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I CAME WITH POTENTIAL...

I came to St. Mary's Ryken with hopes and potential, but I didn't really know if I could do the things I was dreaming about. As a freshman, I joined the school soccer team. Through the efforts of my coaches and good competition in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference I was able to grow physically and spiritually as a player. I was a "Ryken Award" winner, then "Most Promising" and finally "Senior Captain" of our team.

I HAD TO WORK HARD...

In the classroom, I had to work hard for my grades and that has been my biggest challenge. My teachers never hesitated in their support of my efforts to learn, and they showed me how really exciting their subjects could be. I learned to challenge myself. More leadership possibilities came with being made a Xaverian Steward in my junior year and learning to serve others.

THINGS WERE NOT EASY...

But despite how much I enjoyed St. Mary's Ryken, things were not easy. As the tuition increased, my parents talked about no longer being able to afford to keep me there and about sending me to a public high school. I told them that St. Mary's Ryken had become my second home, and that I couldn't even think about going to another high school. Financial assistance made my continuation possible.

WITH YOUR HELP...

Today, academic preparation and leadership opportunities as a member of the St. Mary's Ryken family have allowed me to receive a congressional nomination from Congressman Steny Hoyer and to become a successful candidate to two U.S. service academies. My credentials as a senior at St. Mary's Ryken have also earned me acceptance to some of the best schools in my chosen major: the engineering and physics program at Purdue University; Science College at Penn State; and the advanced physics program at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

In short, financial assistance from St. Mary's Ryken has enabled me to become a high school senior whose prospects are really unlimited. My indebtedness to you - for what you have given me - will always be more profound than words can express.

THANK YOU.

J.T. Gregg, Class of 2010

*This letter was
written by J.T.
Gregg (center),
who will
attend the
U.S. Merchant
Marine Academy
this fall. Also
pictured: Kane
Roland (left) and
Zach Griffit
(right).*





FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

It may seem difficult to believe, but it was only a little over a year ago that construction on the new entrance, parking lot and stadium began. The year brought a snowstorm in December, a once-in-a-lifetime snowstorm in February and another snowstorm that same week. Still, the construction team pushed forward and Phase 1 of the Master Plan is nearing completion. During these late spring days, the beauty of the campus is unfolding in our idyllic location on Breton Bay.

Set aside Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9 on your calendar. I invite you to join us then for the ribbon cutting of the SMR athletic complex. Many other activities are planned, and, as we get closer to the event, I encourage you to check our website (www.smrhs.org) for more details.

This academic year has been a banner one for the Class of 2010. They have seven Commended National Merit Scholars, one National Hispanic Scholar, 13 Maryland Distinguished Scholars and six AP (Advanced Placement) Scholars. To date, they have earned over \$8.85 million in scholarships. Seniors have received offers of scholarships from 103 different colleges and universities and 56% of the class has at least one scholarship offer. Over 2-in-5 seniors received more than \$40,000 in scholarships, which exceeds the amount of SMR tuition paid over the past four years. And 35 students, or almost 21% of the class, have received over \$100,000 in scholarship offers.

Over Memorial Day weekend, the SMA and RHS Class of 1960 held their reunions and came together for Mass in the Chapel of Charity on our campus. I had the pleasure of meeting new alumni and seeing the joy of good friends getting together. One of the special highlights of the weekend was seeing members of the Class of 1985 with their principal, Br. Richard Angarola.

Finally, I thank you for your support for St. Mary's Ryken. We are completing our 29th year as St. Mary's Ryken and could never do all that we are able to do for our students without your help. Take some time and visit St. Mary's Ryken this fall and attend our boys' and girls' games.

Please remember to keep me in your prayers, you are in mine daily. I wish you and your families a peaceful and restful summer break.

