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SAINT MARY MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Alumni, Parents and Friends of
Saint Mary Interparochial School

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!



Front Row: Anthony Zagone, Peyton Floyd, James Tierney, Sandra Mensah, Abigail Sullivan, Jaylan Moore, Jacquelyn Shapson, Andrew Ngai

Second Row: Payton Connolly, Principal Jayda Pugliese, Elena Teja, Gaia Bhullar, Daria Sokolowska, Annie Berger, Nya Revell, Mrs. Judy Crossan-Sanicky, Scarlet McDermott

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Back Row: David Flood, James Clymer-Blizard, Luke Rachubinski

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Congratulations to the Class of 2023! Our most recent graduates will continue to shine their Saint Mary light as they embark on their new adventures in high school. The faculty and staff are confident that each student in their uniqueness is prepared to be a Christ-Centered leader in all that they do. In addition, it should be noted that members of this class received over \$930,000 in scholarships for the next four years of their high school careers.

Congratulations to our class of 2023 - your futures are so bright!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Guardians, Alumni, and Supporters of St. Mary Interparochial School,

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your unwavering support, dedication, and collaboration throughout the 2022-2023 school year. As I reflect upon this past year, I am filled with such immense pride. Whether it be our students' academic milestones, athletic victories, artistic endeavors, musical showcases, spirited competitions, or the faith-filled acts of service to others, our students, staff members, families, and community members are truly shining their St. Mary's light and exemplify the mission and vision that forms the foundation of St. Mary Interparochial School. We have so much to celebrate and acknowledge from this past school year, and here are just a few highlights.

We are excited to share that we have had an academically astonishing year! For the second year in a row, St. Mary Interparochial School scored in the top 15% nationally on the TerraNova assessments. These scores are one portion which helps reaffirm that learning loss due the pandemic has been minimal for our students. This past year, we also applied for prestigious National Blue Ribbon recognition, through the U.S. Department of Education. Our school will find out in the Fall 2023 if we are one of the few school schools selected for this national honor.

This year, we kicked off a new elective called the Middle School Entrepreneurial Service Leadership Program which replaced our traditional STREAM elective in eighth grade. Through the generous support of the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education and in partnership with 901 Education, St. Mary Interparochial School developed the first business-oriented elective within Catholic elementary schools in Philadelphia. In this course, the students had a year-long challenge to design and produce a product and business model to support a local non-profit. This year's partners included the Ronald McDonald House, Covenant House, PA National Guard Family Services and Monster Milers. Not only did this Entrepreneurship program build our students' skills in business management, marketing and in developing financial forecasts, but it also reinforced their public speaking skills, their emotional intelligence, their design skills, and their faith. The Entrepreneurial Service Leadership Program's final showcase was presented at Thomas Jefferson University and guests were blown away by our students' prototypes and presentations.

In addition to the Entrepreneurship program, seventh graders also received an additional elective this year called "Genius Hour with Ms. Pugliese." In Genius Hour, students are led on a journey of various hands-on, collaborative projects, one of which is the "Unsung Hero Project." In this project, students research and identify individuals who have made profound contributions within their respective communities throughout history. Students investigate and uncover the stories of unsung heroes through conducting intense research and through holding interviews with those impacted by the actions of their selected unsung hero. From this information, students create either a documentary or a live website that summarizes the historical background, the unsung hero's impact, and a summary of positive long-term outcomes due their contributions. Once the project is complete, students submit their documentary and/or website to an international competition called the Discovery Award, an award granted by the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes. We look forward to seeing if any of our students are selected as finalists this September!

As we step into the new academic year, we are excited to continue to be partners with the many organizations that support the enrichment our students' learning. These

include Philadelphia E&T Charter High School; Greener Partners; Dancing Classrooms Philly; Musicopia; The Clay Studio; World Affairs Council; Global Philadelphia; Rendell Center for Civics and Civics Engagement; Lantern Theater Company; Philadelphia Outward Bound School; Vetri Community Partnership; South Philly Music Academy; and more! This coming school year, we are excited to share that we plan to develop a student-led broadcasting club, with the support of WHYY, to create a weekly news segment for our school community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, whose commitment to our students' well-being and growth is truly commendable. Their tireless efforts, passion for teaching, and compassionate guidance have undoubtedly shaped the lives of our students in immeasurable ways. We are truly blessed to have such an incredible team of educators and support staff. We thank Ms. Shah, Ms. Montgomery-Kropp, Ms. Loonstyn, Ms. Grossi, and Mrs. Thompson for all that they have done for our students and families. And, we welcome Ms. Scarduzio, Ms. Abbott, Mrs. Kulick, Ms. Spina, and Mr. Jiménez to the St. Mary Interparochial School community.

