

# The Sainly Sentinel



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Dear parents,

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. This year has flown by so quickly that it seems like just yesterday we were welcoming our new Kindergarten class on their first day of school. But here we are preparing to say goodbye to our eighth grade class as they finish here at St. Mary on the Hill. We will miss you all very much and please come back and visit.

As we begin this last month of school it is always a great time to reflect on the past year and see how far we have come. We have had our share of success and failures, but they have all been opportunities to grow and learn more about who we are as a school. Each one of us have been challenged in new ways and have risen to the top to become the best we can. I hope we can all look back on this year with pride and a sense of accomplishment for those things that have helped to make us better students and teachers. Thank you all for everything you have done to make St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School the best school around.

While this is the last month of school, we still have many things to do to finish this year out strong. I want to remind everyone of a few dates and changes to the many activities we will have this month. Our Evening of the Arts program is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the start time will be 6:00 pm, not 6:30 as marked on the calendar, and it will end at 8:30 pm as usual. On May 6<sup>th</sup> we will have our May Crowning Mass led by our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes. Also on May 6<sup>th</sup> are the Academic Awards which will begin at 1:30 pm in the Church. We will be sending out more information soon. Our Athletic Banquet will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Gym for all students that participated on our athletic teams this year. Mrs. Noegel will be sending out information this week to those students. Field Day will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am. Students may arrive at the school at 8:45, and we will dismiss at 11:50 am. There is no After Care on that day. We will celebrate our volunteers with a Volunteer Tea on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent to our volunteers in the coming days. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have their final send off on May 24<sup>th</sup> with Mass and Graduation ceremony in the Church at 7:00 pm. Please join us in wishing our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class good luck in high school. Lastly we will end our school year with Mass at 9:15 am in the church on May 27<sup>th</sup> and dismissal will be at 11:50 am.

I want to personally thank the Teachers and Staff for making this a wonderful year. You have all put in countless hours before and after school to make our school an incredible place for our students and families and I am proud to work with each and everyone of you. I hope that everyone survives this last month and can look forward to a restful and relaxing summer.

Thank you and God Bless,

Joe McBride

## Evening of the Arts

Come celebrate Evening of the Arts with us in the St. Mary's Gym and Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm.

At 6:00, the art will be available for viewing in the cafeteria, where every student in the school, will have at least one piece of their art on display. 2-D and 3-D works from each grade will fill the cafeteria. Come see the artistic talent of our students!

At 6:30 the talent show will begin in the gym. Students will show off their many musical talents! During the Intermission, 7:15-7:45, refreshments will be provided by the Beta Club and you can continue to view the art work. At 7:45 the second part of the talent show will begin.

This is always a special evening at St. Mary's! Please come celebrate the wonderful talents our students have to share.

Mrs. Searle and Mrs. Wilson



## SMCS Writers Achieve Honors

Two fifth grade St. Mary's students will be recognized for their writing skills on May 8th at the Morris Museum.

In the Elementary Division of the Combining Voices Literary Competition, Riley Washington was awarded First Place in the Poetry Division and Amy Coscia received Honorable Mention in the Prose Division.

This competition was open to all local students in grades 4 - 12 in public, private, and Home School programs.

Two St. Mary's eighth grade students won recognition for their writing in the Augusta State University Young Writers' Contest. In the Poetry Division, Chase Bednarz placed third for his poem, "Beaches of the Mind," and Mary Kate Conner received First Place in the Short Story Division, for her story, "Greater Expectations."

## Kindergarten

As we head into the last month of the year, we have many wonderful events to look forward to. We are continuing to hone our academic skills so that we will be ready for first grade. We are inviting our moms for a Mother's Day Mass and Tea/Luncheon on Thursday, May 5th. The May Crowning Mass will be on Friday, May 6th.



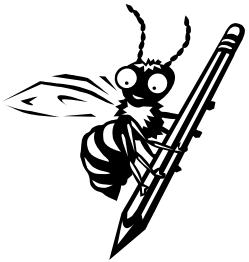
We have been incubating three eggs in our room and they are due to hatch on May 10th. We hope we will have some baby chicks to show off. We are also in the midst of butterflies as we watch and learn about the different stages of growth of our caterpillars.

Our end of the year picnic is May 23rd.

All month, we will be practicing for our final Mass of the year and Kindergarten program on May 26th at 9:15 am. We approach that day with both excitement and a bit of sadness as we say goodbye to Kindergarten.

God bless and have a wonderful summer!  
Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Bosch

## First Grade



May will be busy as we buzz through the last month of school.

The children are excited as we begin studying mealworms. We will be doing experiments, graphing, observations and journaling as the mealworms complete their life cycles.

The children are looking forward to Field Day on May 13th and their First Grade Dance! This dance will be a celebration of God's goodness in each of us. The children will be practicing the good manners and kindness they have learned throughout the year.

Academically, we will be finishing all our language arts and math skills so that we are prepared for second grade.

It has been a truly wonderful year.  
Ms. Beusse and Ms. Folsom

## Primary News

Second grade is busy practicing for the May Crowning Mass on May 6th and their First Eucharist on May 14th. They will also be culminating a science unit on animal habitats by going to the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, South Carolina. At the zoo, the second graders will be searching for a particular zoo animal that has the same name as one of the second grade teachers.



Third grade students celebrated Earth Day at Mistletoe State Park. They went on a nature hike, learned about the life cycle of a butterfly, and observed local fish, reptiles, and amphibians. The students are busy preparing for their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter biography book report. In addition to researching a person's life, the students will dress up and do a classroom presentation.

