

# SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

August 2019

Dear Saint Mary's Families,

Happy New Year! I want to extend a special welcome to our new families. We are thrilled you have chosen Saint Mary's for your daughter and we look forward to welcoming you into our wonderful school community. I hope you have all had a fun and relaxing summer and are ready for a great year ahead.

Welcome TO the Parents Association! By virtue of the fact that you are a Saint Mary's parent, you are a member of the Parents Association. We are a very active group and I hope you will take every opportunity to get involved as it is a great way to meet other parents while supporting the mission of Saint Mary's School. Please [click here](#) to learn about the many exciting volunteer opportunities available for both boarding and day parents, and to sign up for whatever interests you most!

A list of the Parents Association Executive Committee for 2019-2020 can be found by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of us! We are here to help and support. Class representatives are great resources for all things Saint Mary's, and you will hear from them monthly via the class e-newsletters, which contain important information and specific grade-level updates. *The Buzz*, which will be emailed to you every Friday, is another great resource for parents. Lastly, don't forget to check your parent portal for more about what is going on around campus!

We invite you to join us for our brand-new Parents Association Education Series. These gatherings will occur every other month beginning in September and are designed to keep parents abreast of noteworthy topics on campus. They will begin with a "state of the school" update and then feature an educational presentation and discussion. For boarding parents, we will be offering these gatherings via a Zoom webinar, so you have the opportunity to participate from afar. The meeting dates and topics are below:

- **Wednesday, September 11**
  - Saint Mary's Approach to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education: including seminar, core competencies, and college counseling
- **Wednesday, November 6**
  - The Right Balance: Academic Demands and a Healthy Lifestyle: including peer interactions, managing stress and anxiety, a healthy approach to the college process
- **Wednesday, January 8**
  - Charting a Course for Academic Success: including curriculum choices, thinking ahead to college, setting students up for success
- **Wednesday, March 4**
  - Program TBD
- **Wednesday, May 6**
  - Volunteer Thank-you Luncheon

I look forward to the opportunity to meet and connect with all of you on Thursday, August 22, during registration, and at the Family Welcome Dinner in the Grove that evening. Have a great rest of your summer, and if there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Fuller, Parent '20  
President, Saint Mary's Parents Association