I wish each and every one of you a safe, joyful, and rejuvenating end to your summer break. May it be a time of rest, exploration, and renewal, as we eagerly anticipate the new academic year ahead with many exciting events planned! Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and faith in our school. Our most sincere thanks to you for your investment in Saint Mary Interparochial School and the Christ-centered leaders you are helping to shape today, and tomorrow!

Many blessings,

Mrs. Jayda Pugliese, M.Ed, Ed.D.(c)
Principal

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF LIMITED JURISDICTION



In the upcoming school year of 2023-24, we in the Saint Mary community will celebrate the 55th anniversary of the school in its modern form. To borrow from wedding anniversary tradition, the 55th anniversary is often referred to as the “Emerald Anniversary.” The emerald, a remarkable gem, is celebrated for symbolizing true love and eternal commitment. Similarly, the flower associated with the 55th wedding anniversary is the Floribunda rose, a beautiful multi-layered rose that symbolizes a love that is prosperous, enduring, and vibrant. (And as you are well aware, the St. Mary community is already partial to the symbolism of the rose, generally, in the first place).

If you will forgive and indulge my mid-Summer musings and perhaps me reaching just a bit in equating the symbolism of a 55th wedding anniversary to the milestone we are celebrating at St. Mary, it strikes me that the symbolism of the Emerald and the Floribunda rose, as described above, aptly describe the core tenets of the St. Mary Community. In terms of true love and eternal commitment, we are first and foremost a school that strives every moment to foster spiritual growth and create Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century.

We are also a school that teaches the importance of fostering partnership within our community-at-large. We are proud of our comprehensive network of partnerships within our community. The exquisite mural recently installed at the School in May 2023 (created beautifully by Isabelle Cress, class of 2013), is a living, visible testament to the school’s mission and also its partnership

with Global Philadelphia Association in promoting the importance of partnerships between governments, the private sector, and civil society to ensure the sustainable development of communities such as the City of Philadelphia.

Indeed, perhaps the sense of commitment that the emerald has come to symbolize can perhaps be no better represented by the career of Mrs. Judy Crossan-Sanicky, our devoted 8th grade teacher (and class of 1975 graduate) who was recently recognized by the Philadelphia Phillies as an All-Star Teacher for her dedication and teaching excellence and will also be honored as our Legacy Leader at our 55th “Emerald” Anniversary Gala on Thursday, November 16, at the Down Town Club!

And, of course, just as the emerald symbolizes the love and commitment embodied by the school, the Floribunda rose symbolizes the vibrance of the school. At a time when most Archdiocesan schools across the nation continue to suffer declining enrollment, we are happy to report that thanks to the excellent reputation of the school and the efforts of the Advancement team, the school will again be at maximum capacity enrollment for over 15 years.

Please join me and the entire Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) as we embark on this 55th “Emerald” year at St. Mary as we both strive to achieve the St. Mary mission and to celebrate the remarkable journey we have experienced to date. As proud as we all are of the St. Mary story to date, we believe firmly that the best chapters still lie ahead.

Best regards,
Michael Detweiler, Esquire
Board Chair and President

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BITTERSWEET GOODBYES

JAMILA ABERDEEN
Parent '16 and '20

Thank you to Dr. Jamila Aberdeen, proud parent to Jabari Perryman '16, and Sela Peryman '20, for serving on our Board of Limited Jurisdiction for the past three years. We are grateful for her time and dedication to our school community and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.



21ST ANNUAL WALKATHON:

Supporting Art, Music, Language, Culture Education for our Children

Presented by Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation; City Plumbing; CrossCountry Mortgage; Harman Deutsch Ohler Architecture; Ralph and Barbara Novotney; SBL Strategies and Novotney Family.

The 21st annual Walkathon on Friday, May 19, 2023, raised \$57,000 to support the art, music, and language programs at Saint Mary! Thank you to our sponsors and to those many friends, families, loved ones, and businesses for supporting our students and embracing this essential fundraising effort.

This year's Walkathon was incredibly special as it coincided with the dedication of a commissioned mural at Saint Mary which celebrates the 17th Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and all of our school's many partnerships. The artwork was created by a Saint Mary alum, Isabelle Cress '13. Following the Walkathon, our community gathered on 5th Street for a ceremony with Global Philadelphia that included remarks by Councilman Mark Squilla and a proclamation by City Representative Sheila Hess.

Congratulations to our top student fundraisers: Gemma C., Grade 3; Giada C., Grade 4; Lucia C., Grade 6; John K., Grade 6; Connor M.I., Grade 4; Cormac M., Grade 1; Charles M., Grade 1; Elizabeth N., Grade 4; Arlo O., Grade 1; Kellen O., Grade 3; and Stephen W., Grade 1.

On behalf of our students who benefit from this fundraiser, thank you to the entire St. Mary community for making this campaign so successful! Please scan the QR code below to view our 2023 Walkathon Event Book.