Sincerely,

Mary Joy Hurlburt
President

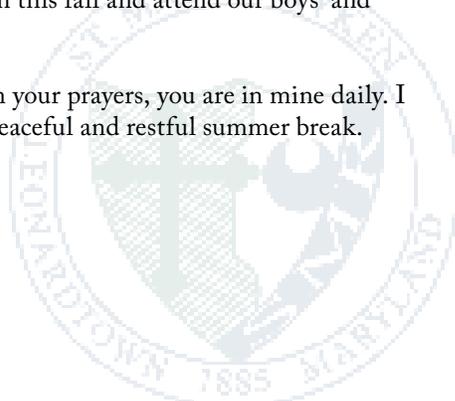


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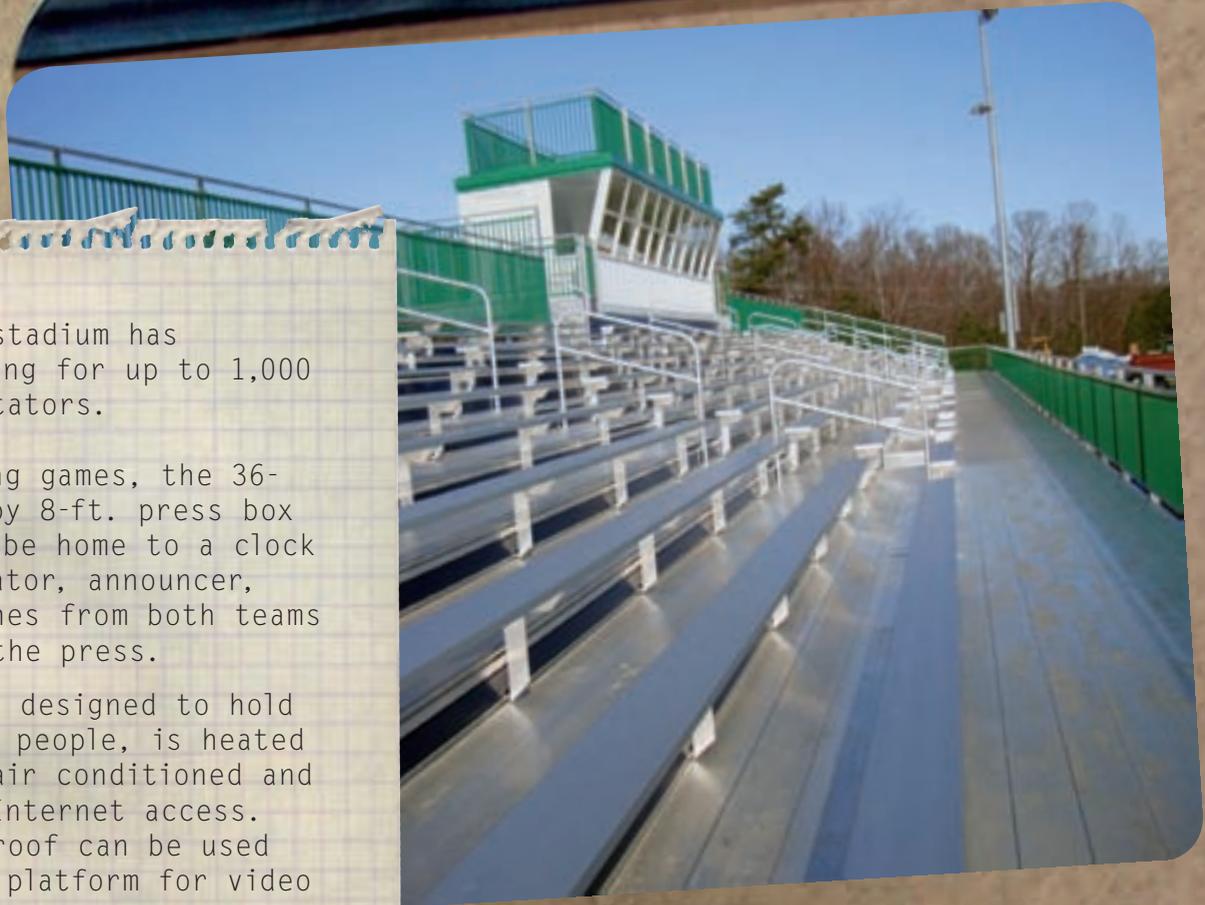
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The stadium has seating for up to 1,000 spectators.

During games, the 36-ft. by 8-ft. press box will be home to a clock operator, announcer, coaches from both teams and the press.

It is designed to hold 12-15 people, is heated and air conditioned and has Internet access. The roof can be used as a platform for video cameras.



The turf is synthetic grass that resists the wear-and-tear that natural grass is subjected to from daily use and weather.



In 1957, a steel strike halted the construction of Ryken High School,

but not its opening. Classes were held at Father Andrew White school from 3-7:30 p.m. and, immediately afterwards, the basketball team headed to the Patuxent River Navy base for 8 p.m. practice. Some home games were played at Father Andrew White, but opponents were in short supply and the team hit the road for game opportunities. Because they traveled so much, they were dubbed "Knights of the Road." The name stuck and was eventually shortened to "Knights."

Over 50 years later, some Knights still have to hit the road for a home game. In their entire four years of existence, the St.

Mary's Ryken football teams have yet to have a home game. The track and field team hasn't had a home match either since the late 1980s.

But, that's all about to change.

In June 2009, Phase I of the school's strategic master plan began with the construction of a new 300-plus space parking lot and new walkways for the students. Construction of the 1,000-seat, outdoor stadium started shortly afterwards. Students were able to watch daily the stadium taking shape as the bleachers, goal posts and perimeter of the track were installed throughout the school year.

By this fall, SMR's outdoor teams will be playing on a professional-level, turf field – the only one in St. Mary's and Calvert counties. And the track team will have a new six-lane, 400-meter track to replace the original cinder one.

"Our students will be getting the best athletic experience possible," said Principal Rick Wood. "We have almost 700 students and average about 660 participants per year in sports - some play on more than one team. I know our students want that 'home field' advantage and can't wait to cheer on their classmates."

Go Knights!



Scenes from Phase 1 Construction



Left: an aerial view of campus - August 2009

The new 300-space parking lot was ready and waiting for the students in the fall of 2009. Paschal Hall underwent several changes: an annex to house the athletic director's office; a paved parking area; a new locker and team room; renovated bathrooms and air conditioning for the entire facility.



Paschal Hall gets a refurbished parking lot and new locker room (below).



Left: The basement of Romuald Hall was finished and now houses the chorus room, the band room and several storage areas.





The campus in April 2010



Students use the new walkway to safely travel from the upper campus to Paschal Hall.



The Class of 2010 was the first class to have a football team. SMR began the year with a junior varsity team and by 2009 had three teams: varsity, junior varsity and freshmen. Seen here are members of the Class of 2010 who have been on the football team all of their four years at SMR. Team parents are honoring the students by placing their names on a bronze plaque on one of the brick piers that ring the stadium.

