

OCTOBER 11TH-15TH

# ***SNOWBIRD BEAT***

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## ***It's Homecoming Week!!!***



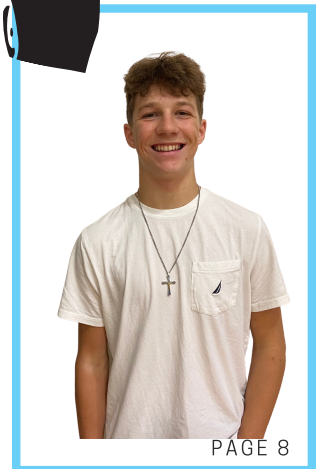
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TO INTERVIEW THIS WEEK?  
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# Faith in the Nest

For the week of homecoming we decided to interview a student from each grade. We asked questions about Saint Genesius and this exciting week! We asked Bailey Murrell as this being your last homecoming week, what is one thing to hope happens? I hope we win at least one game on Friday! Next we interview a Junior. What is the best part about homecoming week? The pancake breakfast! While you're on stage do you feel closer to God? Yes, I definitely do. Do you ever pray before or after you're on set? As a whole group we do a "circle" and pray and thank God for many things. As a Sophomore and this being your first "real" homecoming, what are you most excited for? I'm looking forward to helping the girls in my class learn how to play powder-puff football. As a freshman are you excited for your first week of homecoming? Yes, I am excited for no classes on Friday and getting to hangout with all my friends.

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## Saint Genesius of Rome

St. Genesius is the patron saint of actors. His feast is the 25th of August. He was an actor in the third century and one time he was performing on stage in front of Diocletian. He was portraying a catechumen that was about to be baptized in the play. During the ceremony, it was said that he suddenly converted to Christianity. He declared this to the Emperor and with rage, Diocletian turned him over to the Plautian and they tortured him, trying to force his sacrifice to the pagan Gods. He clung to his Christian faith and when they realized they would not be able to change his mind, he was beheaded.

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# Everything Changes and Everything Stays the Same



## What does homecoming mean to you as an alumni?

I think that it is a chance for our current students to see what happens after people graduated. It's fun to listen to the other alumni's homecoming and their fun high school experiences.

## What was your favorite part about homecoming when you were in highschool?

Spirit Week because we got to decorate the halls. We use to put stuff over the lights and the ceiling, it was like a maze you could walk through. I would say working with my class to decorate the halls and build the floats are some of my favorite homecoming memories

## Do you remember what your first homecoming as an alumna was like?

I came back as a college Freshman. It was interesting to see it from that point of view because it was completely different than experiencing it as a student. It was cool.

## Do you remember your favorite dress up day?

We dressed as clowns for a circus day.

## How did St Mary prepare for life after highschool?

The fact that St Mary is so small and always has had a family atmosphere reminded me that I always had a place to come home where people appreciated me. I went to Michigan State which is huge and has a completely different atmosphere, where you're just one of many. I loved it but it was important to me that I knew I had a place to come back to where everyone knew my name and loved me.

High School gave me all of the skills and knowledge that I needed to get through college, but if I hadn't had St Mary family to come back to I wouldn't have made it through the challenges that college and life after throw at you.

# VARSITY SPORTS

Congrats to the girls XC team who got runner up in the ski valley conference on Wednesday in Mancelona!

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

This week varsity girls face The Inland Lake Bulldogs and the Forest Area Warriors.

Tuesday: Lost 0-3

Thursday: Won 1-3

Whats some advice you could give to your team?

"Some advice I could give to my team is to work together as one instead of individually and everyone needs to step up to show up " -Emma Glasby

## SOME WORDS FROM THE FOOTBALL TEAM:

What is your favorite part about the homecoming game?

"Having more fans than usual" - Gavin Bebble

What are some words you could give to your team for Friday's game?

"Stay loose, bring the juice, don't let them get in your heads." - Nate Starasinich

How do you think the outcome of the game will go?

"I think it will be a really good game. I think it will be close but we will win."  
-Dillon Croff



MATTHEW 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



As any athlete goes through a tough time, remember that "with God, all things are possible."





# Middle School Madness

## Sports Update:

This week Middle school volleyball played at home against Pellston. They won 2-0 against the middle school. Lost 0-2 against 8th grade



Middle school Cross Country:  
Everyone placed and got a medal.

