have Big Turnout, 310 Students Represent Saint Mary's

The opening of school brings new life and energy to the Saint Mary's sports program and 2006 once again saw strong interest in all of our Fall programs. [The total number is identical to last year.] 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 36% of our students are participating in one of our Fall sports activities. Best of luck to our Knights and Lady Knights.

Football always fields the most athletes and this year is no exception; all levels attracted 142 boys, up from 120 last year, with every level showing an increase.

Our Nautical Knights will make a big splash with 13 boys and 21 girls from all grade levels.

Our Net Knights will be spiking, digging, and blocking on three levels. Our varsity volleyball team has 12 girls, our junior varsity squad has 13 players, and we have 16 new Netsters.

Our golfers hope to have a "Below Par" year, with 13 boys and 8 girls doing the birdie watching. Each year sees a further advance in our golf program.

Cross country is a sport that gives those with a running interest the opportunity to train and compete in a team atmosphere. We have 14 boys and 8 girls representing Saint Mary's in cross country.

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 50 girls. You go, girls!

**The Saint Mary's Knights Spirit Line Presents  
JR. CHEER TEAM CLINIC 2006  
For all aspiring Cheerleaders, ages 9-14 years**

**DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Saint Mary's H.S. Gym

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

Participants will receive an official Saint Mary's Cheer T-shirt and photo.

Participants will also be invited to perform at halftime during the Varsity Football game on September 29, 2006

Register Early, class size is limited.

For additional information contact:

Debbie Alcantar at [alcantar3@cox.net](mailto:alcantar3@cox.net)  
or 602-279-9683



## 2006 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### Kickoff at 7:00 pm

September 1	Yuma	Home
September 8	Mesquite	Away
September 15	Trevor Browne	Away
September 21 (Thurs.)	Westwood	Away
September 29	Corona del Sol	Home
October 6	Shadow Mountain	Home
October 12	Paradise Valley	Away
October 20	Brophy Prep	Away
October 27	Horizon	Home
November 3	Desert Mountain	Home

Homecoming Game: October 6 v. Shadow Mountain

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### 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.



## 2006 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

August 29	Dobson	Away
August 30	Red Mountain	Away
August 31	Central	Home
September 5	Marcos de Niza	Away
September 6	Mountain Pointe	Away
September 7	Mesquite	Home
September 12	Cibola	Away*
September 14	Horizon	Away
September 16	McClintock Invitational	
September 19	Shadow Mountain	Away
September 20	Desert Mountain	Home
September 22-23	Gilbert/Highland Tournament	
September 26	Paradise Valley	Away
September 28	Xavier	Away
October 3	Horizon	Home
October 5	Shadow Mountain	Home
October 10	Desert Mountain	Away
October 12	Paradise Valley	Home
October 17	Xavier	Home

All three levels play at the same site

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

\*No freshman game, JV 4:00pm, Varsity 5:00pm

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

## Never Too Late To Get Involved Urge Teens to Join a Club

Saint Mary's offers students many different ways to become involved. We have clubs of all kinds – some are quite large and some are quite small. Some deal with academic areas, like math, science, or foreign languages. Some concentrate on service to the broader community. Some foster greater understanding of different cultures. Some pursue the world of arts and literature. And if we don't have a club that meets your child's interests, we are more than willing to explore creating one. Here is a list of clubs open to new members and their moderators:

### Clubs and Other Activities

- Ambassador's Club – Mrs. Vietri (Room 4)
- Art Club – Ms. Norville (Room 24)
- Black Student Union – Mr. Murphy (Room 13)
- Bowling Club – Mr. Piccotti (Gym)
- Columbian Squires – Mr. Perna (Room 8)
- Culture Club – Mrs. Tofeelos (Room 27)
- Drama Club – Mr. D'Arcangelo (Room 38)
- Earth Club – Mrs. Clark (Library)
- Film Club - Mrs. Clark (Library)
- Key Club – Ms. Durham (Room 19)
- Legion of Mary – Ms. Strafaci (Various)
- Math Club – Mr. McCarthy (Room 11)
- MEChA – Mr. DePaul (Room 23)
- Newspaper – Ms. Durham (Room 19)
- Pep Band – Mrs. Mellis
- Saviors of Soul – Mrs. Mellis
- Science Research Club – Mr. Boyd (Room 36)
- Technology Club – Ms. McCann (Room 1)
- Young Democrats – Ms. Juno-Allen (Room 17)
- Young Republicans – Mr. Salts (Various)

Involvement in school activities is a key factor in healthy and positive development for teenagers, and it enhances academic performance. We ask parents to encourage their children to get involved with their classmates in some school-based activity.

## NHS Blood Drive Returns to Saint Mary's

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a blood drive this fall. It is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school 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 St. Mary's High School under the organization column when you sign in. Your donation can save several lives. For further information, contact Mrs. Vietri, N.H.S. advisor (602) 251-2554 or [jvietri@smknights.org](mailto:jvietri@smknights.org).

## 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, August 22, members of the National Honor Society have been 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 [jvietri@smknights.org](mailto:jvietri@smknights.org).

### **\*\*\* Special Reminder for Seniors \*\*\***

The last day for senior portrait submission for the Yearbook is September 29, 2006. Make an appointment by calling Duke Photography at 602-265-2605. Portraits need to be taken at Duke Photography in order to be placed in the yearbook. Seniors have already received mailers from Duke (back in May) regarding senior packages and costs. In addition, there is no cost to seniors who are simply fulfilling the yearbook requirement and do not wish to purchase a package at this time.

## Fall Drama Turns to Fractured Fairy Tales

It's time to lighten the action and bring about some smiles. The Drama Department offers a change of pace, with three efforts based on classic fairy tales. Our past drama efforts have ranged from the fanciful to biting social commentary. Each play selected calls for training in a subset of dramatic skills. We hope you will take some time out from busy schedules to relax and enjoy the efforts of our very talented group.

### **Fairy Tale Courtroom (two parts)**



Part #1: The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf: In this twisted Fairy Tale Courtroom the jury is given the task of finding the Big Bad Wolf innocent or guilty of eating Granny. The D.A. calls on many familiar faces from your past, such as Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Little Pigs, and many other childhood characters as witnesses against the Big Bad Wolf. Will the jury, of the Fairy Tale Courtroom, find the Big Bad Wolf innocent or GUILTY?!?! Come and decide for yourself . . .

Part #2: Witch on Trial: The Wicked Witch is convicted on counts of harassment, kidnapping, attempted murder, and anything else you can think of. The jury of the Fairy Tale Courtroom returns once again, hearing testimonies from the ever innocent Dorothy, the mysterious Mirror on the Wall, and there are even appearances made by some beautiful Princesses. How will the jury rule, in favor of the Wicked Witch or will it be off with her head? Only one way to find out . . .

### **Sleeping Beauty and the Beast**

Looking for laughs and adventure in a far away kingdom? Then look no further than this hysterically astounding play. Both timely and timeless, this easy-going comedy follows the quest of the bumbling but good-hearted Prince Charmless as he attempts to save Princess Rose from the Wicked Fairie and her sleep-induced curse. Along the way, Prince Charmless befriends an adventurous Puss 'N' Boots, a snarling Snow White, the helpful Headless Horseman and a lonely Beast. In the tradition of Into the Woods and Shrek, this play turns fairy tales upside down and the result is a lively, flat-out funny show with tots of great laughs for all.

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