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Saint Mary Academy Expands Preschool Program to Accommodate Strong Interest

April 1, 2011 — Saint Mary Academy in Dover has announced that it will offer an additional preschool program for 3-4 year olds for the 2011-2012 school year. Due to the overwhelming interest in its current preschool program, Saint Mary's has developed an additional afternoon program to accommodate parents who may wish to enroll their child later in the day. This program will provide a 3-4 year old combined classroom option. Parents may choose to enroll their child in either a three day a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) program or a five day a week program (Monday-Friday). Classes will be taught from 12:00-2:15.

Saint Mary Academy develops its preschool, kindergarten, and elementary educational programs in accordance with its school mission, one that is dedicated to the education and growth of children in an atmosphere of peace, justice and love. Their educational mission emphasizes faith development, personal responsibility, mutual respect, academic achievement, and service to others. The Saint Mary Academy teachers and staff look forward to this new preschool option for parents. *"We are excited that we can offer parents another alternative to our morning program. For some families, afternoons work better for their schedules. We are pleased that we can provide more options to parents and look forward to continuing our successful program at St. Mary's"* said Mrs. Mary McKernan, SMA Kindergarten teacher and recipient of the 2010 Educator of the Year Award by the Dover Chamber of Commerce.

Eligibility for the preschool program is determined by each child's date of birth—children must turn three or four (depending on the applicable program for which they are applying) no later than September 30, 2011. To take a tour or to apply for the program, contact Assistant Principal Carie Wood, cwood@stmaryacademy.org, 603-742-3299.

About Saint Mary Academy (SMA)

Saint Mary Academy is a private, Catholic elementary school, located in Dover, NH, and serves more than 400 students from across the Seacoast region. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and are builders of quality students from Pre-K through 8th grade since 1883, in an atmosphere of peace, justice and love. For more information, please visit the school's Web site at www.saintmaryacademy.org.

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