

# SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNAE OFFICE

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## Welcome, Grandparents and Grandfriends!

*A Message from Grandparent Co-Chairs  
Mary Jane Jenkins and Vicky McKenzie Armes '62C*

We are excited to share our fall e-newsletter created especially for grandparents and grandfriends. Saint Mary's 179th academic year is well underway, and we thought now would be the perfect time to welcome and remind you about **Grandparents & Grandfriends Day** on April 16, 2021, in addition to a host of other important updates. Grandparents and grandfriends like you are invited to share in the life of their Saint Mary's student. Throughout the year, you will receive special event invitations, printed publications, and email communiques. There are many ways to stay informed, connected, and engaged with our school, and we hope YOU will be inspired to get involved and give back this year.



### **ABOUT US:**

As co-chairs for Saint Mary's Grandparent Campaign, we have a deep affection for Saint Mary's and celebrate many legacy ties to our granddaughters' school. Together, we partner with the Development and Alumnae Office to build relationships with Saint Mary's grandparents, provide timely news and information, and lead the grandparent [campaign for Saint Mary's Annual Fund](#).

**Mary Jane Jenkins**

**Vicky McKenzie Armes '62C**

Mary Jane's connections to Saint Mary's began with her late mother-in-law, Virginia Clark Jenkins '34HS, and Virginia's late sister, Nancy Clark Stronach '35C, both of whom were Saint Mary's girls. Two of Mary Jane's daughters, Emily Jenkins '94HS and Eliza Jenkins Stoecker '96HS, also graduated from Saint Mary's. Eliza serves as a member of the Alumnae Council. Mary Jane's daughter, Louise Jenkins Stowe, is mother of recent graduate May Stowe '20 and current student Suzie Stowe (9/D). Additionally, Mary Jane and her husband, Clark, have long been advocates for and donors to Saint Mary's.

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Vicky is a graduate of Saint Mary's and also raised her own Saint Mary's girl: daughter Lawson Armes '87HS '89C. Vicky's son Martin and his wife Cindy are parents to current sophomore Sarah Pratt (10/D), and Vicky's ties also include her cousin, Barbara McKenzie Scott '63C. Over the years, Vicky has tirelessly served Saint Mary's as a member of the Alumnae Council and has been a vocal advocate with her classmates. She is also a consistent leadership donor and has served as a reunion hostess, class agent, and was on the committee for Saint Mary's 175th Anniversary Gala.

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**Of course, our most important role now is that of being grandmothers to our Saint Mary's girls!**

In closing, we hope you will take note of all the important information below and join us this year in making a gift to Saint Mary's School. We also hope you are as excited as we are for the wonderful learning experience our granddaughters will receive at Saint Mary's, and we look forward to meeting you in the near future.

*Warmly,*

*Mary Jane Jenkins and Vicky McKenzie Armes '62C*

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## Special Event Reminders



## GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY 2021

Families are an integral part of the Saint Mary's experience, and *Grandparents & Grandfriends Day* is an annual, no-cost event that provides an opportunity for students to share their Saint Mary's experience with their grandparents and grandfriends. Guests enjoy a faculty Q&A program, a special Chapel service, lunch and a photo with their granddaughter(s), and the opportunity to visit an afternoon class to get a firsthand experience of life at Saint Mary's. Optional campus tours are offered at the end of the day, while a continental breakfast with the Head of School for donors to Saint Mary's Grandparent Campaign is offered first thing in the morning. (Make a gift in honor of your granddaughter to make sure you're on the list by [clicking here](#).) Check our website for updates at [www.sms.edu/grandparentsday](http://www.sms.edu/grandparentsday).

**Save-the-Date for Friday, April 16, 2021.**

## ALL SAINTS DAY OF GIVING 2021

The Episcopal Church commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on November 1. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. Saint Mary's *All Saints Day of Giving* celebrates All Saints' Day and also provides an opportunity for members of the Saint Mary's community to help us in our quest to receive a \$20,000 matching gift from an anonymous alumna. If we raise \$20,000 between Oct. 12 and Nov. 1, the funds will be matched dollar-for-dollar, which means you'll double your impact. To make a donation over the phone, or to pledge a gift to be paid by June 30, 2021, call Lauren Gerber, Director of Annual Fund and Major Gifts, at 678-920-1591. To give today, visit [www.sms.edu/allsaintsgive](http://www.sms.edu/allsaintsgive).

**Save-the-Date for Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020.**

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## School News

### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL BRENDAN O'SHEA: HEALTH & WELLNESS UPDATE

"Abundance of caution." Those three words have played a major role in our approach at Saint Mary's to keeping our students and our entire community safe and healthy. We are exercising an abundance of caution by insisting on adherence to protocols, limiting exposure, screening symptoms and temperatures daily, and continually reminding our community members to stay vigilant. We want to keep our community informed regarding our efforts in fighting off COVID-19 on campus. In an abundance of caution, students who present symptoms or who have been exposed to someone who presents symptoms are quarantined until test results are known. When a negative test result is received, the quarantine is lifted. If a positive result is received, the student must be isolated in order to protect others. The adage we've shared is that "by protecting someone else, we are protecting ourselves, as well."