Naming Opportunities Available

- Athletic Field
- Athletic Track
- Athletic Pressbox & Grandstand
- Athletic Scoreboard (Reserved)
- Team Room & Locker Room
- Athletic Director's Office
- Fine Arts Classroom – Band
- Fine Arts Classroom - Chorus
- Entrance Sign
- “Walk of Fame”
- Brick Piers

For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 301-373-4182 or advancement@smrhs.org.

Athletics

SMR WCAC Honors 2009-10

| Sport - Varsity | First Team All-WCAC | Second Team All-WCAC | Third Team All-WCAC | Honorable Mention (HM) All-WCAC | Other Honors |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| Baseball 8-13 overall 3-13 WCAC | | Bailey Buckler Brendan Burch Devin Mackey | | Kyle Jensen Tyler Simms | Wilson Tournament Champions 2010 |
| Boys Basketball 10-8 overall 18-10 WCAC | Treveon Graham | | | Deon Andrews Elijah Matthews Kai Smith Lazar Petrov | Kai Smith, named to D.C. Capital Classic team Dave Tallman, named coach of D. C. Capital Classic team |
| Girls Basketball 11-13 overall 6-12 WCAC | | Katie McCormick | | Zakiya Chambers- Hunter | |
| Field Hockey 3-5 overall 5-8-2 WCAC | Shannon Francisco Megan Ligday | Amanda Greenwell Ca'ryn Griffin | | Marissa Fegeley Emily Simmons | |
| Football 0-4 overall 4-6 conference | |  | | | |
| Golf 7-3 overall 6-3 WCAC | Mason Short WCAC Champion | | | | |
| Ice Hockey (MSHL) 8-6-1 overall 7-3 WCAC | | | | | Matt Scott HM All-Met |
| Boys Lacrosse 11-4 overall 6-3 WCAC | Daniel Batong Will Fejes Chris Rixey | Connor Cook Dan Davis Aaron Gofreed Peter Martin | | Brian Frank Matt Scott Austin Spaulding Hunter Wilson | Chris Rixey 2nd team All-Met |
| Girls Lacrosse 6-2 WCAC | | Angela Sperbeck Jessica Worcester | | Jackie Boone Sam Dodge Chelsea Mummaugh Kaley Overstreet Kelsey Roberts Cassie Walter | |
| Boys Soccer 6-10-2 overall 9-11-2 WCAC | Jereme Raley | | Nick Staufenberger | Shane Bohn J.T. Gregg Chris Lawrence | Jereme Raley 2nd team All- State |
| Girls Soccer 4-10-2 overall 6-11-2 WCAC | | Alyse Houston | | Danielle Smith Alex Walter Jessica Worcester | |
| Softball 15-4 overall 12-3 WCAC | Stephanie Dameron Katie Delapaz Gabby Morgan | Kelly Goldsmith Hannah Gray Danielle Nichols | | Jordan Auginbaugh Rachel Heinze Emily Keller | Grand Strand Softball Classic Champions 2010 |
| Volleyball 0-16 overall 2-18 WCAC | | | | Ashley Davison Caitlyn Meyers Gabby Morgan Danielle Nichols Jamie Szewczyk | |
| Wrestling 5-13 overall 1-7 WCAC | Zach Griffit | | Sean Wilt | | |

Photo at center left: Welcome to Mr. Tim Major, the new head coach of the girls' varsity soccer team. Mr. Major has coached Select soccer for 15 years and has held the head coaching positions at the College of Southern Maryland and Thomas Stone High School. He has coached Division 1 WAGS (Washington Area Girls League), and holds both the National Diploma and the Advanced Regional Diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.



**Knights Athletic Club
Scholar-Athletes of the
Year**

Fall

Erin Krumenacker
Jereme Raley

Winter

Zakiya Chambers-Hunter
Zach Griffit

Spring

Chris Rixey
Angela Sperbeck

Athletics

Q & A...with Head Coach Kelly Schmidt

SMR Track Team

How many students are on the team? 14 girls, 34 boys

What events does the team participate in?

- hurdles (110m high hurdles, 100m, 300m)
- sprinting (100m dash, 200m dash, 400m)
 - middle distance/distance (800m, 1600m, 3200m)
- relays (4 x 100, 4 x 200, 4x 400, 4 x 800 relay)
- throwing (discus, shotput)
- jumping (long jump, triple jump, high jump)

What is a typical track practice like? “Athletes are trained by their events. There are four coaches: Coach Essington (hurdles, jumping), Coach DeMeio (shot put, discus), Coach Rob (sprinting) and me (distance).”

What will having a track at SMR mean to you and the team?

“It will be great to be at home next year so that the whole school community can be there to cheer on the team. Plus, we will be able to practice on our own track



The SMR Track Team 2009-10. Even though in the mid-1980s, the old, cinder track fell out of use – SMAC teams would not compete on it and all distances converted to the metric system - there has always been a track team at SMR.

and have other teams compete on our turf.”

“For all the athletes who I have had the great pleasure of coaching, I want to thank them for letting me learn from them as well, Coach Schmidt said. “It has been a great learning experience. There have been ups and downs, but in the end, they are the best group of

athletes anyone can ask for. I am hoping they take pride in being an SMR athlete and carry on their strengths to others such as leadership and dedication.”

How long have you been the track coach?

“I jumped into track about 5 years ago and started off as an assistant coach. I also coach cross-country in the fall.”