2023Walkathon



Thank you to all of our 2023 Event sponsors!

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SAVE THE DATE

Our 22nd Annual Walkathon Friday, May 17, 2024

It will celebrate "Philadelphia's Food Firsts and Achievements in the Culinary Arts."



THANK YOU TO OUR HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD!

Each year, the Saint Mary Home and School Association sponsors school dances, Lunch with Santa, the annual Anal Easter Egg Hunt, and several fundraisers designed to raise money for important projects. Our Home and School members come together as one group, one voice, one school to benefit our children – our greatest asset!

Thank you to our outgoing Home and School Board members for their service to Saint Mary Interparochial School during our 2022-2023 school year:

Tara Murphy, President
Trish Veza, 1st Vice President
Liz Barmann, 2nd Vice President
Ann Scheving, Events



We also welcome our new Home and School Association Members and look forward to all of the events to come during our 2023-2024 school year!

Home and School Board 2023-2024

Katie Andrews, President
Jamie Wolf, Vice President
Liz Colussi, Treasurer
Megan Dever, Secretary
Dane Root, Events

To learn more about our Home and School Association, please visit www.saintmarys.us/family-resources/home-school

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday, September 5
Back to School Night
4:30 PM (Kindergarten);
6:00 PM (Grades 1-4)

Wednesday, September 6
First Day of School for K and 1st - 8th Grade
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)
No After School Programs

Thursday, September 7
Middle School Back to School Night: Ms. Pugliese @ 5:00 PM;
Grades 5-8 @ 5:30 PM
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)
No After School Programs

Friday, September 8
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)
No After School Programs

Monday, September 11
First Full Day of School for All Students
2:45 PM Dismissal (1-8) / 2:45 (K)
CARES Begins

Wednesday, September 13
Tea Time with the Principal
8 AM - 9 AM

Friday, September 15
Back to School & First Responders Mass 9:30 AM (OSM)
H&S Cupcake Sale
H&S Meet up at Franklin Square

Monday, September 18
Constitution Day (Grades 7&8 Trip)

Tuesday, September 19
Open House
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Friday, September 22
Grandparents Day
8:30 AM (Kindergarten Only)

Saturday, September 30
17th Annual Harvest Hoedown - Rain or Shine!

Monday, October 2
Deadline to apply for Kindergarten (2024-2025)

Wednesday, October 4
Blessing of the Stuffed Animals Prayer Service for K-4
9:00 AM (OSJ)

Friday, October 6
Holy Rosary Event
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)

Monday, October 9
No School for Students

Tuesday, October 10
Board of Limited Jurisdiction Meeting
(Open 6:00 PM; Closed 7:00 PM)

Wednesday, October 17
Ask an Alum Event
1:30 PM (grades 7&8)

Friday, October 20
NJHS Induction and "Black Sweater" Mass 9:30 AM (OSJ)
H&S Trunk or Treat
Halloween H&S Cupcake Sale

Monday, October 23
First Trimester Progress Report Distribution

Friday, October 27
Halloween Dress Down Day

Monday, October 30
1st Grade All Saints Day Presentation 9:30 AM (OSJ)
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)
Progress Report Conferences
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 31
No School - Halloween

Monday, November 1
All Saints Day, No School for Students

Tuesday, November 2
Winter Uniform Begins

Friday, November 10
Veterans Day Thank You Breakfast and Q&A 8AM-11AM
Military Branch wear red, white and blue dress down day

Sunday, November 12
Discover Catholic Schools week begins

Thursday, November 16
55th Anniversary Gala
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)

Friday, November 17
No School

Wednesday, November 22
Annual "10 Lepers" Mass 9:30 AM (OSJ)
Kindergarten Friendsgiving Feast 11AM
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)

Thursday, November 23 - Friday, November 24
Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 30
School Photos - Winter Uniforms

Friday, December 1
Philadelphia Eagles Dress Down Day

Sunday, December 3
H&S Dilworth Park Skating Event

Friday, December 8
Annual NYC Trip
No School for Students

Monday, December 11
First Trimester Report Card Distribution

Tuesday, December 12
55th Anniversary & Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
9:30 AM (OSM)

Wednesday, December 13
Tea Time with Principal
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Friday, December 15
Ugly Sweater Dress Down Day
H&S Cupcake Sale
H&S 5-8 Winter Ball

Tuesday, December 19
Christmas Music Showcase
6 PM

Wednesday, December 20
Confessions (6-8 Grades only)
9:30 AM (OSJ)

Thursday, December 21
Hot Chocolate and Pajamas Day
Faculty and Staff Bruncheon

Friday, December 22
Las Posadas Pageant 9:30 AM (OSJ)
12:45 PM Dismissal (K)
1:00 PM Dismissal (1-8)
No After School Programs

Monday, December 25 - Sunday, December 31
Christmas Holiday

CLASS OF 2023 PERSONAL PROFILES

St. Mary's celebrates the achievements of the Class of 2023! Every year we ask the graduating 8th graders to share a few of their personal stories, goals, memories and influences. Read through their words of wisdom; these are good messages for us all!



