

# St. Mary Academy Newsletter

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## Principal's News

Mrs. Bobi White, Principal



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- ◆ Standardized testing (4/5-4/9)
- ◆ Mother-Son night (4/9)
- ◆ Daddy-Daughter Dance (4/10)
- ◆ Spring recess (4/19-4/23)
- ◆ Uniform measurement day (4/28)

I want to wish all of you within the Saint Mary Family a Blessed Easter.

It seems so fitting that Easter, spring, and our last trimester are all beginning now. All signify a rebirth of opportunity and signs of growth. Things we have lived with all winter we now look at with fresh eyes and renewed motivation. It is also a time to begin to celebrate the changes and development that have occurred during the fall and winter months.

As you read this I will be at the NCEA convention with Meaghan Puglisi to receive our award for Innovations in Education. I feel a great pride in being able to represent such a remarkable group of students, educators, and parents and wish to thank you for your contribution to this award. I am also excited to search new ideas and materials to bring back to the community as we begin to plan for next year.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Evening in the Garden Auction such a success. This effort takes months of planning and coaxing and we had a great crew that worked all year to make it happen. It was a wonderful evening. My thanks to chairman Leslie Barbini, Stacy Anglace, Nicole Bosco, Jennifer Ford, Erin Jacobsen, Shelly MacGregor, Jennifer MacNeil, Cheryl Saylor, Kendra Weller and Meaghan Pulgisi. A special thanks to SMA parents Kathy and Vinny Colella of Jardiniere Flowers for donating all the floral arrangements, Marshall Rental Center for offsetting the cost of the tables, chairs, and linens and to Relyco for underwriting the program. In addition, I would like to thank Diane Shelgren for taking all the photographs that were up for sale at the event and to Sue O'Donnell of Harvey's Bakery and Bill Coneys of New Hampshire Roasting Company for donating desserts and coffees. Also, special thanks to the MacNeil and MacGregor families for cooking and preparing all the food for the auction, and to our auctioneer of the

evening, Dan Forgét. Thank you for helping us to grow our garden and those bids. The entire event was truly a community effort.

We have had two significant events this month that have impacted our environment at SMA. One is water damage in the library from each of the heavy rainfalls that have occurred. We are working with the Diocesan office to diagnose and repair the situation. As an alternative, I am looking at starting a swim class.... The second issue was with our email service which was down for five days after one of the outages. We are still assessing the issue. If you sent an email that did not receive a response, chances are it is in the loop we are still trying to access. In both instances I welcome any and all volunteers with specific expertise to help with the situations.

Next week we will be starting our standardized testing. Please try to have your child here on time, well rested and with a good breakfast. We will be scheduling testing for the morning block and then resuming normal schedules in the afternoon. Remember there is a late start on Wednesday, April 7.

I have been asked about end of year dates and since New England weather is so unpredictable I am hesitant to give that information. However, the TENTATIVE dates are: end of school, June 21, and graduation, June 17. As we get more information, I will be sending that out.

### Important Dates

Terra Nova Testing – April 5-12  
Late Start – April 7  
DARE Graduation – April 9  
Mother/Son Evening – April 9  
Daddy/Daughter Dance – April 10  
Easter Mass – April 12  
Science Fair – April 13, 14  
Junior High Mass at STA – April 13  
Invite a Friend – April 14 – Pre K/K  
School Vacation – April 19-23

## Office News – Mr. Hall, Mrs. Allyson

Tuition payments should be ending for most of you in April. That would be a good time to check to see if you have any outstanding balances from forgotten invoices. Please call or email Mr. Hall if you have a question on your balance.

Please make sure you complete those financial aid forms (for Grades 1-8 only) and submit them to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment as soon as possible because they are now overdue. This is the only method we use to evaluate tuition aid for the next school year.

Tuition contracts and FACTS Tuition payment forms will be mailed as soon as our new budget is approved by the Diocese and School Board. This will probably occur in mid-April. The new tuition plans begin in July.

