

Dear Saint Mary Academy Community

As many of you already know we received the award for Community Involvement from the Catholic Schools of Tomorrow Award from Catholic Teacher magazine. This award was given to Mrs Puglisi and myself at the NCEA banquet last week. We were thrilled with the trophy and banner to share with the community and showcase our achievement.

We did not know until that evening that there are additional gifts given to winners by each of the participating sponsors. We announced those gifts to the students, staff, and faculty in a short assembly this morning. I wanted to also share our list of gifts to you. The total of the gifts to Saint Mary Academy is over \$10,000.

The sponsor gifts are:

- From World's Finest Chocolate - a personalized 5 pound bar of chocolate
- From RCL Benziger - a complete set of Echos of the Faith Plus, a video catechist/religion teacher formation program
- From Solution Tree - a complete Professional Learning Communities Toolkit for professional development
- From AccuCut - a \$200 gift certificate for their catalog of products
- From Microsoft - Mouse Mischief - a classroom presentation tool---we are the first in the nation to get this!!!
- From SMART Technologies - a SMART Board.

We are thrilled with the gifts & very proud to represent this great community at NCEA. Our plans are to continue our interaction with the community on the parade-look for more information to come.

Bobi White