The New Boosters: The Knights Athletic Club

With all of the upgrading and improvement of the SMR athletic facilities, the SMR Boosters decided that it was time to make a change, too, said Tom Bennett.

Bennett is president of the newly dubbed Knights Athletic Club (KAC). “With a new name and different way of operating, it is hoped that there will be increased excitement” in the organization, he continued. “This is a parent organization that exists solely for the students of St. Mary’s Ryken and we wanted to re-emphasize that.”

Called the K-Club for short, there are three sections of membership that form the group: the executive board, the

coaches and the Team Advisory Group (TAG), which is a group of parent representatives, one from each team.

“Academics and athletics go hand and hand,” said Bennett. It is the club’s mission to provide student-athletes with the opportunities and resources to enhance their educational experience through athletics.

To this end, the K-Club helps provide for items not covered in the athletic budget, such as new training devices and providing opportunities for teams to attend sports camps. They do this through two main fundraisers: the annual mulch sale and concessions during home games. The group will be

purchasing a concessions trailer to use at the new stadium for the fall games.

So, how does one become a member of the K-Club? All you have to do is sign up. Contact a coach or one of the members of the executive board (Their names and e-mail addresses are on the club’s webpage, under the “Athletics” tab at www.smrhs.org). There is no membership fee to join.

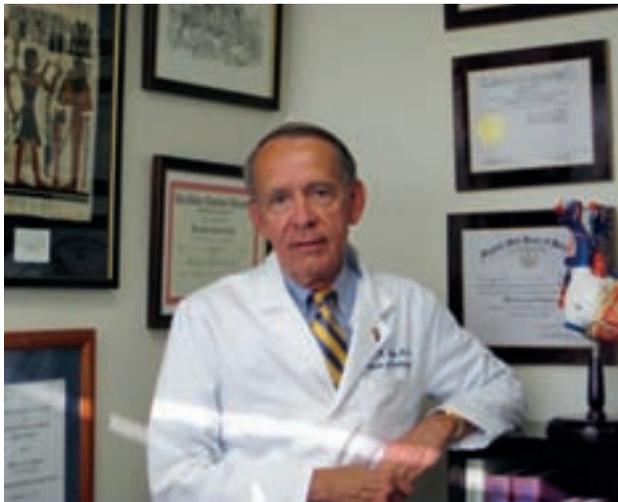
“One of our main goals is to increase volunteerism,” said Bennett, “and we certainly need the help.” If you really want to be involved behind the scenes, “we are currently looking for two new executive board members for the 2010-11 school year,” Bennett said.

Board of Directors Spotlight

Dr. Bruce K. Lloyd '64

Dr. Bruce Lloyd arrived in Southern Maryland just before beginning his freshman year at Ryken High School. His father was a Navy test pilot who had been transferred from Hawaii to Patuxent River, and the family remained in the area until Dr. Lloyd's graduation from RHS in 1964.

Dr. Lloyd went on to spend 20 years in the Navy and didn't have a chance to visit the area again until he became a board member two years ago.



Dr. Bruce Lloyd

Have things changed much? "The two biggest changes are that the school is now co-ed and there are no Xaverian Brothers teaching the classes," he reflects. "When I was a student, all classes were taught by Xaverian Brothers. There were no elective classes. We stayed in the same classroom for the entire day and the Brothers changed classes! There were only 4 sports teams (cross country, basketball, track, baseball)."

Dr. Lloyd is currently a physician at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he is a specialist in cardiovascular medicine. He is also an associate professor of medicine at the Georgetown University School of Medicine and an associate professor of clinical medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

During his tenure in the Navy, Dr. Lloyd spent the majority of his time at Bethesda Naval Hospital. From 1984 to 1991, he was the chief of cardiology at Bethesda and the specialty advisor for cardiovascular medicine to the surgeon general of the Navy. From 1982 to 1993, during the administrations of Ronald W. Reagan and George H.W. Bush, he served as the consulting cardiologist for the physician to the president of the United States. He retired from the Navy as a captain in 1991.

When he has some free time, Dr. Lloyd enjoys playing golf, traveling and reading. "I like historical fiction along with American and English history," he said. "I recently completed a series of books about the Tudor period in English history and always enjoy reading John Grisham novels as well."

What advice does he have for SMR students? "You won't know the real value of your education for at least 5-10 years," he begins. "Try to put everything into perspective. Remember not only the factual information, but, more importantly, reflect on the lessons about faith, family and friends that will serve you in good stead both now and in the years to come."

Mr. Michael Mummaugh

Mike Mummaugh has become known as the man who can transform those "empty spaces" and "old places" on campus into viable, efficient areas that serve the growing needs of the student population at St. Mary's Ryken.

Mike is the president of Paragon Properties, Inc. a general contracting firm that had their work featured on HGTV's "My Big Amazing Renovation" in 2008. He worked closely with the owners of a house in St. Mary's City to incorporate some unique features, including two unmatched antique newel posts, a handmade outdoor chandelier for the gazebo crafted of driftwood and custom-made tiles for the bathroom. "It was a great experience," he admits, even though it required a lot of coordination with the television producers which added unexpected challenges to the normal construction schedule.

During the past three summers, Mike has worked without the glare of the television cameras to renovate facilities in Rupert and Paschal halls – including the girls' locker room and the restrooms. He has also worked to finish the basement of Romuald Hall for the new band room, chorus room and storage area.

