



# SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

April 2018

Dear Saint Mary's Community,

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2018 Spring Orchesis Dance Theatre Concert. This concert with performances by 14 Orchesis members, is one-of-a-kind and will spark joy in the community.

We would like to recognize five very important people to us. The first three are our seniors, Annabel Bloom, Anna Crofton, and Lucy Ham. We are proud of all their accomplishments throughout their four years in Orchesis, and we are sad to see them leave us in May!

The fourth person we would like to recognize is our new teacher, Michelle Pearson. This is Mrs. Pearson's first year back at Saint Mary's, and she has brought so much creativity and enthusiasm to the dance program. Lastly, we would like to take time to show appreciation for Mrs. Yount. Both of us have been Orchesis members for multiple years, and our high school experience would not be the same without her. She has been like a mother to us, and we are thankful for her patience and her dedication to our success.

Serving as president and vice president of Orchesis this past year has been a blast for both of us! We have loved dancing with all the girls in Orchesis who continually bring their unique styles and passion for dance to the dance studios every day. A few highlights this year include our company sleepover in the fall, Secret Santa gift exchange before the fall concert, and our sporadic Orchesis company lunches. With all these events our group has grown into our own little family.

On stage today, you will see six dances that were choreographed by Orchesis members including Annabel Bloom '18, Anna Crofton '18, Lucy Ham '18, Lilly Beth Glenn '19, Emma Rose McCune '19, Rim Metina-Belknap '19, J'lah Johnson '20, and Kate Eagles '20. Dancers have been challenged during this semester to choreograph pieces that are unique to their style. Many of the students choreographed lively dances that will leave you wanting to see more.

Lastly, we would like to invite you to the Orchesis-led chapel service on Tuesday, May 1st. On behalf of Orchesis Dance Theatre, we would like to thank you again for coming to our spring concert. Your support for the dance program is greatly appreciated and will ensure a bright future for the company.

Sincerely,

**Lucy Ham '18 and Lilly Beth Glenn '19**  
**Orchesis President and Vice President 2017-2018**