

PTO Newsletter, June 2014

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GALA RECAP

The gala was a huge success...

Everyone had a great night out, and we raised close to \$50,000. That's \$10,000 above our goal!

This amazing effort was the result of YOUR great generosity - and countless hours of effort by many volunteers, orchestrated by Dawn Carter and Jen Paster.

Congrats to the Raffle winners:

John Porter
Year of free pizza lunches

Theresa Edwards
Back to School package

Upcoming Events

May 30: New Parent Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Upper Commons

To join the welcoming party, contact Kathy Lee klee@saintmary.org

June 5: Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Church

June 6: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Friends and families welcome!

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Classroom awards presented in homerooms

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

10:00 - 11:30ish a.m. Recognition and Awards, Church

Following the ceremony, students return to their classrooms for report cards and may be signed out from there.

12:20 p.m. Dismissal, no After School Care

4:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation, Church

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation Reception, Commons

June 24: Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Sale 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Lower Commons

Try on different sizes & styles, and make purchases for next year

August 18: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2014 - 2015

Parents of 8th graders, please see www.saintmary.org for details on all of the graduation-related events!

If you haven't already, bookmark our online calendar:

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1G1L6J4K5H2N8N8H2&igd=95030074>

Annual Endowment Fund Golf Outing Recap



On May 9, nine teams enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at Hunting Hawk Golf Course, and provided generous support for a cause that is vital to Saint Mary's School.

Final numbers are still coming in, and this year's event is on track to have raised over \$2,500 for the Endowment Fund.

Thank you to Paul McNamara and John Benton for leading this event, and to all the players, dinner guests, hole sponsors, and prize donors for their support of our endowment fund. Another big thank you to the Saint Mary's volunteers and Hunting Hawk staff for all of their hard work in making this event happen.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for next year's outing! It's currently scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, May 1, 2015, at Hunting Hawk Golf Club.

Playground Update



Artist's rendition of our new Upper & ECDC playgrounds.

Thanks to you, our fundraising goals were met! The first phase of new playground is beginning, and will be complete for the start of the new school year. We are grateful to the Do Family for the time, talent, and treasure they donated to make this a reality!

In the Works

We are waiting for confirmation that Saxon will continue to offer a discount on our uniform shoes. Look for an email to verify.

Watch our online calendar for all the fun back to school events happening in August...

- Middle School Q&A
- Middle School Orientation
- Popsicle Party
- Back to School Night
- Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation

*Did you know?
Uniforms qualify for the
Sales Tax Holiday
August 1-3.*

Our Christ-centered approach to learning encourages responsibility, accountability, respect, and above all compassion for one another. We endeavor to instill within the child and the community a life-long love of learning rooted in Catholic values and the conviction to follow them.

Volunteers Requested

We are still seeking the following committee chairs for the 2014-15 School Year. If you are interested in serving, please contact Jen Joss at jossjennifer@gmail.com.

Middle School Parent Coordinator

Communicates with the MS room parents and prepares for MS specific events: dances and brown bag lunches, among others

Nominating Committee

During the second half of the school year, seek out interested & qualified individuals for the PTO board.

Advent Brunch November 30, 2014

Organize the decorations, tickets sales, and volunteers to make this delightful event happen. (Catered by Chef Paul.)

Starting June 1 (next week!), all volunteer hours count toward your family's required 10 hours of service for the 2014-2015 school year. Committee Chairs will automatically receive credit for fulfilling their hours.

To help keep our children safe, all school volunteers who work with children must have attended a Virtus awareness session AND be screened per Diocesan guidelines. Summer's a great time to complete the course if you haven't already. Find registration information here: <http://www.saintmary.org/pto-events/virtus-training/>

A Note from Our President

Saint Mary's Families

As we come to the close of another school year I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your PTO president. It has truly been a privilege to participate in such a wonderful organization that has been particularly productive this year. I anticipate our momentum will continue under the leadership of Jennifer Joss and the new board members.

Our success as a board and more importantly as a school stems from our ability to appropriately prioritize for our children's education keeping it Christ focused above all else. Additionally we set reasonable goals encouraging the entire community to participate. As a result we raised enough money to purchase new novel sets, books and playground equipment. Furthermore, we began a stewardship program which will foster greater involvement from more members of the Saint Mary's community.

I encourage everyone to share their time, talent and treasure with our beloved school so that our children will continue to thrive in a Christ-centered environment. The rewards for our children will be numerous and for our community beyond measure.

With much gratitude,

Therese M. Duane, PTO President 2013-2014

Saint Mary's Summer Camps

Space is still available in some of our summer camps...

Session 1- June 9-13 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m

- Little Monarchs in Motion for 3 year olds through rising 1st graders
- Musical Theater Workshop for rising 2nd through 8th graders
- Beginning Lego Robotics for Rising 4th through 7th graders
- Drama Camp for Rising 5th through 8th graders

Session 2- June 16-20 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m

- Little Monarch in Motion for 3 year olds to Rising 1st graders
- Science Camp for Rising 1st through 8th graders

Session 3- July 7-11 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. *(After Bible School) Bring a lunch.*

- Dive into Books for Rising 2nd through 4th graders
- Getting Ready for Middle School for Rising 5th and 6th graders

Session 4- July 28-August 1 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m

- Science Camp for Rising 1st through 8th graders
- Getting Ready for Middle School for Rising 5th and 6th graders

Don't miss out! Send your completed registration form and \$150 check to school, Attention: Kelly Taylor. Questions? Email Kelly at ktaylor@saintmary.org

Find the registration form at:

<http://www.saintmary.org/now-registering-for-saint-marys-summer-camps/>

From Your New PTO Officers

We're already looking forward to a great 2014-15 school year! Thanks to all the parents, teachers, administrators & staff who make Saint Mary's such an amazing community. We are grateful to serve. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or feedback.

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