### Pennies! Pennies! Pennies!

Our penny collection is now at \$725. 6D is still out ahead with \$159. 1CZ is close behind with \$126 and 3B with \$110.

The following students brought in \$10 or more: Jacob Valley, 4G, \$10; Cameron Adams, 6D, \$10.50.

May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the official end of the penny drive – with the pizza party soon to follow.



Thank you for your efforts!

### Dress Down Day

Dress down day for the month of April is Friday, April 16. Bring in \$1 and dress down for the day.

### Virtue of the Month

#### March - FORGIVENESS

*Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay*

1Cz: Connor McCabe

3B: Shawn DeKorne, Grace McGovern,  
Lucas Nering, Michael Richards,  
Maggie Saylor

3L: Ethan Lotz

6D: Abby Etter

6G: Marina Obyc

8G: Abbey Raiche, Margo Clark

### Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest

Congratulations to the following grade-level winners of the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest:

Grade 1: Katrina Breen

Grade 2: Raegan Holzhter

Grade 3: John Kelliher

Grade 4: Gabrielle Cruz

Grade 5: Isabelle Fradillada

Grade 6: Sara Feith

Grade 7: Sydney Puffer

Grade 8: Abbey Raiche

### Home & School Association

Saint Mary Academy is excited to announce that we are developing a Home and School Association to be introduced this spring. A Home and School Association is a community of parents and legal guardians who dedicate themselves to serving the school by organizing the volunteer committees that assist the school in various ways. It is led by a board of parents or legal guardians.

The Home and School Association board will host several parent meetings throughout the school year on different topics. Some of the objectives of the Home and School Association are:

- To support the mission, goals, and objectives of the school.
- To promote the best Catholic education and encourage active participation of parents in the education of their children through developing events that enhance the overall experience of students, staff and parents.
- To support the staff in their work with students and parents.

We look forward to implementing the Home and School Association. Stay tuned for more information.

Beth Evans, Interim President

## *Mission of the Month – Mrs. Kuder*

This month's mission collection is going to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose goal is to help end world hunger and poverty through self-reliance and sustainability.

The idea is simple and it works. Instead of providing hungry families with a non-renewable source of food, Heifer

International provides a "living loan" of an animal. The family's health and standard of living is greatly improved by what that animal can provide. This might be milk from a cow or goat, eggs from poultry, meat from rabbits, draft power from water buffalo or wool from llamas.

**April  
Mission  
Collection**  
Heifer  
International  
April 8-9

## *Development News– Mrs. Puglisi*

### **Another auction down, and another success!**

The auction is one of our major fundraisers for the school. More than that, it's a major community builder. It truly takes the effort of every family and the success of this event is a tribute to everyone who supported the auction team's efforts. The amount raised at this event is still being tallied and for printing deadlines, won't be available for this newsletter.

I would like to echo Mrs. White's acknowledgment of our wonderful, dedicated team for creating one of the most beautiful auctions and to the many families who have spent hours throughout the year soliciting items and classroom gifts. And of course we can't forget our spouses who took time out of work so these folks could attend meetings, volunteer, and take care of the households while we were busy at work. Clearly, this event takes an entire community and we are grateful.

### **Wish Tree**

The wish tree is a new project to the auction this year and one that we hope will continue. The tree in the main lobby has several leaves placed on it. Each leaf represents a different teacher and their wish for their classroom. Thank you to everyone who has taken off leaves up to this point and purchased items for faculty and staff. If you are interested, we encourage you to view the leaves on the tree and remove the leaf to purchase the item represented. If it's a cash amount, for example, \$25 towards white boards, please submit the leaf and payment to the main office and we will coordinate

purchasing the item for the teacher. This is a wonderful way to have a direct impact in helping our staff get the items they wish and need for their classroom and your children. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Meaghan Puglisi at [puglisi@saintmaryacademy.org](mailto:puglisi@saintmaryacademy.org) or call 742-3299.

