



# Saint Mary HASA News

*Building Bridges Between You and the Classroom*

September 2017

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Dear Saint Mary Families,

School has been in session for a month now and our staff and students have been hard at work. We hope everyone has had a great start to the new school year!

The first few weeks of school have been busy here on the Saint Mary Campus. Thank you all for coming out to Back to School Night. It was a great opportunity for you to meet teachers and to hear what will be going on during the 2017-2018 school year. We celebrated the official opening of our Agnus Dei Academy! The ribbon cutting ceremony was a momentous celebration. Our Saint Mary Feast 2017 was such a great success. Thank you to the many volunteers and families who supported this event. It truly was a day of Faith, Family, Friends, and FUN!

As we head into October, the fun continues. Our first and biggest fundraiser of the school year, Race for Education, is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 25th. All are welcome to come out on October 25th to cheer on our students and faculty as they walk to raise money for their school. Father Bellopede is joining in on the effort too! This event was a huge success last year and we know we can beat this year's goal! When we all chip in and come together we can accomplish anything!

HASA's 4th Annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. We had such an amazing turnout for this event last year and we are anticipating the same again this year. Therefore, it is essential that families RSVP. Please see the Trunk or Treat flyer for more information and details. Be sure to join us for this spooktacular event! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Stay up to date on what is going on at Saint Mary School by checking the school website, weekly communication envelope, emails from HASA and School, as well as, our monthly HASA newsletters! We are thankful for our supportive Saint Mary Community and all that you do to make our school great!

Blessings,

Saint Mary School HASA Board

# September 2017

## Schedule of Events

**9/5**—Kindergarten Boys First Day of School

**9/5**—Agnus Dei Academy First Day of School

**9/6**—Kindergarten Girls First Day of School

**9/6**—Back to School Night at 6:30 PM

**9/8**—9:00 AM School Mass

**9/11**—Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

**9/14**—7:00 PM HASA Board Meeting (all welcome)

**9/15**—Race for Education Rally



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School	2
3	4 No School	5 First Day of School Kindergarten Boys Agnus Dei Academy First Day of School	6 First Day of School Kindergarten Girls Back to School Night	7	8 School Mass	9
10	11 Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony	12	13	14 HASA Board Meeting	15 Race for Education Rally	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

# October 2017

## Schedule of Events

**10/6**—9:00 AM School Mass

**10/11**—SMS & Agnus Dei Academy Open House

**10/12**—1:45 PM Living Rosary

**10/12**—7:00 PM HASA Board Meeting (all welcome)

**10/21**—Trunk or Treat

**10/25**—Race for Education



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# SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

## ***SAB Members***

Father Bellopede, Pastor  
Catholic Identity

Suzette Moyer  
Director of Development

Paulann Bellino  
Member

Kevin Conwell, Principal  
Academic Programs

William Fitzgerald  
Chair Facilitator

Kathy Leach  
Enrollment & Retention/Marketing

Mary Beth O'Connor  
Parish Business & Operations Manager  
Consultant

Kathy Wasniewski  
Parish & School Bookkeeper  
Consultant

Jill McCafferty  
Advanced Giving

Karen & Matt Gribosh  
HASA Advisor

Dawn Brown  
Recording Secretary

Steve Bakey  
Financial Council Representative &  
Chair Saint Mary School Finance  
Committee

*SAB can be contacted via email at:  
[Advancement@smask-8.org](mailto:Advancement@smask-8.org)*

## Race For Education

Saint Mary School Annual Race for Education is scheduled to take place on October 25th! This is our first and largest fundraiser of the school year. Funds raised from this event help support school wide programs that benefit our students.

This year our goal is to raise \$35,000.00. Last year was such a huge success that we know we can meet or even BEAT this year's goal! Our school is blessed with supportive friends and families that we know we can do it!

Father Bellopede is joining in on the fun and will be participating in the walk on October 25th from 10:15—11:15 AM. Come out and cheer on Father Bellopede, our students and faculty as they walk to help raise money for our school!

Informational packets went home through school in the weekly Communication Envelope. If you did not receive a packet, please contact Maria Tosco at [granitegirl1017@yahoo.com](mailto:granitegirl1017@yahoo.com)

More information can be found on our school website at <http://www.smask-8.org/>

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!





