

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL

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By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In May, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## Prayer for the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary full of goodness, show your love towards us.

Let the flame of your heart O Mary, descend on all people.

We love you immensely.

Impress true love in our hearts so that we have a continuous desire for you.

O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin. You know that all men sin.

Give us, by means of your immaculate heart, spiritual health. Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart, and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, full of love for God and mankind, and of compassion for sinners, I consecrate myself to you.

I entrust to you the salvation of my soul. May my heart be united with yours so that I may hate sin, love God and my neighbor, and reach eternal life with those whom I love.

May I experience the kindness of your motherly heart and the power of your intercession with Jesus during my life and at the hour of my death.

Amen.

## Synergy

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The 2008-2009 school year has quickly passed us by. It has been a very successful year in many ways for Saint Mary High School. The number one success this year has involved a raised level of expectation for our students and staff as a whole. Saint Mary students are expected to perform at their best level and the same is expected of the staff and administration. We know that when a good education is achieved, success is sure to follow. We will continue to prepare your students to be successful in every way.

The faculty and administration have worked diligently to revise curriculum, add electives and build upon our strong foundation. While we recognize that there is always room for improvement, we have sought out educational and professional opportunities that will continue to build upon our solid curriculum, core values, and mission.

We have made the commitment to build upon the ever-present school spirit that exists within the hearts of our students by offering opportunities to attend sporting events, field trips, pep rallies, parades, and community service opportunities, and even Europe! We believe that in order to be a strong school, we must foster not only the minds of our students, but also their spirits.

Emphasis has been placed on being responsible and respectful. This task begins from the moment your student steps onto campus. We still rely on your support to stress the importance of being on time and performing well in classes. Your continued support in these areas are greatly appreciated.

It is only through the synergy of our community (students, parents, teachers, pastors, and the church) that our successes have been made possible. I thank you all for your dedication to Saint Mary High School and wish you the best for the month ahead.

Many Blessings.

Nichole Nietsche

## Registration Reminder

Please send in your registration information, registration fee, and completed course schedule as soon as possible. We have started scheduling students for the 2009–2010 school year and courses are filling up quickly. We can not register your students for classes until this paperwork has been returned. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Ritchie in the main office.

## Important Dates

Please pay close attention to the dates that follow.

### May 2009

May 11–May 26 Art Show at the Teapot Gallery

May 21st–Last Regular Day of School for Seniors

May 25th–Memorial Day (No School)

May 26th–May 29th – Senior Exams (8-12 in gym)

### June

June 3rd–Class night at 6:30 in gym

June 5th–Graduation and Baccalaureate

June 10th–Last Day of Classes (underclassmen)

June 12–June 16th (underclassmen exams)

## Spring Dress Code

As of May 16th we will be in Spring dress code which will include shorts for boys and Bermuda shorts (knee length) for girls. For your convenience, the spring dress code is printed below.

Young women: dress pants (including khakis) and Capri pants, Bermuda shorts, collard blouses, polo shirts.

Young men: dress pants (including khakis), shorts ( non-athletic), collared shirts, polo shirts

## Exam Schedule

### Seniors

May 26th–May 29th (schedule to follow)

1st exam: 8–10am

2nd exam: 10–12pm

### Underclassmen

Exam Times: 8 - 10am , 10:05 – 12:05pm

June 11th: Period 7 exam, Period 6 exam

June 12th: Period 5 exam, Period 4 exam

June 15th: Period 3 exam, Period 2 exam

June 16th: Period 1 exam, make up exams

Any student unable to take their exam during the designated exam block must make arrangements prior to the last day of school. Students missing their exams due to absences are expected to make arrangements with their teachers.

## Final Exam Exemptions

In order to exempt from a final exam the guidelines are as follows:

- \* 3.30 or better
- \* A or A- in each term grade and exam
- \* Teacher permission
- \* No more than 3 tardies per quarter
- \* No excessive demerits

### Exemptions:

Freshmen—one final exam exemption

Sophomores—two final exam exemptions

Juniors—two final exam exemptions

Seniors—three final exam exemptions

If you are exempted from a mid-term you cannot exempt from that same subject for the final.