### **April Parents Group at PreK/K Building**

Invite friends and families with children ages 3-6 to our "open house" for the PreK/K building. Open houses aren't always an easy option for families with younger children so we are getting creative and trying a new approach to opening the doors and inviting the public to see our school. On Wednesday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m., we will hold a readiness workshop for parents, presented by Mrs. White, on a few topics geared towards preparing their child for school and how our school program might be a fit for their child. While the parents are participating in this discussion, children are seeing what it's like to be a PreK or Kindergarten student, enjoying a very hands-on atmosphere. They will play, listen to stories and eliminate any of the fear associated with having a tour and being alone in front of all the students. We will also serve a light breakfast, muffins and coffee, and simply have a friendly, educational morning for parents with children of this age group. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Meaghan Puglisi. The main job for all families – help us spread the word and invite your friends!

*PreK & K News –Mrs. Dugmore, Ms. McGurty,  
Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McKernan*

Thank you to all the parents who helped to make Circus Day such a success. The

students really enjoyed the day.



*Grade 1 & 2 News –Mrs. Cronholm, Mrs. Cruz,  
Mrs. Pinsince and Ms. Smith*

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the auction. Our sincerest thanks to everyone who participated in this event to support our school.

Once again, we enjoyed observing the Student Council perform the "Living Stations of the Cross." As always, it is a beautiful and moving production and the students did an excellent job.

Both first and second grades will be attending the play, *Beauty and the Beast* at the Rochester Opera House on April 14th.

Please continue working with your first grader on the sight and Dolch words. We are now working on the first grade Dolch list so the words are getting more difficult and practice is essential to help your child become stronger and

more confident readers. One strategy to help them learn these words and also improve their writing ability is to encourage them to write sentences and/or small books with illustrations using the words from their word books and the Dolch lists.

Next month we will begin working on a research unit of the United States; details will follow!

The second graders are continuing preparation for the sacrament of First Communion.

The students have completed learning their cursive letters and are transitioning to using cursive writing in all of their work. We hope you and your family have a blessed Easter and a fun and relaxing vacation!

*Grade 3 News –Mrs. Bilodeau and Mrs. Leonard*

**3B News**

The children have been doing a great job with their Heifer reading project. They are so excited to be reading so many books to be able to help children who are less fortunate. The books that the children read also count for our Reading Bulletin Board. It will be bursting at the seams once all the books have been tallied. 😊

We continue to be studying all of our math facts. Children should be practicing these each night. Testing is also this month and math is a big part of that.

We are looking forward to going to the Rochester Opera House this month to see

*Beauty and the Beast*. The children always look forward to going to the Opera House.

We have been talking about Holy Week and Easter and Deacon Bob has been in speaking to us about that. We would like to wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter.

Congratulations to Shawn DeKorne and Kate Smith for doing all their homework for Term 2. This is quite an accomplishment! Well done!

Of course, the children are looking forward to April vacation. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate! Safe journeys!

## *Grade 4 News— Mrs. Gagne and Mrs. Landry*

### **Rochester Opera House**

The fourth grade class will be visiting the Rochester Opera House to enjoy the presentation *Beauty and the Beast*. The students will join Beauty, her family and the Beast and learn that “Beauty” is in the eye of the beholder. This theater experience will take place on Wednesday, April 14.

### **Gundalow**

On Friday, March 31, Barbara Mauer and a group of volunteers presented to both fourth grade classes the interesting story

about The Captain Adams. The Captain Adams is a reproduction of a gundalow that honors the last of the men who piloted gundalows in and around rivers of Portsmouth and Dover. After the presentation each child built a miniature replica of the gundalow. This presentation enhances the Social Studies curriculum.

### **Happy Easter**

Mrs. Landry and Mrs. Gagne wish all our students and their families a blessed and happy Easter.

