August 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope you are still enjoying your summer and yet beginning to look ahead to a new and exciting year at Saint Mary’s School. This year is sure to be very special as we prepare to celebrate 175 remarkable years of educating and growing young women. I extend my warmest welcome to all of you, especially our newest families.

It is a joy to serve as president of the Saint Mary’s School Parents Association for 2016-17. The Parents Association includes all parents of the school and as such we work together to support the mission of the school, the faculty and staff, and our wonderful girls. We have fun, learn a lot, and enjoy being part of a truly generous and inspiring environment. I encourage each of you as either boarding or day parents to get involved right away as it is a great way to meet other parents and make new friends…plus, we need you! Please click here to learn about areas to serve and sign up to volunteer for what interests you most.

In preparation for registration on August 27, be sure to review the information sent to you by the school over the course of the summer. If you have not done so already, you should complete the required forms and return them to the school or bring them with you to registration. These materials are posted on the school website under Quick Links at the bottom of the homepage or you can click here for a direct link. Please note these important dates:

- **Thursday, August 25**: international students arrive on campus
- **Saturday, August 27**: boarder move-in and all-student registration for both students and parents
- **Sunday, August 28**: all-student orientation (this is required for all day and boarding students)

Please save the date for our first parent gathering of the year, the **Grade-Level Parent Socials** scheduled for after dinner on **Saturday, August 27**. Click on the appropriate grade level for your invitation to these fun parent events: [9th Grade](#) | [10th Grade](#) | [11th Grade](#) | [12th Grade](#).

Also, mark your calendar for **Saint Mary’s Family Weekend on September 16-17** – a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand and learn more about your daughter’s Saint Mary’s experience. Stay tuned for more detailed information from the school.

[Linked here](#) are the names of the Parents Association Executive Committee members for the 2016-17 school year. We are always happy to hear your questions or your feedback, so do not hesitate to call any of us on this list! Once school begins, you can expect a monthly update from both me and your class parent which will provide helpful, most up-to-date and grade-specific information.

Finally, I thank you in advance for your generosity in sharing your gifts, talents, and time in giving to our school and the Parents Association. I know together we will continue to bring positive encouragement and support for our beloved Saint Mary’s School – especially in this exciting 175th year.

I look forward to seeing you on campus very soon.

Kindly,

Kim Norfleet Collie ’88C, President
Saint Mary’s School Parents Association