



The Sentinel Spirit

Commissioned by the Catholic Church, the Stella Maris Academy community prepares lifelong learners who lead, love, and serve as Jesus taught - transforming our world one student at a time.

A Message from the Stella Maris Academy President

Warm greetings to you all!

This summer edition of the Sentinel Spirit is the first for many and I would like to extend a special welcome to the new families who will be joining SMA this school year. By choosing Stella Maris, you've become part of a vibrant community where our greatest mission is your children.

As we sent our students and families off in June, I took note of the special joy that is experienced on the last day of school- a day filled with activities, fellowship, and fun. I gave thanks to God for our school year and for the ways in which our SMA community grew. Sadness crept in as the families drove away, and I couldn't help but look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall, seeing how the kids changed and hearing all the ways in which God blessed their summers.



Soon our quiet summer halls will be coming back to life. Our staff will return- refreshed and invigorated, eager to prepare their classrooms and welcome our families back. The staff will be followed by our students, your children- who will grace us all with their exuberance and passion for learning. The special joy returns when our community is back together again. May this message find you enjoying summertime in Duluth or wherever your travels have taken you.

Peace in Christ,
Hilaire Hauer

Staff Changes for the 2019-2020 School Year

As we look forward to the upcoming school year, Stella Maris Academy has several staff changes to announce. First and foremost, we would like to recognize the following teachers and priest who will not be returning: **Mr. David Zuk, Mrs. Randi Lucich, Mr. Samuel Gray, Mrs. Jennifer McKeever, Sister Agnes, Mrs. Cheryl Foldesi and Father Jeremy Bock.** We have been blessed by your years of service in teaching and guiding our students. May God bless you and guide you in your future endeavors.

We also have several staff members transitioning to new roles in the 2019-2020 school year. We are excited to welcome both **Ms. Kelly Weingart** as the new 4th grade teacher at the Holy Rosary campus and **Mr. