

# Nova Mariana

A Newsletter for the Stakeholders of  
St. Mary's High School



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## Administration News

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at St. Mary's High School. We are anticipating another great year at St. Mary's, full of exciting activities, enriching learning opportunities, renewing former friendships, and making new acquaintances.

The staff has been working diligently to ensure that our school opening is smooth and that we begin our year-long journey focused on excellence in teaching and quality student learning. I would like to give a special welcome to our incoming grade tens and also to all families new to the St. Mary's Family! As well, I look forward to working with all staff at St. Mary's. We are welcoming Sherley Muir as a new vice principal, and we are looking forward to her becoming part of our St. Mary's Administration Team. We would once again like to thank Mr. Ghidina for his many years of service at St. Mary's and wish him well during his retirement.

The information outlined in this newsletter should clarify School Opening Procedures as well as give you information regarding registration changes and important events throughout September.

I would like to encourage parents to attend the St. Mary's School Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. The School Council is a tremendous forum for parents to become informed about school events, activities and programs throughout the year and I look forward to seeing you there.

*Luigi Fortini*  
Principal

**The School office will be open on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Registrations for New Students to the District will be processed beginning Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Contact the reception desk for an appointment.**

## Early Bird Course Change Requests

We encourage all students to take advantage of these opportunities. Early Bird course change requests in the gym are scheduled as follows:

Grade 12 - Thursday, August 23 (9:00 to 11:30 am)

Grade 11 - Friday, August 24 (9:00 to 11:30 am)

Grade 10 - Monday, August 27 (9:00 to 11:30 am)

\* Appointments are not pre-scheduled. You may come anytime between the hours indicated to make schedule changes.

\* Opportunity to have ID/Yearbook pictures taken

## Opening Day

**Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Grade 10 Students (all must attend):** 9:00 - 12:00 pm TA & 4 shortened classes;

9:00 - 9:47 am TA

9:50 - 10:05 am P1

10:08 - 10:23 am P2

10:26 - 10:41 am P3

10:44 - 10:59 am P4

11:02 - 11:17 am TA Activity

11:20 - 12:00 pm Welcome Lunch in the Cafeteria

\*Grade 10 students will have the opportunity to have ID/Yearbook pictures taken during the morning.

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**Grade 11 & 12 Students (all must attend):**

12:30 - 1:00 pm Welcome Lunch in Cafeteria

1:00 - 3:25 pm TA &amp; 4 shortened classes

\*Grade 11/12 students will have the opportunity to have ID/Yearbook pictures taken during the afternoon.

**Important Information for Parents and Students****Visible Student ID**

Students and staff at St. Mary's must have in their possession an I.D. Card. Lost or damaged I.D. must be replaced. Students may get a replacement ID card for \$1.00 and purchase a plastic pocket for \$ 2.00 . General school fees cover the cost of the first V.I.D. card issued at the start of the school year.

**Bus Passes**

Senior high students residing more than 2.4 kilometers from the school they are directed to attend by the District are eligible for a rebate. In order to receive a rebate on the purchase of a monthly youth Calgary Transit pass for September 2018 to June 2019, students must meet the eligibility criteria. For further information, refer to [www.cssd.ab.ca](http://www.cssd.ab.ca) and follow the Transportation link.

**School Fees**

Calgary Catholic School District uses an Online Fee Payment System for school fees. The fee payments program is accessible via the school website <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stmarys/> (home page, click on the "Online Fee Payment" tab) or at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/cssd/>. We encourage everyone to use the online system, however payments will be accepted at the school for those parents who do not have computer access, or parents paying IB Fees.

The 2018-2019 school fees can be viewed on our St. Mary's home page.

**Grade 10 Welcome Music Camp - for all incoming grade 10 Band and Choir students\***

**Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018** from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Choir room (C098) - **All grade 10 music students are strongly encouraged to attend this fantastic welcome event!**

**Photo Days**

**September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 all day, September 5<sup>th</sup> (AM)**

**Grade Level Assemblies**

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - Grade 11 & 12 during P3; Grade 10 during P4

**Music Foundation Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from 7:00 to 8:00 pm (Gym) - for all Music Students

**\*It is critical that one or both parents/guardians attend this meeting along with the student.**

**School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 5:00 pm (Learning Commons).

**Grade 12 Information Night (Grad and Post Secondary)**

**Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Cafeteria):

1. Career planning and Exploration
2. Post secondary school: process for applying to universities, colleges and technical schools
3. Graduation rules, policies and activities
4. Questions and or Comments

**Volunteer Orientation Meeting**

In order to volunteer in any capacity at St. Mary's, all new and returning volunteers must attend an orientation. Please call the school to make an appointment with Mr. McKenty.

**Grade 10 & 11 IB Parent Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** at 7:00 pm (Cafeteria/Learning Commons):

1. Course selections for options at University
2. Work experience (part time jobs, RAP)
3. Use of D2L Brightspace

## Textbooks

All texts must be returned before the start of the new school year. They can be brought to the office in August or on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents able to volunteer with textbook distribution are asked to call the school at 403.500.2024 and leave their name with the receptionist.

## Public Transit and Student Parking at St. Mary's

It is recommended that students make use of the very convenient forms of public transit. CTrains, Bus 698 to and from West Side Rec Centre, and other bus services provide excellent access to the school. St. Mary's student parking availability at the school will be determined at the start of the school year. The City of Calgary Parking Authority will ticket any students in Visitor Stalls and any students parked without permission. Additional parking is available at Repsol Sports Centre. The Repsol Parking Agreement Forms are available at the Repsol Sports Centre, once completed, the forms and payment are to be returned to customer services at Repsol Centre. For more information call 403.233.8393.

## PowerParent/Pearson Parent View

PowerParent is operated through PowerSchool, a web-based database application that facilitates student information management and communication among school administrators, teachers, parents and students. Parents have quick and easy access to view attendance records, marks, work habits and comments. You must have two pieces of information to create an account for your child(ren). Your child's Calgary Catholic School District ID number (6 or 7 digit number) and your child's birthday with month, day and year (example: Jan 8, 1996 must be typed as follows: 181996 (month/day/year). Go to St. Mary's website <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stmarys/Parents/Parent-View/Pages>, click on "Parent View" to log in or create your account. For more information please visit <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/Parents/ParentView/>.

## Student Timetable - 2018-2019

### Monday to Thursday

<b>8:25 - 9:00</b>	Individual Learning Opportunity
<b>9:01</b>	Warning Bell
<b>9:06 - 10:26</b>	Period 1
<b>10:29 - 10:39</b>	TA
<b>10:42 - 12:02</b>	Period 2
<b>12:02 - 12:37</b>	Lunch
<b>12:42 - 2:02</b>	Period 3
<b>2:05 - 3:25</b>	Period 4

### Friday

<b>8:30 - 9:30</b>	Student Assessment Opportunities
<b>8:30 - 9:30</b>	Learning Commons Student Support
<b>9:35</b>	Warning Bell
<b>9:40 - 10:35</b>	Period 1
<b>10:38 - 11:33</b>	Period 2
<b>11:33 - 12:03</b>	Lunch
<b>12:08 - 1:03</b>	Period 3
<b>1:06 - 2:01</b>	Period 4

## Chaplain News

At St. Mary's, we are pleased to offer many opportunities for Faith Development for all of our students. The Grade 10 retreat is a great chance for the students to explore the motto of our school - "Teach me Goodness, Discipline, Knowledge". The retreat also allows Grade 11/12 students to practice leadership skills and share their knowledge with the incoming students.

Our masses at St. Mary's are student led, so we are always looking for students who would like to be involved in the ministries, whether that is as Altar Server or Lector. We also recruit student Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for students who are known to the pastors in their parishes.

This year students who have not yet received their Sacraments of Initiation will be given the opportunity to be prepared for Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Communion. Students are prepared in the school and then directed back to their parishes to celebrate the sacraments.

Faith Development also involves becoming more aware of Catholic Social Teaching and we take this element seriously at St. Mary's. There are many opportunities for social outreach from feeding the hungry to helping build homes for Habitat for Humanity and more. Students interested in any of these areas are invited to talk to Chaplain Dawna Richardson.