Charlie Cameron



Nathan O'Connell



## Kid Of The Week

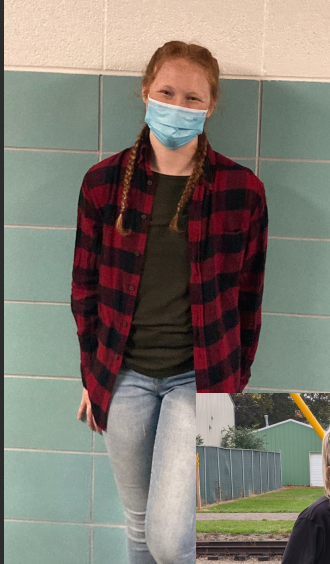
This week we have chosen 2 fantastic middle schooler's who have found a way to further there practice by helping the varsity team. These fantastic middle schoolers are Charlie Cameron and Nathan O'Connell.

1. Why are you the waterboy for the varsity team?  
Charlie: "To keep them hydrated and I like meeting the players."
2. Does watching and being a part of the varsity team help you when you play on the middle school football team?  
Charlie: "Yes i learn and see what i do wrong."
3. Who influenced you to do football?  
Charlie: "My dad and the NFL players."
4. Where do you see your football career going?  
Charlie: "I Want to go to the NFL and play college football."

1. Why did you become the waterboy for St. Mary's varsity football team?  
Nathan: "I really loved football from a young age and my dad is the coach."
2. Does watching and being a part of the varsity team help you when you play on the middle school football team?  
Nathan: "Yeah with the plays and working on my throwing with the boys."
3. Who influenced you to do football?  
Nathan: "My dad, because he is the coach."
4. Where do you see your football career going?  
Nathan: "Going to college, I don't know what school yet but I like Michigan State."



# DRESS UP DAYS!





# Next Week


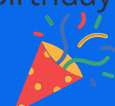






October 16th-22nd

## Events and Birthdays

## Sports

## Feast Days

## Lunch Menu

<b>SATURDAY</b> -Mass before Homecoming Dance @5 -Homecoming Dance		-Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque +	
<b>SUNDAY</b> -Allyra Cook's Birthday 		-Saint Ignatius of Antioch +	
<b>MONDAY</b> -Konner Kucharek's Birthday -Thaddeus Miller's Birthday 		-Saint Luke +	Hamburger
<b>TUESDAY</b>	-V Volleyball @ Boyne Falls bus @ 4:30 	-Saints Issac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, and Companions +	Chicken Quesadilla
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> -Laney Perdue's Birthday 	-MS Football @ Central Lake bus @ 4:20 	-Saint Paul of the Cross +	Popcorn Chicken
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JV and V Vball at Boyne City NO BUS -JV football @ Inland Lakes bus @ 4:30  	-Saint Hilarion +	Grilled Cheese
<b>FRIDAY</b>	-Varsity football home against Inland Lakes 	-Saint John Paul the 2nd +	Calzone

# STIRRING THE POT WITH MRS. BAKER



**Where did you teach before working at St. Mary's?**

I worked at Marquette Catholic School, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**What is your greatest accomplishment in life?**

Raising 4 boys, that love and take care of each other

**What are some of your hobbies?**

Some of my hobbies are Yoga, Walking, Spending time with my family by playing Board Games with them, and having Family Dinners.

**What is your favorite kind of music to listen to, and who is your favorite artist?**

My favorite genre of music would have to be Rock, and my favorite artist would be Eric Clapton

**What is your favorite book and why?**

My Favorite book would have to be the Outsiders because I love to Read and Teach the class about the book

## Beat of the Week

By Elizabeth Pallarito



Daniel Smith is a snowbird through and through. He listens to everything , but classic rock is one of his favorites.

**How did you feel coming into your senior year?**

"I felt confident and excited to get it over with."

**How do you feel your faith has helped you get this far?**

"I feel like I can talk to Jesus about anything and that has helped me get through the tough days."

**How do you think your faith will impact your future decisions after graduation if at all?**

"My faith has always been a coping tool for me and it will be that in college. I also hope to bring it to my family and children."

**What are your plans after graduation?**

"I will attend a four year college and pursue a degree in accounting or finance"

**What are you looking forward to most about your senior year?**

"Graduating. I am looking forward to senior activities such as the retreat and trip."

**If you had to pick one place to eat for the rest of your life, where would you choose?**

"I would choose my Grandma Smith's house. Best food ever."

**If you picked one grade to go back and live through again what grade would you go back to?**

"Junior year, because I had easy classes and we went to regionals in football, won the ski valley championship in basketball, and won a regional championship in baseball."