He has served on the SMR Board of Directors since 2006 and says the highlight of his time has been the completion of the athletic complex. "I have noticed a stronger athletic department from a leadership, coaching and student-athlete perspective," he said and points out that "the increasing volume of academic scholarships offered each year to SMR students is impressive."

Both of his daughters are graduates of St. Mary's Ryken – Lindsey graduated in 2005 and Chelsea graduated this year– and he hopes to still find time outside of board meetings to enjoy the views of the tennis courts and Breton Bay from the lower campus.

Accolades

A (Golden) Apple for the Teacher



Mike Mummaugh (right) with daughter Chelsea (left) and wife Deborah.

Mike spends his precious free time with his family and, when he is able, golfing. He recently finished reading Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*.

He offers the following advice to recent graduates: "Personal responsibility will play a significant role in your future success. Make a point to set goals in your career and personal life."



Joan Steven is chair of the theology department at St. Mary's Ryken.

Joan Stevens, chair of the theology department and instructor for ninth and tenth grade theology, is one of ten teachers in the Archdiocese of Washington to receive a Golden Apple Award this year for excellence in teaching and commitment to Catholic education.

One of 10 children and a "product of Catholic education," Joan says teaching is a "daily sharing of my faith with young people who are longing for truth."

"I became a teacher in a Catholic school so I could make a positive difference in the lives of children," she continues. "I believe that teaching is a calling from God, and it is one I feel blessed to have received."

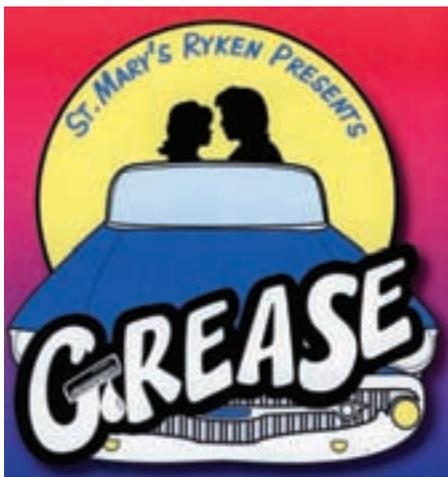
Prior to joining SMR in 2007, Joan taught at St. John School in Hollywood, Md., for 10 years. "It is great to give back to Catholic education," she said. "Teaching to me means that I have an incredible opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of so many students. Being able to share my faith with them is just an added bonus!"

The Golden Apple Award was established by the Donahue Family Foundation in 1990. Having sent all of their 13 children to Catholic schools, Jack and Rhodora Donahue began looking for ways their family could give back to Catholic education and instituted the awards in the dioceses of Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, Youngstown (Ohio), Toledo (Ohio) and Harrisburg (Pennsylvania).



Twelve AP English Literature and AP English Language students attended a poetry workshop with Michael Glaser, Maryland's former poet laureate and St. Mary's College of Maryland professor. The workshop was based on Dr. Glaser's college-level classes and the students showcased their works for family, friends and faculty at a reception in May. The workshop was made possible by a grant from the Arts Alliance of St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Student News



March was electrifyin' at St. Mary's Ryken! The Fine Arts Department presented the Tony award-winning musical *Grease*--the story of Sandy and Danny and those summer nights -- on Thursday, March 11; Friday, March 12; Saturday, March 13; and Sunday March 14.

Under the direction of Lisa Kay Morton, over 50 students successfully staged four productions, three of which were sold out in the 320-seat theater and one was just shy of capacity.

The students took on many different roles: performers, pit band, stage guild, choreography, props and hair and makeup. Numerous parent volunteers helped out wherever they could, including Ann Wyville, Debbie Styles, Mary Ellen Howard, and Fran Bell. Stacy Heavner, the producer for the show, kept track of it all.

Grease is set in the fictional Rydell High School in the 1950s and follows two groups of teenagers -- the Pink Ladies and the Burger Palace Boys -- as they navigate the uncertainties of adolescence and teenage rebellion. The score features many doo-wop tunes and the all-time favorites "Greased Lightning," "We Go Together," "Those Magic Changes" and "Freddy, My Love."

Thank you to the many parent and student volunteers who helped make this show a success.

Oh, those summer nights... Spring Musical Plays to Sell-Out Crowds



Clockwise from top: The Burger Palace Boys imagine the day when their old jalopy will be the envy of all in "Greased Lightning;" Hayes Converse grooves to the hottest tunes as Vince Fontaine; Ned Arick as Danny; the students meet for lunch in the high school cafeteria; and Sandy (Brianna Brophy) and the Pink Ladies remember the summer.



Student News

MOCK TRIAL TEAM MAKES SCHOOL HISTORY- EARNS FINAL FOUR BERTH

After a record-setting season, team misses final round on a decision

It was almost a case of David vs. Goliath. From a field of 120 Maryland high school teams, it was now down to four.

The SMR mock trial team, for the first time in school history, reached the “final four” round of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) High School Mock Trial Competition in Annapolis. SMR had faced some surprises during the season and now, they would face Severna Park, a team that had won the state championship twice and was looking to regain the title after losing in the final round last year.

“The other two teams [in the final four] came from schools much like St. Mary’s Ryken – small religious-based institutions – Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy from Montgomery County and Bishop Walsh High School from Allegany County,” said Samuel C.P. Baldwin Jr., Esq., the attorney coach for the SMR team. “Severna Park had two of everything. They had two teacher coaches; we had one. They had two attorney coaches; we had one. They actually had two entire teams with dedicated students for each role; we essentially had one and a half teams and we asked students to switch back and forth depending on whether we were the prosecution or the defense. I believe Severna Park had about eight returning seniors; we had no seniors, one junior and everyone else being sophomores.”

