



# ACADEMY NEWS

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St. Mary's Academy Weekly Newsletter

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## ***Our Mission Statement:***

*St. Mary's Academy promotes academic excellence within a Christ-centered Catholic community. Students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 learn acceptance and appreciation of others and develop to their full potential within a nurturing, family environment."*

## **Gospel Reflection**

### GOSPEL

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

### REFLECTION

Our mission is connected directly with those who hear this prayer in the Upper Room. They were sent into the world to share the Word. Someone they told shared it with the next person and on through the centuries until we ourselves were taught. We are sent into the world to help shape the next generation. This is an awe-inspiring task. Yet we have one advantage those disciples didn't—we've seen it happen over twenty centuries. We know that the Word can be preached and taken to heart.

## **Important Dates:**

May 10-11 - We are very excited to see the performance of our Jr. High Drama Club. If you are available to join us, the play will be this Thursday and Friday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.

May 12— We are so proud of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. They will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m.

May 14th -Please join us for Mass. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class will come to school in their First Communion outfits to offer the prayers of the Mass for us.

May 22— **New Family Social - May 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

We are having our final, *New Family Social on May 22<sup>nd</sup> after morning prayer*. This is open to all new families this year who want to come and socialize with others while sharing your thoughts about how you feel the year went, etc. We will also be there to answer any questions as we wrap up the school year and head into summer. As always, we will have coffee/light snacks so please feel free to stop by, even if it's quickly as you head to work.

# Principal's Message



- **Legacy Bricks - Order forms Due June 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Have you seen the beautiful Legacy Bricks lining our front sidewalk? These were all purchased by SMA families, parishioners, and donors who want to honor or remember a loved one, commemorate a student's time at the Academy or advertise a local business. Each summer we personalize another batch and this summer is no exception. If you would like to purchase one for \$125, please fill out the attached form and return it to the front office. All brick purchases are 100% tax deductible. Not sure what to get your 1st communion student or graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grader or Pre-K Student? This would make an incredible gift! If you have any questions, please contact Jenna at [jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org) or 413.567.0907.

- We are all very excited about the Designer Pocketbook Bingo coming up on June 9<sup>th</sup>. There is only a certain number of tickets that will be sold. Please make sure to get your tickets soon. They are going like hotcakes!

## Fair Share Opportunities:

- Please make sure that the Fair Share book is up-to-date with all of your family hours. Invoices will be going out the end of this month for unfulfilled hours. Thank you

- **Creative Parents Wanted!**

How does it sound to start on your fair share hours this summer and complete them all in one project? Next year, our Gala will have a theme, and we are looking for someone to start bringing it to "life" with some creative aspects. Think photo booth, display table for Parent's Night, centerpieces, etc. If this is something that gets you excited, we can start right away and work on it through the summer and into next Fall. Contact Jenna at [jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org) or 567.0907. Thanks in advance!



- I would like to thank the cast and crew of "The Pagemaster" for all of their hard work. We are all looking forward to a wonderful performance.
- We are also so grateful to our parents who made it possible for their children to participate in this play.