ANNIE BERGER

HIGH SCHOOL:
Merion Mercy Academy
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Volleyball, Softball,
National Junior Honor
Society, Ambassador

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Don't cry because it's
over. Smile because it happened." -- Dr. Seuss



GAIA BHULLAR

HIGH SCHOOL:
Central High School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Ambassador, Big Sister,
Outward Bound, National
Junior Honor Society,
Illustration, Chess Club,
Dungeons and Dragons,

Vetri Cooking Lab, Soccer

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"If good things lasted forever, would we
appreciate how precious they are?" -- Bill
Watterson



JAMES CLYMER- BLIZARD

HIGH SCHOOL:
Central High School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Basketball, Cross Country,
Tech Club, Drama Club

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Never put off till
tomorrow what you can do the day after
tomorrow just as well." -- Mark Twain

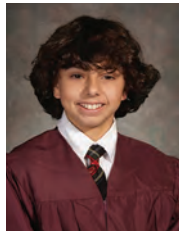


PAYTON CONNELLY

HIGH SCHOOL:
Merion Mercy Academy
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Track and Field, Basketball,
Cross Country, Ambassador,
Big Sister, National Junior
Honors Society, Honors
Math, Outward Bound.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Fight for the things that you care about, but
do it in a way that will lead others to join." --
Ruth Bader Ginsburg



ANTONIO D'ANGELO

HIGH SCHOOL:
St. Joseph's Preparatory
School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Varsity Basketball,
Ambassador, Big Brother,
Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at
something. But I can't accept not trying." --
Michael Jordan



LUCIA DECESARE

HIGH SCHOOL:
Bishop Eustace Preparatory
School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Varsity Volleyball,
Basketball, Big Sister,
National Junior Honor
Society, Honors Math,

Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"There is no real beauty without some slight
imperfection." -- James Salter



ADALYN DJAP

HIGH SCHOOL:
Penncrest High School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Big Sister, National
Junior Honor Society,
Ambassador, Illustration
Club, Chess Club,
Dungeons and Dragons,

Outward Bound, Vetri Cooking Lab

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds that you plant." -- Robert
Louis Stevenson



MAYA ECKSTEIN

HIGH SCHOOL:
Paul VI High School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Volleyball, Track and Field,
Big Sister, National Junior
Honor Society, Honors
Math, Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"They whispered to her - you cannot
withstand the storm. She whispered back- I
am the storm." -- Anonymous



DAVID FLOOD

HIGH SCHOOL:
St. Joseph's Preparatory
School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
JV Boys Basketball, Varsity
Boys Basketball, Honors
Math, Ambassador, Chess
Club, Math Counts, Big

Brother, Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is
you're the pilot." -- Michael Altschuler

Class of 2023 Personal Profiles, continued



PEYTON FLOYD

HIGH SCHOOL:
Merion Mercy Academy
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Volleyball, Basketball,
Softball, Track and Field,
Big Sister, Ambassador,
Outward Bound
WORDS OF WISDOM:

"This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change." -- Taylor Swift



JULIA KLEIN

HIGH SCHOOL:
Merion Mercy Academy
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Volleyball, Basketball,
National Junior Honor
Society Secretary, Big
Sister, National History
Day, Cross Country,

Ambassador, Honors Math, Outward Bound
WORDS OF WISDOM:

"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind." -- Taylor Swift



CLAUDIA KRYSZCZAK

HIGH SCHOOL:
Bishop Eustace Preparatory
School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
National Junior Honor
Society, Big Sister,
Ambassador, Girls JV

Basketball, Girls Varsity Volleyball, Softball,
Math Counts

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"You are the only one who gets to decide what you will be remembered for." -- Taylor Swift



SCARLET MCDERMOTT

HIGH SCHOOL:
Bishop Eustace Preparatory
School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Basketball, Volleyball,
Softball, Big Sister, National
Junior Honor Society Vice

President, Honors Math, Ambassador, Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you." -- Bethany Hamilton



SANDRA MENSAH

HIGH SCHOOL:
Ss. John Neumann and
Maria Goretti High School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Big Sister, Ambassador,
Vetri Cooking Lab,
Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace." -- Anonymous



JAYLAN MOORE

HIGH SCHOOL:
Abington Friends School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Ambassador, Big Brother,
CARES after school
program helper, Chess
Club, Drama Club,
Illustration & Design, Math

Counts, Outward Bound, TECH Club, Vetri
Cooking Lab, Honors Math, National Junior