This year’s trial case centered on an incident of bullying that escalated into harassment and culminated in an assault, with mitigating circumstances. Under the tutelage of their coaches – faculty member Leanne Carr and attorney Sam Baldwin – the SMR team prepared both a prosecution and a defense of the case.



The 2009-10 SMR Mock Trial team (from the left): teacher/coach Leanne Carr; Kaitlyn Skeens; Ryan Kelly; Chelsea Lollar; Alicia Snellings ; John Houser; Megan Herring; Courtney Buccì; attorney/coach Samuel C.P. Baldwin Jr., Esq. and Elohe Dereje.

Mock trials are held in actual courtrooms with a real, volunteer judge presiding. Students take on the roles of attorneys, plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses.

SMR went undefeated in the first part of the season (4-0) and then qualified for the regional, or circuit, competition where they were ranked second. For the competition, schools are divided into eight circuits and SMR competes in the seventh along with schools from Prince Georges, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary’s counties.

SMR went undefeated (8-0) in this round and claimed the title of 7th Circuit Champions for the third year in a row, also winning awards for best student attorney and best student witness. The team holds a regional record of 23 wins and one loss over the past three years.

In the state-wide round, that SMR has never won in the five years they have been competing, the team was thrown a curveball.

“What happened this year was totally new to us,” said Mr. Baldwin. “The student who played the role of a neurosurgeon, our expert witness, in all eight of our previous wins suddenly became unavailable to participate in the state-wide competition. We only had two other returning students, and both of them had been lawyers in [all previous trials]. What that meant is that we would have to take a brand new student and ask her to learn the role that was without a doubt the most important part of the trial...Fortunately, the lawyer on our team who was handling this witness was already recognized as the best attorney in the first eight trials. If anyone on the

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Accolades

Mark Ragland '10 Wins Spot at Intel's International Science & Engineering Fair



Mark Ragland and his science fair project, "Simulating Ocean Water for Video Laser Communication", at San Jose this past May.

After winning the senior Grand Award at the Prince George's County Regional Science Fair in March, Mark Ragland '10 moved on to the final level of competition – the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, California in May. He was one of the 1,600 students from a field of more than six million around the world who competed for a chance to attend.

His science fair project, "Simulating Ocean Water for Video Laser Communication," was the culmination of his work with Linda Mullen, an electrical engineer from the Patuxent Naval Base (Pax) who served as his mentor through the SMR STEM 100 program.

Mark sought a way to mimic the properties of ocean water which would allow scientists to save money by testing in a controlled space like a lab instead of the open ocean. He authored two equations and found that a mixture of magnesium hydroxide and Nigrosin, a type of stain used in biology labs, would fit the bill.

According to Mullen, Mark's work is now used by a lab at Pax to better simulate ocean water.

Mock Trial, from p. 11

team was going to be able to help this witness, John Houser was the person who would do it. We tapped Chelsea Lollar to fill in as the new expert witness. Chelsea had demonstrated an innate ability to communicate and demonstrated a sense of confidence on the stand."

"We traveled to Towson where we competed against St. John's Catholic Prep from Frederick," continued Mr. Baldwin. "Because of the way of the trial took place in Towson, Chelsea was the last witness to testify in the trial. A solid performance would guarantee a win. A case of the jitters would sink us. Chelsea and John, working together, pulled it off and got us into the state-wide finals."

In Annapolis, the SMR team faced Severna Park. "Despite the difference in team make up, SMR actually tied Severna Park on points," said Mr. Baldwin. "The victory went to Severna Park because of a tie breaker point." Although SMR technically won the case (Their defendant was acquitted on all charges.), the team lost the match. The next day, Severna Park went on to win their third state championship title in the past five years.

"It has been a pleasure to coach the mock trial team for five years now," said Mr. Baldwin. "Leanne Carr has been a very enthusiastic coach to work with. The students who come out for mock trial exhibit a mixture of eagerness to learn the trial tactics, a willingness to put in the effort required to succeed, and exuberance at doing well. Spending day after day in trial preparation, practices and competition, it is apparent that the team is made up of teenagers who are on the one hand, enjoying their high school experience and on the other hand, looking ahead at colleges and careers."

Since there is only one student on the team who will be a senior next year (John) and the rest of the team will be juniors, supporters and parents are making early predictions of an SMR mock trial dynasty in the upcoming years.



Mark explains his project for the cameras and was featured in a promotional video of the fair.

Alumni News

From Suzanne Taylor, director of alumni: "As we move forward to our 30th anniversary of becoming St. Mary's Ryken, I want to maintain the rich history of both Ryken High and St. Mary's Academy. We're looking for class photos from RHS '71, '72, '73, '77, '79 and '80 and SMA class photos from '31, '33, '34, '35, '38, '41, '45, '56, '57, '58, '59 and '61 through '80.

If any alumni have memorabilia and wish to donate it, please contact me at 301-373-4162, or e-mail Suzanne.Taylor@smrhs.org. We can copy any items or photographs and return them to the owner immediately."