## School Council News

The School Council of St. Mary's High School would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families, old and new, to the 2018-19 school year! Another year is about to begin and we look forward to all the excitement a new school year brings. The St. Mary's Council is made up of our Principal, Mr. Fortini, a teacher representative, and parents like you and I, who value their children's education and want to play a role in their future.

Our meetings are excellent communication forums where ideas, suggestions and concerns can be raised and solutions arrived at together. You will be able to find out about things that are happening at our school, at the board level and provincially. They are generally an hour to an hour and a half in length. Meetings will be held in the Learning Commons at 5:00 pm on the following dates:

<b>Tuesday, September 18, 2018</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 20, 2018</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 16, 2019</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 16, 2018</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 15, 2019</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 4, 2019 (Annual General Mting)</b>
	<b>Tuesday, March 5, 2019</b>	

We look forward to seeing you and wish you and your children all the best at St. Mary's High School in 2018-19!

*School Council Chair*



# Calendar of Events 2018-2019

## AUGUST

23	Thurs	Gr. 12 Course Change Requests/Photo ID 9-11:30 am
24	Fri	Gr. 11 Course Change Requests/Photo ID 9-11:30 am
27	Mon	Gr. 10 Course Change Requests/Photo ID 9-11:30 am
31	Fri	Welcome Music Camp 10-12 pm

## SEPTEMBER

3	Mon	Labour Day (no school)
4	Tues	First day of Classes - Grade 10 inc. lunch 9:00-12:00 am Grade 11 and 12 inc. lunch 12:30-3:25 pm Photos (all day)
6	Thurs	Grade Level Assemblies
12	Wed	Music Foundation AGM 7:00 pm (Gym)
18	Tues	<b>School Council AGM 5:00 pm (Learning Commons)</b> Gr. 12 Post Secondary Planning 6:00-8:00 pm (Cafeteria)
20	Thurs	Gr. 10 Retreat (All Day)
21	Fri	<b>Course Withdrawal Dedaline (fees apply after the date)</b> PD Day (no school)
27	Thurs	School Opening Mass 10:30 am (Cathedral)

## OCTOBER

4	Thurs	Thanksgiving Liturgy (TA)
5	Fri	PD Day (no school)
8	Mon	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
10	Wed	Red Mass 5:00pm (Cathedral)
16	Tues	<b>School Council Meeting 5:00 pm (Learning Commons)</b>
19	Fri	Photo Re-takes
23	Tues	Gr. 10/11 IB Information Night 7:00 pm
24-26		Choir Camp (Banff)
29	Mon	Parent Teacher Bookings open to parents

## NOVEMBER / NOVEMBER DIPLOMA EXAMS

1	Thurs	Faith Day (no school)
2	Fri	PD Day
2-9		Diploma Exams (ELA; Social; Math; Chem; Biology; Physics) 9-12:00
6	Tues	Quarter 1 Ends
7	Wed	Quarter 2 Begins
8	Thurs	Remembrance Day Solemnity 10:30 am (Gym) Progress Report Distribution (end of day)
9	Fri	Band Camp (Vic Lewis)
12	Mon	Parent Teacher Conferences 9-3:30 pm (no classes)
13	Tues	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 pm
16	Fri	<b>Course Withdrawal Dedaline (fees apply after the date)</b>
17	Sat	Big Band Dinner Dance 6:00 pm (Gym)
20	Tue	<b>School Council Meeting 5:00 pm (Learning Commons)</b>
21	Wed	Open House 7:00 pm
26	Mon	In-Province Post-Secondary Fair 6:30-8:30 pm (Gym)
27	Tues	St. Cecilia Festival 7:00 pm (Gym)
30	Fri	Snow Ball Dance 7:00 pm

## DECEMBER

4	Tues	Advent Choral Concert 7:00 pm (St. Michael's Church)
7-8		Kris Kringle Basketball Tournament (all day)
11	Tues	St. Mary's Day & Mass 10:30 am (Cathedral)
12-14		Theatre/Drama Production 7:30 pm
18	Tues	Advent Instrumental Concert 7:00 pm (Cathedral)
19	Wed	Cantabile Concert 7:00 pm (Cafeteria)
21	Fri	Last Day of Classes before Christmas Holidays (full day)