Honor Society

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Don't let others tell you what you can't do. No one lives in your head but you, and no one knows your potential but you." -- Kobe Bryant



ANDREW NGAI

HIGH SCHOOL:
St. Joseph's Preparatory
School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
National Junior Honor
Society Archivist,
Chess Club, Big Brother,
Ambassador, Honors Math,

Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"It is in your hands, to make a better world for all who live in it." -- Nelson Mandela



LUKE RACHUBINSKI

HIGH SCHOOL:
St. Joseph's Preparatory
School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Basketball, Ambassador,
Big Brother, Outward
Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." -- Babe Ruth





NYA REVELL

HIGH SCHOOL:
Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Volleyball, Ambassador, Outward Bound, Big Sister
WORDS OF WISDOM:

"If every time you make a mistake you just rush in to fix it, you're only gonna make things worse." -- Barry Allen



JESSE SAUDER

HIGH SCHOOL:
Saint Joseph's Preparatory School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Baseball, Basketball, Big Brother, Ambassador, Outward Bound
WORDS OF WISDOM:

"You will never realize the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." -- Dr. Seuss



JACQUELYN SHAPSON

HIGH SCHOOL:
Merion Mercy Academy
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track and Field, Ambassador, Big Sister, National Junior

Honor Society President, Honors Math, Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Understand that one day you will have the power to make a difference, so use it well." -- Mindy Kaling



DARIA SOKOLOWSKA

HIGH SCHOOL:
Nazareth Academy High School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Big Sister, Ambassador, Honors Math, National Junior Honor Society

Treasurer, Outward Bound, Girls Basketball, Girls Varsity Volleyball, Math Counts, Chess Club, People Who Code, Puppetry, Vetri Cooking Lab, Industrial Design

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -- Eleanor Roosevelt



ABIGAIL SULLIVAN

HIGH SCHOOL:
Nazareth Academy High School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Chess Club, Reading Olympics, Industrial Design, Theatre, Big Sister, Honors Math, National Junior

Honor Society, Ambassador, Outward Bound
WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Winning and losing aren't everything, sometimes the journey is more important than the outcome." -- Alex Morgan



ELENA TEJA

HIGH SCHOOL:
Merion Mercy Academy
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Big Sister, Ambassador, Cooking Lab, Chess Club, Theater, Illustration, Math Counts
WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose." -- Viktor Frankl



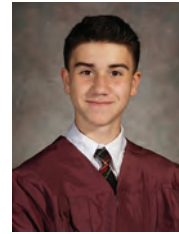
JAMES TIERNEY

HIGH SCHOOL:
St. Joseph's Preparatory School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Cross Country, Track and Field, Chess Club, Illustration, Vetri Cooking Lab, Drama, Ambassador,

National Junior Honor Society, Honors Math, Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions." -- Albert Einstein



ANTHONY ZAGONE

HIGH SCHOOL:
St. Joseph's Preparatory School
ACHIEVEMENTS:
Varsity Basketball, Ambassador, Big Brother, National Junior Honor

Society, Outward Bound

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Results happen over time, not overnight. Work hard, stay consistent, and be patient." -- Cristiano Ronaldo





IMPACT GIVING CAMPAIGN

TO OUR GENEROUS ST. MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL SUPPORTERS

Each gift to Saint Mary makes a transformative difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff. Your continued and dedicated support allows the Saint Mary light to brightly shine in Historic Philadelphia, an extraordinary example of an innovative, empowering, and nurturing Catholic educational program.

As you plan your giving for 2023-24, kindly consider these fundraising efforts as part of our Impact Giving campaign. Your voluntary donation is sincerely appreciated and makes a lasting impact within our school community.

Thursday,
November, 16
2023
A Celebration of
Excellence in
Catholic Education



YOUR DONATION
GOES TO:
Improving our
physical space
to support our
Students
Academically
and Spiritually



SCAN ME

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

YOUR DONATION GOES TO:
An Exemplary Faith-based Academic Program, Financial Tuition Assistance, General Operating Expenses, Professional Development for our Staff and Educators,
Building Maintenance



Saturday, September 30, 2023
Rain or Shine

YOUR DONATION GOES TO:
STREAM Education
(Science, Technology, Religion,
Engineering, Art, Math)



Friday, May 17, 2024
21th Annual Walkathon:
"Celebrating Philadelphia's Food Firsts
and Achievements in the Culinary Arts"
YOUR DONATION GOES TO:
Art, Music, and Language Enrichment

Additional Ways to Make a Difference:

- PA Tax Credit Program To Support St. Mary Students
- Appreciated Securities
- Matching Gifts
- Planned Giving and Bequests

Personalized Giving:

Please consider supporting these areas of need throughout the giving year at the level that is right for you. If you prefer to create your own personalized giving plan, please contact Christina Haciski, Executive Director of Advancement at 215-923-7522 or advancement@saintmarys.us to schedule a giving meeting.