Class of 1968

Congratulations to Betty Lynn Sterling Armsworthy '68, who was one of this year's winners of the Golden Apple Award. The awards are given to ten teachers in the Archdiocese of Washington for excellence in teaching and commitment to Catholic education.

Mrs. Armsworthy has taught fourth graders at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown for the past 22 years and has been teaching at FAW for 30 years.

Class of 1991



Congratulations to Joe Jenkins '91 on being named head men's lacrosse coach at LaSalle Catholic College Preparatory high school in Milwaukie, Oregon.

Mr. Jenkins was most recently at Oregon State University (OSU), where he was the Beavers' lacrosse co-head coach for the 2010 season.

Class of 1993



Congratulations to Jessica Hall Hayford '93 and her husband, Scott, on the birth of their son, Dylan, on April 30, 2010.



Do you still have your "100 Questions" cards?

Congratulations to Mrs. Donna Martinez on her retirement after 36 years of teaching at St. Mary's Academy and St. Mary's Ryken.

Mrs. Martinez was honored at a dinner on June 2, 2010, but politely refrained from asking those in attendance to name the year of the signing of the Magna Carta (1215).

Good luck, Mrs. Martinez!

In Memoriam

Theresa Gibson Bailey '36
Dec. 17, 2009

Marie Abell Bassford '39
Dec. 27, 2009

Massey Gough Connelly '57
February 28, 2010

Joan Mattingly Dean '52
August 1, 1934 - May 4, 2010

Robert McCauley '69
April 22, 2010

Margaret Duke Stolmeier '40
March 31, 2010



Elizabeth C. "Beth" McCoy
July 19, 1918 - February 27, 2010

Elizabeth McCoy died Feb. 27, 2010, after a long illness. Mrs. McCoy was not a native of Southern Maryland, but moved here in 1941 after her marriage to the late Frederick L. McCoy, who developed a love of the people and the area from his time as an altar

boy, accompanying Jesuit priests doing mission work in St. Mary's County. It was not long before Mrs. McCoy came to share her husband's love of St. Mary's and its people.

The McCoy's played key roles in campaigns to protect the Potomac River and shoreline and to stop the building of a proposed oil refinery at Piney Point. Mrs. McCoy also helped bring together several community and local government groups to establish a plan to preserve the land and reconstruct the Chapel in St. Mary's City, the first Catholic church in the English colonies.

She was a firm supporter of Catholic education and its mission. All 12 of her children attended St. Michael's School and then her three daughters attended St. Mary's Academy and her nine sons attended Ryken High School. Three of her grandchildren are graduates of St. Mary's Ryken.

Mrs. McCoy served as a member of the Society for the Preservation of St. Ignatius Church in St. Inigoes and the St. Mary's County Historical Society. She also served as one of the first women on the St. Mary's County Election Board of Supervisors. She co-founded the Mistress Brent Garden Club and served as the president of both the Catholic Daughters of America and the Ladies of Charity of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge. For many years, she worked with the Interfaith Volunteers to provide meals and entertainment for the elderly of St. Mary's County.

For her charitable and civic service, Mrs. McCoy was named a St. Mary's Ryken "Pillar of the Community" in 2005.

St. Francis Xavier Society



The President's Dinner

A new tradition began this year with the inception of the President's Dinner, which honors two groups who have been instrumental to the growth and success of St. Mary's Ryken: the St. Francis Xavier Society and the Pillars of the Community.

The St. X Society, celebrating its 20th anniversary, was formed in 1989 to recognize those individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership and financial commitment to SMR. Named for the patron saint of the Xaverian Brothers, the society stands strong today with over 120 members who are devoted to promoting the mission of St. Mary's Ryken: academic excellence with individualized student growth in faith, moral probity, physical health, social demeanor and responsible citizenship.

The Pillars of the Community are men and women recognized for their service to the community, to St. Mary's Ryken and to Catholic education. These individuals embody the ideals of service, stewardship and respect that SMR advocates in its mission and vision. This year's Pillars are Mr. Robert Durbin, Mr. John Parlett '73



President Hurlburt congratulates this year's Pillars of the Community (from the left): President Hurlburt; Bob Russell; Ella May Russel; Bob Durbin; and John Parlett

and Mr. Robert '57 and Mrs. Ella May Russell.

The evening program showcased the talents of the SMR students. Serving as student hosts, the XBSS Senior Stewards shared their experiences of the school with guests. In particular, John Taylor Gregg and Shannon Slaughter spoke about the sacrifices their parents made to give them a Catholic education.

The SMR Jazz Band - Ned Arick, Matthew Dowdle, Rhett Richards and Won June Choi - under the direction of Mr. Erik Nelson, then dazzled those in attendance with their musical skill. Afterwards, all were treated to a sneak peek of the school's spring musical, *Grease*.

The guests were delighted to have a chance to see the performances and to get an inside glimpse of student life at SMR.

XBSS Stewards helped to host the evening.



Pillars of the Community

MR. ROBERT GREGG DURBIN

This beloved teacher, coach and mentor has been affectionately called a “jack of all trades.” Over the course of 40 years of service (and counting!) to Ryken High School and St. Mary’s Ryken, he has served with a smile in almost every capacity possible including moderator for the XBSS Stewards, athletic director, drama club moderator, weather club moderator and coach for the tennis, golf and cheerleading teams.