## *Grade 5 News— Mrs. Boal and Mrs. George*

The culminating event of the Native American projects took place on March 12 in Mercy Hall.

The fifth graders worked very hard on researching and producing a final copy of the lives and times of a particular tribe. The final product, which included an informative poster board, was displayed.

World Language Week was a big hit. A few fifth graders participated by either reading

a greeting in the language of the day or by winning the “guess the language” challenge.

Students are working hard on writing poetry. We are having fun! They will be participating in the Dover Poetry Contest in April. The creative juices are flowing.

In science, they are in the midst of learning the fundamentals of chemistry.

Happy spring!

## *Grade 6 News— Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Gould*

The sixth grade just finished the study of Ancient Rome and has moved into learning about the Middle Ages in social studies. Lots of time was spent on the heart and circulatory system in science. The students expanded their knowledge by creating pamphlets on

heart health. Poetry is the unit in English. Watch for their poetry project.

Congratulations to the 5/6 girls basketball team for being the New Hampshire CYO champions!

Happy Spring!

## *Grade 8 News— Ms. Gitschier and Mrs. Roberts*

The eighth-grade class will be selling Little Caesar frozen pizza kits as its last fund raiser for its class trip. The sale will start Monday, March 29 and end April 12. If you are

interested in ordering, please see an eighth grader or contact Patty Preston at [plpreston5@yahoo.com](mailto:plpreston5@yahoo.com).

## *Spanish News – Señora Dromey Heeter*

World Language Week has come and gone at St. Mary Academy with great fanfare and success! This year's theme of "Spread Your Wings and Learn a New Language" was celebrated via guest speakers, poster contests and daily "Guess the Language" challenges.

Guest speakers included Mrs. Molly Wade, a former Peace Corps volunteer and current international lawyer specializing in human rights; her husband, Mr. Steven Wade, an airline pilot for American Airlines; Ms. Sue Tatten, a human rights lawyer currently working for the United Nations in Liberia; Mr. Vincent Colella, an international floral importer and owner of Jardiniere Flowers in Portsmouth; and Mrs. Joanna Liu, an accountant fluent in Chinese and frequent traveler to Taiwan.

With the variety and scope of speakers, students heard not only stories of language, but cultures as well. Mrs. Liu relayed her experiences of spending summers with her grandmother in Taiwan and spoke of the evolution of Chinese character. Mrs. Wade told stories of living in a one room hut in Guinea Bissau for two years and learning not only Portuguese but the local dialect as well. Mr. Wade shared his love of travel and adventure and the importance of "acting as a visitor in any country you are in" and Mr. Colella spoke passionately of the Aalsmeer Flower Auction held daily in Holland. Ms. Tatten shared her experiences in Africa and work with the United Nations to establish laws which protect and encourage basic human rights - particularly with women in Africa.

Saint Mary Academy's mission statement reads, "Saint Mary Academy is a Catholic based community dedicated to the education and growth of children in an atmosphere of peace, justice and love." After listening to speakers, students were asked to write how the experiences of the guest speakers tied in with the mission statement. Responses included:

– "Mrs. Tatten has demonstrated peace, love and justice by devoting her whole life to helping those in need in Africa, promoting these important virtues. The guest speaker has helped me to open my eyes more to the

world of Africa and to become grateful for all of the things that I have. She is also helping those around her to re-define what they describe as 'want' or 'need.'

– "Mrs. Wade learned and acted the way they (the Guineans) did, showing that she sees them as equals. She provided all of this by teaching and creating an atmosphere of peace, justice and love. She reminded me that everyone is equal and to help those in need."

– "I think that it's extremely interesting that people from all over the world come to this one place (Aalsmeer Flower Auction). Everyone is speaking in different languages and buying different things, and, yet, they are able to come to this auction all together."

– "I was left with the impact that people really need to communicate with others, even for a business like flowers. I think it ties in with our motto because people are normally respectful when they communicate. We have to respect other people's customs, and I think Senor Colella does that."