## JANUARY / JANUARY DIPLOMA EXAMS

7	Mon	School Re-opens
14	Mon	English 30-1, 30-2 Part A
15	Tues	Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 Part A <b>School Council Meeting 5:00 pm (Learning Commons)</b>
21	Mon	Last Day of Classes (Semester 1)
22-30		Diploma Exams Continue & School Exams Begin
23	Wed	Math 30-1 and 30-2
24	Thurs	English 30-1, 30-2 Part B
25	Fri	Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 Part B
28	Mon	Biology 30
29	Tues	Chemistry 30
30	Wed	Physics 30 & Science 30
31	Thurs	Quarter 2 Semester 1 Ends Quarter 3 Semester 2 Begins Saints Sr. BB Tournament

## FEBRUARY

1-2	Fri	Saints Sr. BB Tournament
6	Wed	Open House 7-9:00 pm
7	Thurs	Progress Report Distribution (end of day)
14	Thurs	Teacher's Convention ATA (no school)
15	Fri	Teacher's Convention ATA (no school)
18	Mon	Family Day (no school)
22	Fri	<b>Course Withdrawal Dedaline (fees apply after the date)</b>

## MARCH

5	Tues	<b>School Council Meeting 5:00 pm (Learning Commons)</b>
6	Wed	Ash Wednesday Liturgy (Cathedral) 2:30pm
6-9		Band Jazz Fest at Transalta Studio
15	Fri	PD Day (no school)
22	Fri	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break (full day)
25	Mon	Spring Break begins

## APRIL / APRIL DIPLOMA EXAMS

1	Mon.	School Re-opens
1-9		Diploma Exams (ELA; Social; Math, Chem., Bio., Science, Physics)
9	Tues	PT Conferences Booking open to parents
10-12		IB Drama Production 7:30 pm in Theatre
10	Wed	Quarter 3 ends
11	Thurs	Quarter 4 begins
16	Tues	Spring Choral Concert 7:00 pm (First Church of the Nazarene) <b>School Council Meeting 5:00 pm (Learning Commons)</b>
17	Wed	Band Spring Concert 7:00 pm Knox United Church
18	Thu	Last day of classes (full day) Progress Report Distribution (end of day)
19	Fri	Good Friday (no school) <b>Course Withdrawal Dedaline (fees apply after the date)</b>
22	Mon	Easter Monday (no school)
23	Tues	P/T Conferences 9:00 - 3:30 pm (no school)
24	Wed	P/T Conferences 4:30 - 7:30 pm
25	Thurs	Easter Mass 10:30 am (Cathedral)

## MAY

6-24		IB Exams
17	Fri	PD Day (no school)
20	Mon	Victoria Day (no school)
23	Thurs	Grade 12 Retreat Meet the TA
24	Friday	French Graduation
27	Mon	Principal's Address to Graduates (P4) Graduation Rehearsal & Gown Pick up
28	Tues	Graduation Day - No School Graduation Mass 9:30 am (Cathedral) Graduation Ceremonies 2:30 pm (Jubilee Auditorium)
29-31		Theatre 25 IB Play 7:30 (Theatre)
31	Fri	Graduation Banquet 6:00 pm (BMO Centre)

## JUNE / JUNE DIPLOMA EXAMS

4	Tues.	<b>School Council Meeting 5:00 pm (Learning Commons)</b> Fine Arts Awards 3:30 pm
5	Wed.	Athletic Awards Banquet 4-9:00 pm (Gym/Cafeteria)
6	Thurs	Academic Awards 7-9:00 pm (Gym)
7	Fri	Fine Arts Light Night 2:00 pm
11	Tues	Last Day of Classes
12	Wed	Diploma & School Exams Begin English 30-1, 30-2 Part A
13	Thurs	Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 Part A
17	Mon	FLA 30-1 Part A
18	Tues	FLA 30-1 Part B
19	Wed	Semester 2 Exams begin Math 30-1, 30-2
20	Thurs	English 30-1, 30-2 Part B
21	Fri	Aboriginal Day (no exams)
24	Mon	Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 Part B
25	Tues	Biology 30
26	Wed	Chemistry 30
27	Thurs	Physics 30, Science 30
28	Fri.	Teacher Organization (am)