Bob has a deep passion and love for the Latin language and is fond of using it to teach life’s lessons. When asked what he cherishes most about his time spent teaching, he simply replies, “In concolora res parvae crescunt,” the motto of the Xaverian Brothers which means “In harmony small things grow.” He explains, “That’s what we are all about. Our students grow like an acorn. We want them to reach out to all that we have to offer and become well-educated, Christian young men and women.”

MR. JOHN K. PARLETT JR. '73

John, a graduate of Ryken High School, is the president of Computech Systems, which designs and develops computer software and specialty electronic components for the motorsports industry.

“The discipline and code of conduct instilled by the Brothers has served me

well my entire life,” he said. John is a volunteer for numerous civic and nonprofit organizations. Perhaps closest to his heart is a project that touches many lives - Christmas in April. He is the founder of the St. Mary’s County chapter and a founding member of the Charles County chapter, serving for many years as its president. He also served six years on the Christmas in April USA national board.

“I believe we all have a moral responsibility to reach out to those in need,” he said. “I have been very blessed in this life and feel privileged to be able to assist and to give back to the community.”

MRS. ELLA MAY RUSSELL

Ella May Russell was educated by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Mamur. “My parents and the Sisters instilled in me that helping others in the community was important and an expectation,” she says.

In 1985, she became the director of St. Mary’s County Social Services and says her goal as a social worker is “to enable others to care for themselves and their families, and to be contributing members of the community.

Under her tenure as co-chair of the Maryland Welfare Reform Committee, the welfare rolls in St. Mary’s County were reduced by 85% by bringing many services - child care, medical, dental, transportation, youth programs and counseling -

to those who needed them most. She co-founded Health Share of St. Mary’s County and is a founding member of Three Oaks Shelter and the Child Advocacy Center.

MR. ROBERT A. RUSSELL '57

Bob Russell is a member of the first Ryken High School graduating class. At 15, he lost his father and went to work at the Naval Air Test Center as a student in the Patuxent Plan, which allowed him to earn both undergraduate and graduate degrees in electrical engineering from the

University of Maryland.

Never leaving St. Mary’s County, Bob spent over 41 years at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, retiring as technical director of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

“Life has been good to me,” he says, “and I feel an obligation to give back to the community.” He serves as a member on several boards in the community including St. Mary’s Ryken’s. Bob is a charter member of the 7th District Optimist Club and a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council #1470.



Above: The SMR Jazz Band impressed the guests with their talent. Below: Guests listen to the presentation of the Pillars of the Community.



St. Mary's Ryken
Annual Spring Gala

All Aboard The Orient Express



The fabled Orient Express - whose name calls to mind the luxury and graciousness of travel of times gone by - was the theme for the 2010 SMR Spring Gala, the school's major fundraiser for the year.

Just over 400 tickets were sold to the March 27 event at the Hollywood Volunteer Department Social Hall, which raised almost \$100,000 for the St. Mary's Ryken Fund that supports the most pressing needs of the school and the students.

Guests were greeted at the door by a newsboy (portrayed quite convincingly by

senior Sean Wilt) before heading into the "train station," where they were welcomed by alum Tom Jarboe '87 who served as host for the evening. Guests then proceeded into the "dining car" itself, outfitted with crisp linens and sparkling glassware and china.

The SMR Jazz Band played while guests sipped the signature drink fashioned for the evening - a rum concoction dubbed the "Passenger Car."

Before dinner there was time to peruse the Silent Auction tables and look over the many items included in the ever-popular Class Baskets. The auction



From the left: Robin Willis and Fran Bell, co-chairs of the event; President Mary Joy Hurlburt; Susan Bowling and Julie Snight, co-chairs of the auctions.



committee, headed by Susan Bowling and Julie Snight, brought in over 80 items for the silent auction and six big ticket items for the live auction. Todd Morgan took on the role of the auctioneer for the live auction – often strolling around the tables for potential bidders.

SMR “Principal for a Day” package; and a cooking demonstration with Hell’s Kitchen Chef Robert Hesse at the new Catamaran’s in Solomons, Md.

After dinner, catered by the J.T. Daugherty Conference Center, guests danced the night away to the music of Amaretto, who even jammed with the SMR band for a song or two before beginning the main set.

Guests enjoyed having the opportunity to dance the night away and the most-asked-for request was to have Amaretto back next year!



*The Class Baskets:
Class of 2013
“Marley & Me”
(top left);
Class of 2012
“Julie & Julia”
(bottom left);
Class of 2011
“Fun in the Sun”
(right);
and Class of 2010
“College Bound”
(far right).*



*St. Mary’s Ryken
Spring Gala 2010
Committee*

Fran Bell
and Robin Willis
Co-chairs

Susan Bowling
and Julie Snight
Auction chairs

Bridget Bland
Tina Carroll
Jill Cedar
Chris Chase
Patty Dabbs ’84
Renee Davey ’86
Lisa Donely
Teresa Fazio
Anneke Frederick

Kelly Gray
Sandy Guy
Mary Ellen Howard
Lisa Jackson
Beth Joseph
Leigh Ann Keller ’83
Susan Miller ’78
Shann Mills
Todd & Maria Morgan

Julie Slade ’89
Jackie Smith
Barbara Stellaway
Debbie Styles ’73
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Save the Date

To RSVP to any of these events, to volunteer or for more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 301-373-4182 or at advancement@smrhs.org.

Golf Tournament
Monday, October 4, 2010

Hall of Fame Dinner
Thursday, October 7, 2010

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
Friday, October 8 - Saturday, October 9, 2010