

Mount St. Mary Academy Family Connection

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Important Safety Notice

When dropping off your daughter in the morning or picking her up in the afternoon, please be sure to use extra caution on campus.

The following are a few tips to **make everyone's commute** a bit easier:

- When waiting for your daughter on the front circle, please pull up as far as possible and wait along the top of the circle.
- Please move as far to the right as possible.
- Avoiding the peak times of 7:25 –7:40 a.m. and 2:20 -2:40 p.m. will help ease congestion with bus arrivals and departures.
- You may use the front access road before 7:25am or after 2:40pm if you enter from Waverly Avenue.

Welcome to the Thunder Zone!

The student-run business Thunder Zone (formerly the Internet Cafe) will be open for business on Tuesday, January 16. It will offer snacks as part of their soft opening and will add smoothies and other tempting treats as the weeks go on. Students can stop in and see the new Thunder Zone every day from 2:30-3:30 next week and make a purchase for a chance to win an Amazon Gift Card.

Time for Midterm Exams!

	Monday, Jan. 22	Tuesday, Jan. 23	Wednesday, Jan. 24
AM	English 3 Regents Exam AP Macro Algebra R AP Calculus	Geometry Retake Geometry R AP US Government AP Comparative Government	Algebra 2R Bio RB Global 2 Regents retake Physics Regents retake
PM	Global 2 Regents and Honors AP European Living Environment/Bio Regents retake Living Environment (Biology)	Algebra 1 retake Chemistry Regents and Honors Physics Regents NUStep French SPA 103	Algebra II retake Any Make ups

Midterms are quickly approaching. Students need to report only if they have a scheduled exam. Morning exams will begin at 7:45 a.m. Afternoon exams will begin at 11:45 a.m. All students should report to the cafeteria for instructions and dismissal to their exam locations.

Students may leave school after their scheduled exam period. Exams listed in red are NYS Regents exams and are three hours in length. Exams listed in blue are school exams and are two hours in

length. Students must remain for 75% of the scheduled exam time.

Busses will run on a regular school day schedule with drop off in the morning prior to the start of the school day and pick up at regular 2:30 p.m. dismissal. Students may remain in the cafeteria or may use the library for a quiet place to study.

Please note that there will be no cafeteria service on these days.

Some teachers have opted to have midterm exams in class in the week prior to or after this scheduled week. All students in junior level English (English 3 and AP Literature) are taking the ELA Regents exam.

All midterm exam information is additionally posted on the portal. If you have any questions about exams, please **contact your daughter's** counselor.

Can you spare a dime?

Each January, the National Honor Society sponsors the Pennies for Patients drive to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Western New York. This organization funds research into leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma and supports patients fighting

these blood cancers. Each homeroom has a container to collect coins, cash, or checks, and the homeroom that raises the most money wins a lunch catered by Olive Garden. The National Honor Society thanks you for your support!

Celebrating
90
years

Join in the Fun!

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Upcoming Events

Parents' Association Meeting 7
There will be a Parents' Association meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Dining Hall.

Basketball Game 19
Thunder Basketball will take on St. Mary's at MSM on January 19 with a special half-time performance by our drum line. JV plays at 4:30 p.m. and Varsity plays 6:00 p.m.

Junior Events

Junior Parent Meeting 6
There will be a Junior Parent Information Session on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 a.m. (Please note this is a morning meeting!) We will discuss the college search and application process. Please RSVP to rlyons@msmacademy.org.

SAT Workshop Feb
The last day to register for the MSM SAT Workshop is February 9. Additional information is on page 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

Month at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 No School	16	17	18	19 Jeans Day Bake Sale	20 Winter Blues Bash
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Midterm Exams				Winter Semi-Formal	Jazz Festival
		Chipotle Fundraiser				
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Spirit Week					

Have you signed up for the 2019 trip to Ireland?

Please do so today! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cefaratti at rcefaratti@msmacademy.org.

MT. ST. MARY ACADEMY ANNUAL CREW

Winter Blues Bash!

Sun gone south for winter?
Ready for a Meltdown?

It's time to beat the Winter Blues!

JANUARY 20, 2018 AT 7:00PM



FEBRUARY 13, 2018 BUILD YOUR OWN PALLET ART

A Chrysalis Fundraiser with Buffalo Collective Studio

Show your love for Mount Saint Mary Academy by creating a custom wood sign. Choose from a variety of premade designs that will add a unique touch to your home decor. Choose your design, then you build your board, choose a favorite stain and colors to create a custom sign that fits perfectly with your home decor. Register at: <http://bit.ly/2mg00mp> or by visiting www.buffalocollectivestudio.com, clicking their party links page, and selecting Mount Saint Mary Academy on February 13th. A portion of the proceeds raised from this event will go to benefit MSM's 2018 Chrysalis Auction which takes place March 10, 2018.



\$40 per person

6:00 – 9:00pm

MSM Gymnasium

**No artistic ability
required!**

**Must be 18 years or
older**

MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY

Gymnasium
3756 Delaware Ave
Kenmore, NY 14217
716-877-1358 ext. 306

<http://bit.ly/2mg00mp>

Questions? Contact
Stephanie King
sking@msmacademy.org

Mount St. Mary Academy
SAT WORKSHOP
Designed for Juniors taking the SAT on
March 10, 2018

On-campus course taught by Brian Eldridge, a leading SAT/ACT tutor who has led many successful workshops for area students. To learn more about Brian Eldridge, visit his website, www.couriercollegeprep.com

- Four and a half hours of thorough and engaging preparation
- Comprehensive content review for every section of the SAT
- Strong emphasis on
 - ◊ Mental readiness
 - ◊ Time-management techniques
 - ◊ How to establish confident, flexible thinking
 - ◊ Study blueprints for self-directed practice

The Workshop is **limited to 20 participants**.

DATES and TIMES for the WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- **February 12th, 27th, and March 5th, from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. (All sessions are held at Mount St. Mary Academy)**

REGISTRATION: Registration Forms are available on the Portal. Registration forms and payment may be turned in to the Guidance/Counseling offices. For any questions or additional information, contact Brian Eldridge by email at couriercollegeprep@gmail.com or by phone at (716) 698-1144.

COST for Workshop and Classroom and Practice Materials - \$150.00

DEADLINE for registration is February 9, 2018

Mount St. Mary SAT Workshop Registration Form

Please return this form with the course fee of \$150 to the Guidance / Counseling Office by February 9, 2018 to secure a spot in this class.

Due to anticipated demand, the fee is non-refundable.

Name (Please print): _____

Grade : _____

Home/Cell number: _____

Student E-mail Address : _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____

The expectation is that registered students should attend all three sessions. Students should plan to bring pencils and a calculator and be prepared to leave feeling confident, empowered and motivated to do their very best on their respective test days.

All classes will be held at Mount St. Mary Academy. Checks should be made payable to **Courier College Prep** or **Brian Eldridge**.

Registration form and payment may be brought to the Guidance/Counseling Offices or mailed to:

Mount St. Mary Academy
Attn: Karen Reisch
3756 Delaware Ave.
Kenmore, NY 14217