The program we are using daily (to report our temperatures and possible symptoms) processes data over consecutive days, so it has been critically important for each member of our community to complete the information each day, even when off campus. Though we know at some point we may have COVID-19 cases



on campus, having accurate data on hand gives us the best chance to contain its spread and remain in school. We will continue to adhere to a mindset of an "abundance of caution" throughout the remainder of the year to keep Saint Mary's moving forward.

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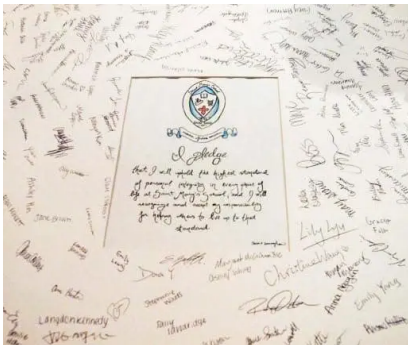


## **CLASSROOM OWLS OFFER INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE HYBRID LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

Owls have long been a symbol of wisdom and fierce intellect. They also have the extraordinary gift of nearly 360-degree vision. So, what better technology could there be than an Owl, a smart conference camera now in use in Saint Mary's classrooms, that captures 360-degree video and audio for engaging students in distance learning.

While Saint Mary's is providing all students with on-campus classes this fall, it is also serving those students who, due to extenuating circumstances, are unable to be on campus. Owl technology allows the school to innovate and design its academic program to deliver to all its students the excellent education they have come to expect and value. [Read more.](#)

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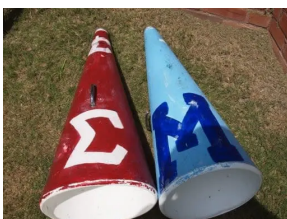
## **HONOR WEEK 2020 CELEBRATES SAINT MARY'S HONOR CODE TRADITION**

Saint Mary's annual Honor Week was observed September 21-25, offering new students an introduction to the school's time-honored Honor Code and returning students an opportunity to renew their commitment to Saint Mary's to live an honorable life both on and off campus.

During Honor Week each September, students, faculty, and staff dedicate a week to focusing on an important facet of campus life – honor. For generations, as an honor code school, Saint Mary's has devoted time to reflect and focus on what honor means to our school community.

Honor is represented in the school motto, *Scientia, Fides, Amicitia*, found on the school crest, in the Latin word, *Fides*, which translates essentially to the values of good faith, fidelity and reliability in the tradition of Fides, the goddess of trust in Roman mythology. [Read more.](#)

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## **SIGMA-MU FIELD DAY CARRIES ON CENTURY- OLD TRADITION**

Sigma-MU Field Day looked and sounded very different this year during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the spirit and tradition of friendly competition carried during festivities held Friday, Sept. 11. The annual Sigma-MU Day is a favorite event for students, and our seniors worked the entire prior



week planning and creating their uniquely school-spirited outfits, including beaded t-shirts and face paint. New girls were for and tapped into their respective teams Friday afternoon and soon realized why Sigma-MU is one of Saint Mary's favorite traditions. The Sigma and MU athletic societies date back to 1900 when they were the intramural basketball teams of the 1900s, during an era when interscholastic sports competition for girls was not the norm. In later years, the intramural competitions expanded into more sports such as tennis, field hockey, softball, powder puff football and field day games, along with tournaments in ping pong, billiards, and bridge. [Learn more here.](#)

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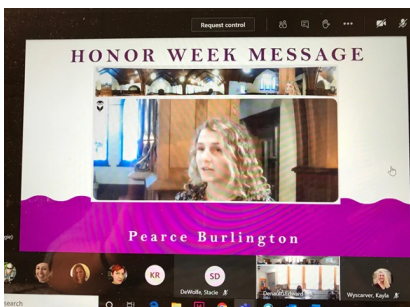


### **CONGRATULATIONS, NEW CLASS OFFICERS**

The Classes of 2023 and 2024 have had their class officer elections. Congratulations to all our candidates for their campaign efforts and commitment to their school. And congratulations to our new 9th and 10th grade class officers! For a complete list of our student leaders for 2020-2021, [click here.](#)

**2020-2021 student leaders were inducted in a ceremony during Community Time on Thursday, Oct. 1.**

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### **STUDENT BLOG: HONOR WEEK - A TRADITION, A COMMITMENT**

*During Honor Week Chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, Pearce Burlington '21, in her role as vice chair of the Judicial Board, delivered the following message:*

When I looked up the definition of community to reference in my message today, I came across two meanings. The first was “a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common” and the second was “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals”. Both of these definitions are applicable to Saint Mary's, but I feel that among our community's most important aspects are our shared attitudes, interests, and goals. Over the past six months, we have seen community unfold in ways we could have never imagined. [Read more.](#)

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## **This Week's Gallery**



From class meetings, to advisory, Honor Chapel and a movie night in Pittman, [this week's gallery](#) features the ways we are utilizing the beautiful Saint Mary's campus in support of the health and safety of our community.

Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more great photos and updates!



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