### **Poster contest**

Five student posters were chosen to be entered into the New Hampshire Association of World Language Teachers Annual Poster Contest. Those students included Kelliann Banaian, Alex Cruz, Colleen Coffey, Morgan Jansen and Sam Printy. Winners will be selected at the end of May.

### **Guess the language**

During daily morning announcements, SMA students and staff listened carefully to words spoken in a language other than English. Students who shared their linguistic abilities included Abby Steinhauer and Caitlin Bryan with German, Bella Cruz with Portugese, Marcella Biggs with Spanish, Caroline Carter with Japanese, Brynn Coleman with French, and Rusat LaTulippe with Bengali. After each announcement, students guessed the language and one winner was chosen from all of the correct answers. Student winners included Lucas Banaian, Ben Finnigan, Joseph Ferland, Evan Berchulski and Kelliann Banaian.

Fun was had by all. Now we truly can spread our wings and continue our flight of language learning!

## *Library News— Mrs. Zelle*

I'm sure you have heard by now that the library has (again) sprung a leak! Maybe we should offer swim lessons. We've already had one applicant for a diving instructor! It's really no laughing matter...but it keeps me from crying.

I've taken my show on the road. I'm now reading to your children in their classrooms. We have not been able to check out books, but after asking the children, most tell me that they have library cards to their town's public library. Please help me to keep books in their hands by checking out new books from your town library.

The fifth & sixth graders are writing their autobiographies. They are using their interviewing skills as a form of research. Each student was asked to interview family

members to help fill in details of their life. We've had some fun with this and I can't wait to read their stories.

The third & fourth graders are enjoying Henry Winkler's (yes, the Fonz) first book in the Hank Zipzer series, *Niagara Falls...Or Does It?* It is a fun story about a fourth grader (Hank Zipzer) who doesn't always follow the directions and finds himself in trouble. We are finding that there's a lot of Hank in all of us!

The second graders have just finished reading the *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes. This is a poignant story about standing by and watching a classmate being taunted. The book was first published in 1944. Maybe some of your parents remember reading it when they were little.

Enjoy the spring!

## *Nursing News— Mrs. Bender, R.N.*

We've had some gastritis symptoms this month. Here are some excerpts from WebMD on nausea.

When the kids are sick, parents can feel helpless. But there's a lot you can do to help your little ones feel better.

- Provide support. Make sure that they know you are there for them.
- Understand that kids are confused. Vomiting is scary, especially for the very young. Prioritize their comfort over preserving the spotlessness of clothing or upholstery."
- Avoid triggers. For example, children get an upset stomach when they have a lot of nasal drainage from allergies or a cold.
- Soothe them with liquids and light foods. Also some children like an ice pack or a warm pack on their tummy.
- Go slow as kids improve. Stick to "bland, dry foods". "Rice, potatoes, bananas, chicken and toast are good.
- Ginger is good to help ease nausea
- Small sips of liquid. A child may feel thirsty, but if they drink a lot in one sitting and then vomit they actually lose

more liquid than they took in.

### **Red Flags: When to See a Doctor for Vomiting**

You should always talk to your pediatrician when children are hit by vomiting, nausea, or stomach aches. Symptoms that warrant going to the doctor immediately include:

- Dehydration\*
- Vomit with blood in it
- Vomiting with fever that's lasted more than 72 hours
- Vomiting with abdominal pain in one spot of the belly, as may occur with appendicitis
- Chest pain
- Severe abdominal pain or cramping
- Blurred vision
- Fainting
- Confusion
- Cold, clammy, pale skin
- High fever and stiff neck
- Fecal material or fecal odor in the vomit

\*Remember that vomiting can quickly lead to dehydration. Because kids are less likely to recognize dehydration's symptoms, keep an eye out for its signs, including dry lips and mouth,

## *Nursing News— cont'd*

sunken eyes, rapid breathing or pulse.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S**