Our schools success is a direct result of the time and talent of our Saint Mary's families. Be on the lookout throughout the school year for volunteer requests. We use the software tool SignUpGenius as well as email to inform you of what help is needed.

Currently there is an immediate need for help in the following areas:

- Lunch/Recess Aids—Come in during lunch/recess hours to help monitor our students in the lunchroom and out on the recess yard.
- Thursday Communication Envelopes—Help is needed on Thursday mornings at 8:45 AM to fill the weekly Communication Envelopes with flyers and papers that are sent home to our school families.
- School Nurse Assistance

We are grateful for all those who have volunteered and continue to give their time and talent. Please consider volunteering. Every little bit helps to make our school thrive. For further information on days and times that help is needed, please contact Miss Beth at 610-287-7757.

**Remember .....in order to volunteer you must complete all child safety requirements! This includes helping in the classroom, chaperoning fields trips, school activities and events. Visit the following link for more details regarding Volunteer Clearance Requirements: <http://www.churchofsaintmary.org/PMin/safeenv.htm>**

# HASA Membership

We encourage all families to become HASA members this year. These funds are what allow us to provide fun activities, as well as, special treats for students, teachers and families throughout the year including:

- Holiday treats (i.e. Saint Patrick's Day cookies)
- Science Fair
- Field Day
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Talent Show
- Spring Play
- Kindergarten/8th Grade Graduation celebrations
- And much more!

If you are looking to become an active member, please send your completed membership form and payment in through school. You can also have your dues automatically withdrawn from your FACTS account. If you would like to have your HASA dues withdrawn from your FACTS account, please complete the authorization form (see page 5 of the newsletter).

If this fee presents a financial hardship, please contact MaryBeth O'Connor in the Parish House at 610-287-8156.

**We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to a great school year!**



# SAINT MARY HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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WELCOME ALL NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES!!!

Saint Mary Home and School Association (HASA) encourages the participation of all Saint Mary Families this includes our Angus Dei Academy through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. It is the goal of Saint Mary's HASA to further nurture and support the community/family spirit that is so well associated with our Saint Mary Community. Throughout the school year HASA hosts several events and activities for students, parents and teachers. Some of the activities our families' students and teachers have enjoyed in the past are:

Trunk or Treat Decorations and Prizes  
Family Bingo Snacks and Prizes  
Trivia Night Prizes  
Science Fair Snacks  
Field Day Bounce  
Seasonal Decorations for the outside of the school  
Fachnauts  
Speakers for Assemblies  
Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation celebrations

In order for Saint Mary HASA to continue to provide these events and many others we depend on the time and talent of our Saint Mary community through volunteering. HASA also depends on funding from HASA Membership fees and shopper programs such as Giant A+ program, Box Tops and Shoparoo.

**HASA Membership fee for 2017-2018 school year is \$25 and can be automatically withdrawn from you FACTS account by our SMS Business Manager with your written permission. Membership fees can also be sent through school to HASA Treasurer Vanessa Platt C/O Nadia Platt Grade 6**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission to SMS Business Manager,  
Mary Beth O'Conner, to withdraw a one-time \$25 HASA Membership Fee from my FACTS

40 Spring Mount Road ☩ Schwenksville, PA 19473  
Phone 610-287-7757  
[www.smsk-8.org](http://www.smsk-8.org)



Beginning October 6, 2017 through March 15, 2018, Saint Mary Catholic School – **ID#:25820**) has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great program run through your local GIANT!

To register your bonus card, visit  
[www.giantfoodstores.com](http://www.giantfoodstores.com)

Then starting October 6th, use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at GIANT and you will earn cash for our school.

Please note: You do not need to re-register your card this year if your school selection remains the same.

## Saint Mary School Family Directory

We are currently working on the Saint Mary School Family Directory. The electronic PDF file of our Family Directory will be available in a secure, password protected file on **My Student Progress**.

New forms must be completed by every family each year, even if your information has not changed.

If you would like to be included in this year's Family Directory, please return your completed directory form through school **no later than Friday, October 13th.**

Forms can be found on our website at  
<http://www.smsk-8.org/hasa>



## Shoparoo

Saint Mary Catholic School is currently participating in a hassle-free fundraiser called **Shoparoo.**

This free app turns pictures of your every-day shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! We use the funds earned from this program to help support the many fun HASA sponsored activities, as well as, special treats enjoyed by our students, faculty, and SMS families. It's that simple.