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Interparochial School!

Our light continues to shine brightly as a beacon for outstanding Catholic education in the historic heart of Philadelphia.
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SAINT MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND



A Celebration of Excellence in Catholic Education

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023
AT HALF AFTER SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
DOWN TOWN CLUB
PHILADELPHIA

Honoring

JUDY CROSSAN SANICKY, ALUMNAE, '75
Legacy Leader Award

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Partner in Academic Excellence Award

Presented by
CITY PLUMBING

55th Anniversary Gala Support Opportunities

\$15,000

Presenting Sponsor (Limit 1)

- Generously supported by City Plumbing

\$10,000

Legacy Sponsor

- Admission for 10 guests with reserved seating
- High profile event recognition and full-page advertisement in event program
- Yearlong recognition in 55th Anniversary Gala communications and social media
- Includes sponsorship of the 2023 Hoedown and the 2024 Walkathon

\$5,000

Doors of Saint Mary Sponsor

- Admission for 8 guests with reserved seating
- Event recognition and full-page advertisement in event program
- Yearlong recognition in 55th Anniversary Gala communications and social media
- Includes sponsorship of the 2023 Hoedown and the 2024 Walkathon

\$2,500

Heart & Rose Sponsor

- Admission for 6 guests
- Event recognition and full-page advertisement in event program
- Yearlong recognition in 55th Anniversary Gala communications and social media

\$1,500

Scholars & Leaders Sponsor

- Admission for 4 guests
- Event recognition and half-page advertisement in event program
- Yearlong recognition in 55th Anniversary Gala communications

\$500

Shining Light Sponsor

- Admission for 2 guests
- Event recognition and quarter-page advertisement in event program

\$195

Individual Ticket

\$155

Young Professional Individual Ticket

Event Program Advertisements

Support Level	Size	Dimensions
\$600	Full	7.75" x 4.75"
\$300	Half	3.875" x 4.75"
\$150	Quarter	2.5" x 4.75"

\$75 Line listing in event program for parishes, families, and individuals
n/a

Special Notes

Advertisement submission deadline is October 1, 2023

All event program advertisements will be in full color

Special event underwriting opportunities are also available. Please inquire if you are interested.

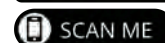
Payment Options

Please make checks payable to:
St. Mary Interparochial School
Fifth and Locust Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106

To pay using a credit card visit:
www.saintmarys.us/support/st_mary_gala

Contact Information

For more information, to email your advertisement as you would like it to appear, or to make a payment by phone, please contact gala@saintmarys.us or call 215-923-7522.



TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESS OWNERS WILL HELP CHILDREN BECOME “CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY”



EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credits) & OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits) are available to both individuals and companies in the state of PA who are subject to tax liability. The Tax Credit program, which allows both individuals and businesses to redirect their state tax liability to fund scholarships for students and families in need, living in the Philadelphia region and across the state of PA.

Personal Tax Credit - Special Business Partnerships Utilizing The Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credits for Personal Taxes

A special-purpose limited liability company established to provide tuition assistance scholarships to low-income families through the use of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. These programs allow members to receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability. Essentially, you turn your PA tax liability into scholarships!

Business Tax Credit

Businesses in Pennsylvania can receive up to a 90% tax credit by designating tax dollars through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. By directing tax dollars your business will already be paying, you can help provide a quality education for children who otherwise would not be able to afford it. The EITC & OSTC PA tax credits allow businesses to make these donations for pennies on the dollar.

St. Mary Interparochial School is happy to announce we have been designated over **\$400,000** in EITC/OSTC funding through BLOCS, Foundation for Catholic Education, and the Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia organizations.

St. Mary is grateful to the organizations and individuals who have designated tax dollars to make an outstanding education accessible to many of our students.

Thank you to our EITC partnering scholarship organizations for helping to provide financial aid to our students and their families!

**Business Schools Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)
The Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia (CSFP)
Foundation for Catholic Education**

Please consider designating your personal taxes or business taxes to make quality education possible for our St. Mary students in the historic heart of Philadelphia!

HELP PROVIDE A TUITION REDUCTION GRANT FOR ALL ST. MARY FAMILIES

Last year, in a generous partnership with the Foundation for Catholic Education, we launched a new Tuition Reduction Grant Program that benefited ALL St. Mary families this past school year. Now we are planning to double that tuition reduction grant by asking individuals to designate a portion of their PA State tax dollars to Catholic Education rather than sending these tax dollars to the state for the upcoming school year.

We encourage all St. Mary Family and Friends to designate a portion of their tax liability to the TuitionCare Program. If we can grow the number of participants to match the total number of families whose children are enrolled in our school (currently 189), the Tuition Reduction Grant this time next year could be \$1,000 per family!