**IMMUNIZATIONS BEING CURRENT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.**

## *Guidance Guide – Mrs. Schwoerer*

### **Internet Safety: Common Sense on Cyber Bullying**

A second at the keypad can cause long-lasting damage. As more and more kids discover new ways to share information, they have unfortunately found more and more ways to harm each other. Just as nasty comments in a playground can cause a lot of pain, cyber bullying can really hurt our kids. Cyber bullying happens when kids use their phones or the internet to create and send harassing or humiliating messages and images. Nasty comments, lies, and embarrassing photos, videos, and polls can be spread widely through instant messaging (IM), phone texting, or by posts on social networking sites. It can happen anytime – at school or home – and can involve large groups of kids. The combination of the boldness created by being anonymous and the desire to be seen as “cool” can cause a kid who normally wouldn’t say anything mean face-to-face to show off for other kids. Nothing crushes kids’ self-confidence faster than humiliation. And just imagine a public humiliation sent instantly to everyone they know. Sadly, hurtful information posted on the internet is extremely difficult to prevent or remove, and millions of people can see it. Most cyber bullying happens when adults aren’t around, so parents and teachers often see only the depression or anxiety that results from being hurt or bullied. This emotional damage can last a lifetime.

#### **Some facts**

- 43% of kids ages 13–17 have been cyber bullied.
- Most victims know the person bothering

them.

- 53% of teens admit sending a hurtful message.
- Only 10% of bullying victims tell their parents.
- The #1 form? Making private information public.
- Several states have made cyber bullying a crime.

#### **Tips for Elementary School Parents**

- Keep online socializing to a minimum. Let them use sites like Webkinz or Club Penguin where chat is pre-scripted or pre-screened.
- Explain the basics of correct cyber behavior. Tell your kids that things like lying, telling secrets, and being mean still hurt in cyberspace. Tell kids not to share passwords with their friends.

#### **Tips for Middle School Parents**

- Monitor their use. See what they’re posting, check their mobile messages.
- Tell your kids what to do if they’re harassed. They shouldn’t respond or retaliate, they should block bullies immediately, and they should tell you or an adult they trust. They shouldn’t delete the messages because in persistent cases, the content should be reported to a cell or internet service provider.
- If your kid is doing the bullying, establish strict consequences and stick to them. That goes for mean or sexual comments about teachers, friends, and relatives.

- Remind them that all private information can be made public. Posts on friends' walls, private IMs, intimate photos, little in-jokes can all be cut, pasted, and sent around. If they don't want the world to see it, they better not post or send it.
- Don't start what you don't want to finish. Game chat can get ugly fast. Make sure your kids are respectful because hurtful retaliation happens all the time.

Common Sense Media is a non-partisan, non-profit resource that helps families and educators teach kids how to be safe and smart in today's 24/7 media world. Go to [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) for thousands of reviews and expert advice.

*The Diocese of Manchester is providing this article as a resource but does not endorse the associated website.*

### What Makes a Difference in Kids' Media Lives? You.

For parents concerned about the impact that media has in their kids' lives, the latest Kaiser Family Foundation media use study brings good news. Kids whose parents make an effort to curb media use, either through setting up time limits or by limiting access itself, spend less time with media. Sure, kids will fight your decision to limit screen time, and they'll whine and wheedle to get you to change your mind about not seeing *Avatar* or buying T-rated games. But it turns out that standing firm against the media tide and

managing your family's media use (instead of it managing you) really does make a difference in kids' lives. It's not always easy to come up with ways to insert yourself into your kids lives, but a little advanced planning goes a long way: **FIVE TIPS:** start good habits early, use media together, keep distractions to a minimum, be a role model and seek balance.