All you have to do is shop as you normally do and snap pictures of your receipts with the app.

Just shop, snap, earn!

## Shop. Snap. Earn.

Finally, hassle-free fundraising.

### Download the free Shoparoo app

Join the 10,000+ schools already earning thousands through Shoparoo

### Snap pictures of your receipts

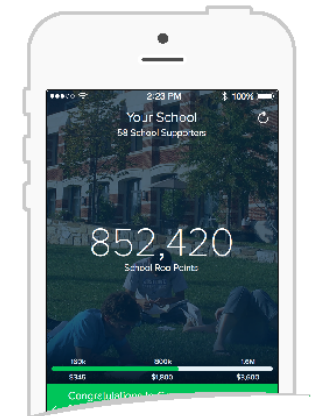
Every Receipt Counts!

### Earn cash for our school

Shoparoo makes a donation for every receipt you submit

### Share with your friends

There's strength in numbers - the more supporters we have, the more we earn



 **Shoparoo**





# Agnus Dei Academy

On Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 AM we celebrated the official opening of our Agnus Dei Academy. Thank you to everyone who was there to help us celebrate this momentous occasion!



## Saint Mary School Open House

Saint Mary School Open House will take place on Wednesday, October 11th. Stop in anytime from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Be sure to spread the word and invite any families that may be interested in attending our school to stop in and see what makes SMS great!

Check out the *NEW* Saint Mary School Website!

<http://www.smsk-8.org/>

## Saint Mary Feast 2017

Saint Mary Feast 2017 took place on Sunday, September 10th. It was a wonderful day of faith, fun, and community! A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped make the day a great success! Thank you to our Saint Mary Parish Community for coming out and supporting this wonderful event!



# CYO News

## NEW CYO WEBSITE

We are currently working on a new registration website....stay tuned!

## Volleyball Friday Night Lights!

Come out and support  
the Lady Spartans on  
Friday, September 29th!

## CYO General Meeting

The CYO General Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 28th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All current and those having an interest in coaching a CYO sport should attend.

This meeting will also be for any parents who intend to register their son or daughter for a CYO sport this upcoming year. We ask that at least one parent attend.

# CYO HAYRIDE

## MORE INFO COMING SOON!

## CYO Basketball

### Mark Your Calendars

Basketball assessments are scheduled to take place on November 1, 2 & 3rd. More information will be available soon.



## 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

A big *THANK YOU* to everyone who attended the CYO pancake breakfast! We appreciate everyone's attendance and support. We also would like to thank the entire CYO board for their participation in organizing this event.





Come Out for a Fun Family Night!

# Trunk or Treat



HASA's Annual Halloween

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 pm

## **What is a Trunk or Treat?**

*Trick or Treating from your Trunk in the Parking Lot at Saint Mary School*

## **Who?**

*All Saint Mary School students (Pre-K through 8) and family*

## **How does it work?**

Cars will park on the side lot by the pond, trunks open and facing outward. All cars must arrive between 5:30 and 6:00pm. Due to the safety of our children, we need to emphasize that any cars arriving after 6:00pm will not be allowed to park in the main parking lot. At 6:15pm kids, dressed in their Halloween costumes, will be begin to walk from car to car "Trunk or Treating". One parent will remain with the car to pass out any treats you bring and the other parent/ guardian will walk the kids around. Parents can dress in appropriate costumes as well and may even decorate their trunk.

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***R.S.V.P. BY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>***

*Planning is essential – If you plan to participate, please clip and return the bottom of this flyer  
to HASA, Karen Gribosh c/o Paige Gribosh grade 3B*

***Name of Participating Family:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***# for Pizza*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Participating Car: Yes or No***

*St. Katherine Drexel Community Service Group  
Of Saint Mary's School*

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Services: Please circle or add  
additional services  
Meals, babysitting, transportation



*This group helps support those in a time of need in our community by  
providing meals and needed services*

If you are willing to provide a meal or service please fill in the above information and return to Virginia McElroy c/o Anna grade 7 or feel free to email your information to [vamcelroy@yahoo.com](mailto:vamcelroy@yahoo.com).

When a need arises a care calendar will be created and emailed to you. Simply respond in the care calendar if you are able to help out. Information about specific needs and dates will be included in the care calendar. And if your family needs help or if you know of a family in need please contact us to provide assistance. Thank you and God Bless.