## The Intermediate Department



Father Tran led the Intermediate Department students and teachers through the stations of the cross on April 1st. It was a prayerful way to help us continue our Lenten journey before Holy Week and Easter.

We appreciate Father Tran spending time with the Intermediate Department.

## Guidance News

Fourteen seven graders qualified this fall for the Duke University sponsored Talent Identification Program (TIP).

These students could take the SAT or ACT as seventh graders and eight of our students elected to do this. All of those students did very well.

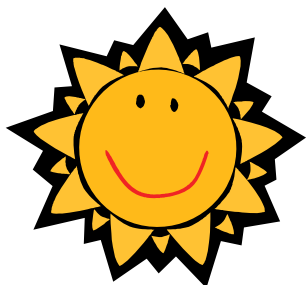
Three of the students, Joey Dierkes, Nicholas Givens, and Grace Lint qualified for State recognition.

Congratulations to all!

## Used Uniform Sale




The used uniform sale will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 25th & 26th from 8:30—11:00 am. Students may come out of uniform beginning on Tuesday, May 24th.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Evening of the Arts and Talent Show 6:30—8:30 pm	4	5	6 May Crowning Mass 9:15 am Academic Awards 1:15 pm	7
8	9	10 Early Dismissal 1:50 pm Faculty Meeting Athletic Banquet 6:30 pm	11	12	13 Field Day 8:45—11:45 am No After School	14 First Eucharist 10:00 am 
15	16	17	18	19	20 Volunteer Tea	21
22	23	24 Eighth Grade Graduation 7:00 pm  <b>Students may come out of uniform 24th—27th</b>	25 Used Uniform Sale 8:30—11:00 am	26 Used Uniform Sale 8:30—11:00 am Kindergarten Mass & Closing Program 9:15 am	27 End of School Mass 9:15 am School Dismisses 11:50 am Report Cards	28
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**Summer**

**Have a safe and happy summer!!**



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Purchasing lunches by the week, up to 4 weeks, is recommended.




Milk may be purchased weekly, up to 4 weeks, or daily at 50 cents.

LUNCHES (include milk)

1 week	5 days	<b>\$17.50</b>
2 weeks	10 days	<b>\$35.00</b>
3 weeks	15 days	<b>\$52.50</b>
4 weeks	20 days	<b>\$70.00</b>

MILK costs 50 cents. Purchasing by the week is recommended.

1 week	5 days	\$2.50
2 weeks	10 days	\$5.00
3 weeks	15 days	\$7.50
4 weeks	20 days	\$10.00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Chef salads &amp; PBJs may be requested on a daily basis.</i>	<i>2 spaghetti w/meat sauce &amp; breadstick OR New York sub w/chips buttered broccoli tossed salad fresh fruit</i>	<i>3 cheeseburger on bun w/lettuce, tomato &amp; pickles OR chicken pot pie tater tots, buttered peas &amp; corn</i>	<i>4 BREAKFAST AT NOON sausage gravy over biscuit OR French toast w/ham, pancake w/syrup breakfast potatoes tossed salad, fresh fruit</i>	<i>5 beef tacos w/lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa &amp; sour cream OR BBQ pork riblet on bun, Spanish rice, Mexican beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cinnamon</i>	<i>6 Italian sausage pizza OR hot ham &amp; cheese sub w/chips vegetable saute tossed salad, fresh fruit</i>	7
<i>Choice of milk offered daily</i>	<i>9 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ASHLEY &amp; LINDY!! chicken nuggets w/honey mustard OR roast beef &amp; cheese sub roasted new potatoes, buttered peas &amp; carrots, tossed salad, fresh fruit</i>	<i>10 hot dog on bun w/chips OR loaded baked potato w/cheese, sour cream, bacon &amp; roll glazed carrots, tossed salad, fresh fruit</i>	<i>11 French dip sandwich au jus OR hot roast turkey on bread w/mashed potatoes &amp; gravy green beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit</i>	<i>12 pepperoni pizza OR shrimp creole w/rice &amp; roll, vegetable saute tossed salad, fresh fruit bread pudding</i>	<i>13 FIELD DAY 11:45 a.m. DISMISSAL</i> 	14
<i>Daily: Fresh fruit and Chef's Choice Dessert unless otherwise noted.</i>	<i>16 hot dog on bun OR hamburger on bun w/lettuce, tomato &amp; pickle French fries</i>	<i>17 corn dog nuggets OR pulled BBQ pork on bun, cheesy rice buttered corn tossed salad, fruit</i>	<i>18 BREAKFAST AT NOON waffle &amp; sausage patty OR scrambled eggs w/ham &amp; cheese, pancake breakfast potatoes tossed salad, fresh fruit</i>	<i>19 oven-roasted chicken OR Italian beef tips over linguini peas &amp; carrots tossed salad fresh fruit</i>	<i>20 pepperoni pizza OR turkey, salami &amp; provolone cheese sub w/chips Italian green beans tossed salad fresh fruit</i>	21
22	<i>23 chicken filet on bun OR cheeseburger on bun lettuce, tomato &amp; pickle French fries, baked beans, tossed salad fruit</i>	<i>24 pepperoni pizza OR hot dog on bun w/chips macaroni &amp; cheese vegetable saute tossed salad fresh fruit</i>	<i>25 11:50 a.m. DISMISSAL</i>	<i>26 11:50 a.m. DISMISSAL</i>	<i>27 11:50 a.m. DISMISSAL</i> 	28
29	30	31				<i>USDA and St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School are equal opportunity providers and employers.</i>