If you have any questions about the TuitionCare: Tuition Reduction Grant Program or how you can designate your tax dollars to increase the grant for every family, please contact Christina Haciski, Executive Director of Advancement and Strategic Initiatives, at 215-923-7522 or advancement@saintmarys.us.





SAINT MARY STORM ATHLETICS UPDATE 2022-2023

Kevin Barmann, Saint Mary Storm Athletic Director

Year in Review

Congratulations to everyone on a memorable 2022-2023 sports season for our students. Thank you to parents, guardians, and all volunteer coaches. Philadelphia Parks and Recreation also should be acknowledged for their generous support of Saint Mary by allowing our school to access Shot Tower, Murphy Recreation, FDR Park, and Chew Playground. Highlights include:

Fall 2022

Girls' Volleyball

- Added a second volleyball team
- CYO Region 6 Champions

Soccer

- Added a third soccer team
- 9/10 year old team competed in the division Championship game

Winter 2022-2023

Boys' Basketball

- CYO Region 6 Champions

Spring 2023

Track and Field

- Successfully merged team with Saint Francis Xavier
- CYO Girls Regional Champions
- Girls' 4x800 placed first at the CYO Championships

Baseball and Softball

- Added a fourth baseball team and a second softball team
- Hosted a clinic presented and led by the Philadelphia Phillies
- 12u baseball team hosted a game at Chew against the TriState Trailblazers.
- 8u and 12u baseball teams competed in the division championship games

Bittersweet Goodbyes

Special thanks to Coach Michael Shapson and Coach Howard Briskin for several years of serving our Storm Athletic Program. Each coach helped strengthen the opportunities for our student athletes and also led several teams to championships. We wish you the best of luck and thank you once again for your time, expertise, and support over the years!

CALL FOR STORM VOLUNTEERS

For this upcoming Winter Season, we are seeking multiple volunteers to help coach:

JV Girls Basketball

JV Boys Basketball

Varsity Girls Basketball

Varsity Boys Basketball

Volunteer coaches can be parents, Saint Mary alumni, relatives, friends, coworkers, or young adults who want to help impact the student athletes. All volunteer coaches will need to provide clearances (guidance will be provided). Please contact Kevin Barmann, Saint Mary Storm Athletic Director, at storm@saintmarys.us.

St. Mary Interparochial School would also like to thank Kevin Barmann for his dedication to continuing to improve the Storm Athletic Program! We are very grateful to have him serve as our volunteer Athletic Director once again for the 2023-2024 school year!

Let's Go Storm!



ALUMNI CIRCLE NEWS

The Alumni Circle is an informal alumni community connecting former classmates and St. Mary School in a fun and easy way.

Class of 2023: Welcome to the St. Mary Interparochial School Alumni Circle!

We welcome the entire Class of 2023 into our Alumni Circle! We are very proud of our newest Alumni Circle members and all that they have achieved, and look forward to hearing all about their high school accomplishments! Best of luck!

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St. Mary Alumni Good News

Special thanks to Lucia Rizzio who graciously addressed our newest alumni on June 13 during our annual pinning ceremony and had these

words to share with our new St. Mary Alumni: "Similar to you, I am also starting a new journey. I do not know where my college journey will take me but you and I have something in common - the strong foundation that St. Mary's gave us, for our future and beyond. If there is anything that you can take away from this speech, let it be this:

- always find your inner courage
- believe in yourself no matter what
- treasure every moment you can
- and never stop working until your better is best."



Lucia received the Macguire scholarship from St. Mary Interparochial School to attend Neumann Goretti High School. She graduated from SS Neumann and Goretti with First Honors and the Honors and Excellence in Marketing and Finance Award. Lucia received the Trustees Scholarship to attend Holy Family University in the fall. She is also a counselor at summer camp and works the Steam Program at St. Mary Interparochial School!

Congratulations, Lucia! We cannot wait to see what the future holds for you. As you said in your speech, "...let this new chapter of your life begin and never have an ending page."

Alumni Spotlight

Would you like to be featured in an Alumni Spotlight? Share your good news with us! Email alumni@saintmarys.us and provide a brief description of any milestones or achievements that you would like to share with the St. Mary community.

Alumni Service Opportunities

Each year, we invite our high school-aged alumni to receive service hours through our Annual Harvest Hoedown! Stay up to date on all volunteer opportunities by following our social media accounts! Contact alumni@saintmary.us

2023 LEGACY SCHOLARS

ANNE B.
GAIA B.
ADALYN D.
DAVID F.
JULIA K.
CLAUDIA K.
SCARLET M.



SANDRA M.
JAYLAN M.
LUKE R.
JESSE S.
JACQUELYN S.
ABIGAIL S.
JAMES T.