### Media Use in Kids Ages 8-18 Has Exploded

- Over the past five years, there has been a huge increase in media use - from nearly 6½ hours to over 7½ hours today
- Due to multitasking, kids pack a total of 10 hours and 45 minutes of media content into those 7½ hours
- Mobile and online media use have fueled huge increases in media use
- Three groups stand out for their high levels of consumption: preteens, African Americans, and Hispanics
- Kids who spend more time with media report lower grades and lower levels of personal contentment
- Parental involvement matters: children whose parents set rules or limited access spent less time with media than their peers



## *Student Council – Señora Dromey Heeter, Mrs. Finnigan and Mrs. Zellem*

### **Student Council at Chamber lunch**

Saint Mary Academy student council officers Katie Foster, Kelliann Banaian, Johanna Gleason-Vergados, Emma Teague and SMA staff Bobi White, Susan Dromey Heeter, and Meaghan Puglisi, also a member of the education committee, attended the Dover Chamber of Commerce's Education Forum on "*Strengthening the Connection: Building Business and Education Partnerships.*" The student council officers were guest panelists at the event held on Friday, March 26, and Katie Foster, student council president, was the lead representative. She spoke to about 50 people representing businesses and educators about a relationship our school bridged with Waste Management. We are grateful for our student leaders who represented our school at this event in a very positive way. Way to go Katie!! Thank you to the student council officers for joining us. Here is what Katie said about the benefits of the program she represented.

Good afternoon distinguished members of the Dover Chamber of Commerce and guests.

My name is Katie Foster and I am the President of the Saint Mary Academy student council and it is an honor and a pleasure to be here. Not only are we celebrating the SMA partnership with Waste Management, my fellow officers and I are missing classes. Thank you!

I would like to introduce my fellow officers as well as the other representatives from Saint Mary Academy.

Mrs. Bobi White, SMA Principal

Mrs. Meaghan Puglisi, SMA Development Director

Mrs. Susan Dromey Heeter, SMA Student Council Advisor and Spanish Teacher

Johanna Gleason-Vergados, Student Council Vice President

Kelliann Banaian, Student Council Secretary

Emma Teague, Student Council Treasurer

Our collaboration with Waste Management began with an idea from Student Council member, Caroline Carter. She suggested we begin a recycling program. We listened to her idea and flew with it. All Student Council members took a tour of Waste Management in Rochester during the fall of 2008. During the tour, we not only learned what happens to the trash in Dover and the surrounding towns, we saw it, smelled it, and touched it!

After the tour, Saint Mary Academy brought in a four-yard dumpster to be used only for recyclable materials. Students and staff were made aware of what could and could not be recycled via posters, assemblies, and classroom visits. Student Council members educated the entire SMA community so recycling is second nature to not only a first grader, but to the first grade teacher as well.

All classrooms and offices now contain recycling bins and all of those bins are brought to the recycling dumpster by Student Council members daily. The SMA Recycling Program has not only made our school a "greener" place, but we have also supported the SMA mission statement of "Peace, Justice, and Love." We love our planet, our community and our school. With the partnership between SMA and Waste Management, we are working toward a better place for all.

Thank you

### **Stations of the Cross**

The Student Council hopes you had a chance to witness a very powerful Lenten devotion, the Living Stations of the Cross.

Thanks to all who supported this wonderful endeavor. It's a powerful moment when our school basks in the glory of Jesus and all that is Easter.



## Community News

### SMARt Business Directory

Spring and beautiful weather is here and those jobs that need to get done are just around the corner. If you need help with any of your tasks, there are people that can be of assistance! Remember to go to the SMA website and look at all the businesses which have advertised in the SMARt Business Directory. If you need help around the house - an electrician or a plumber, etc., we have just the people who can help! April 15<sup>th</sup>, tax time, will be coming soon. We also have people who can help there as well! People who advertise their businesses in the SMARt Directory are SMA parents or alumni who are here for your convenience. Please patronize these businesses – some of them even offer discounts to SMA families. If you have any questions, please contact me at [bilodeau@saintmaryacademy.org](mailto:bilodeau@saintmaryacademy.org).