SAVE THE DATE!

17th Annual Harvest Hoedown
on Locust Street
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023,
from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

This event is rain or shine!

This joyous autumn celebration is an opportunity to bring students, parents, staff, alumni, and friends together in the heart of historic Philadelphia.

All proceeds benefit the students of St. Mary Interparochial School through STEAM programs. For sponsorship and ticket information, please visit www.saintmarys.us/support/harvesthoedown.

The Hoedown rallies and unifies the St. Mary's community around a common cause: to raise money to support our mission to challenge our diverse student body, to grow morally, academically and socially into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century.

Our Harvest Hoedown donations support our STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) Education Programs! This year, we celebrate our Harvest Hoedown's 16th anniversary.

For sponsorship and admission information, please visit saintmarys.us/support/harvesthoedown.

Nominate an Alum Today for the Eighth Annual Harding Alumni Award

During the 17th Annual Harvest Hoedown, a graduate of St. Mary Interparochial School who exemplifies excellence in service to the community at large will be presented with The Harding Alumni Award. Nominations are now being accepted.

Anyone can nominate an alum today by scanning this QR code:



Nominate Here

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsor the 17th Annual Harvest Hoedown today! All sponsors will be listed in our Event Book, St. Mary website, and Facebook fan page. For a full description of all sponsorship levels, or to sponsor the Harvest Hoedown today, please scan the QR code below.



SPONSOR

Hoedown Admission: Purchase your tickets today!

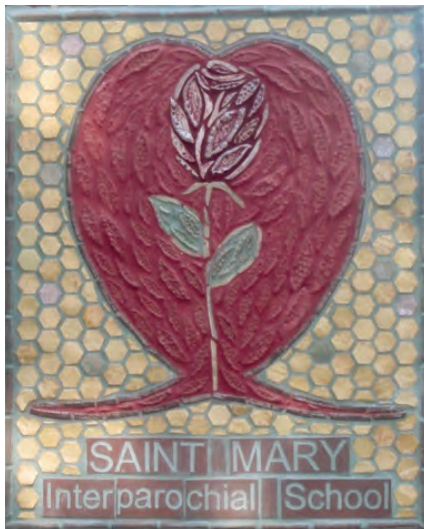
Day of Event Admission: Admission to the Harvest Hoedown is \$12.50. After September 22nd, Admission to our Harvest Hoedown is \$15.00. Purchase your admission tickets today by filling out the form below. Online ticket sales will close on Friday, September 29 at 2:00 PM.



SCAN ME

Admission to the Hoedown Includes 10 Hoedown Tickets to be used for food and activities. Scan the QR code below to purchase your admission tickets today!

For more information visit <http://www.saintmarys.us/support/harvest-hoedown>



HELP US KICK OFF OUR ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2023-2024

The Annual Giving Campaign is a yearly fundraising drive for the purpose of raising much-needed funds to benefit the students of St. Mary Interparochial School. These essential funds assist in providing:

- A top-rated Academic Program
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Instruction for our Christ-Centered Leaders
- Financial Aid for families in need
- Professional Development
- Necessary building and physical plant maintenance

You will receive our Annual Report for 2022-2023 and our Annual Giving letter this winter. We are grateful for your generosity. We hope you will contribute once again along with our entire St. Mary School community. 100% percent of your contribution will be used to benefit the students of St. Mary Interparochial School. Thank you in advance for your donation!

How can you help?

- Donate online at www.saintmarys.us/support/annualgiving, call 215-923-7522
- Mail cash or check donation payable to:
Saint Mary Interparochial School
5th and Locust Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106
- Double your impact by requesting a matching gift from your employer
- Spread the word about our Annual Giving Appeal to others who, like you, believe in an excellent Catholic education for children of all religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.

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Visit www.saintmarys.us/admissions/visiting to RSVP today. Any questions, please contact our Admissions Director at admissions@saintmarys.us or 215-923-7522.

Open Houses 2022-2023
 September 19, 2023 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
 January 30, 2024 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
 May 7, 2024 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

The rich academic and historic heritage of St. Mary Interparochial School dates to the early days of Philadelphia, as Catholics and Protestants engaged in a spirited debate over educational practices. Founded in 1782 by the Jesuit fathers of Old St. Joseph's Church, St. Mary is known as "The Mother School" of Catholic parochial education and is credited with influencing Catholic educational patterns in this country. Situated near Independence Hall and other pivotal sites in old Philadelphia, it served children for more than a century before closing in 1902 after a devastating fire. St. Mary reopened in 1968, again with a distinction: With students drawn from six different parishes, it was the first interparochial school in the nation. St. Mary Interparochial School is situated in Independence National Park and serves over 250 children from all over the City of Philadelphia and its suburbs.

History of Saint Mary Interparochial School

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