### Paint for Fun

Paint for Fun is fun for the whole family – and inexpensive!

We feature ready-to-paint plaster items, which are similar to ceramic except you take them home the same day.

The price of your item includes all the paint and time you need to complete your "masterpiece". No sitting fees or hidden costs. Paint for Fun is owned by Patti Spinelli, retired SMA art teacher.

"I have loved seeing some of my former students, and enjoyed meeting new SMA students. I also offer art classes and we have AWESOME birthday parties here. Visit my website [paintforfun.net](http://paintforfun.net)."



### Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you or anyone you know has been sexually abused as a minor by a priest, deacon, member of a religious institute, or Church employee or volunteer, we encourage you to report the matter to the Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire at (800) 894-5533 and/or local law enforcement.

The Diocese of Manchester's Office for Healing and Pastoral Care offers pastoral support, outreach, and professional assistance to persons and families of those persons who report having been sexually abused by people representing the Church. The Office for Healing and Pastoral Care can be contacted at 603-668-0014, Ext. 233 or 1-800-475-5585, Ext. 233 or at [jnaff@nh-cc.org](mailto:jnaff@nh-cc.org).

If you are a member of the clergy or a Church employee or volunteer and suspect that a minor has been sexually abused by a priest, member of a religious institute, or Church employee or volunteer, you have an obligation to make a report in accordance with diocesan policy. For more information about the mandatory reporting requirements, visit:

<http://www.catholicnh.org/child-safety/how-the-diocese-works-to-protect-children/how-to-report-sexual-abuse/>



# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <b>No school- Good Friday</b>	3
4 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	5 Standardized testing this week	6	7 <b>Late start</b>  Grade 8 parent mtg	8	9 Kinder progress reports  DARE graduation, 1:30  Mother Son Evening, 5:30  School store	10 Daddy-Daughter Dance, 6-9
11	12 Standardized testing makeup week  Easter mass 9 a.m.	13 Science Fair  Jr. High Mass at STA	14 Science Fair  PreK-K Invite a Friend to School  Grades 1-4 to <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	15	16  School store  Pay-as-you-go dress down day	17 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>
18 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>	19 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>	20 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>	21 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>	22 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>	23 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>	24 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>
25 <b>No school- Spring recess</b>	26 School board meeting, 7, library  Butterbraid sales end  Newsletter inputs due	27	28 May-June lunch \$\$ due  Uniform fitting, 1:30-3	29	30	

# ST. MARY ACADEMY SUMMER PROGRAM 2010

8 Weeks: June 22 – August 13

To be held at the Kindergarten/Pre-K building on Locust Street

Hours: 8:30-4:00, Monday – Friday

\$160.00 per week (\$130 for 2<sup>nd</sup> child, \$115 for 3<sup>rd</sup> child)

Extended Care available 7:30-8:30 (\$4.00) and 4:00-5:30 (\$5.00)

\$50 non-refundable payment required per week per family to reserve a spot

Children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through Grade 7 are eligible

Activities include field trips, sports and games, crafts and weekly themes.

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To reserve your child's spot in this popular program, please complete the following form and attach payment. Only those children with paid registration on a first come/first serve basis can be guaranteed a place.

Name(s) of Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Weeks you wish to reserve:

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| ___ June 22-June 25* (New Castle Beach) | ___ July 19 – July 23** (Water Country)      |
| ___ June 28 – July 2 (Pawtuckaway)      | ___ July 26 – July 30 (Milton Beach)         |
| ___ July 6 – July 9* (Milton Beach)     | ___ August 2 - August 6 (Wentworth St. Park) |
| ___ July 12 – July 16 (Fort Foster)     | ___ August 9 – August 13 (Wallis Sands)      |

\*\$128.00 Week of June 22, July 6 (No camp on June 21, July 5)

\*\* \$14.00 surcharge for trip to Water Country

All trips are tentatively scheduled – awaiting confirmation

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_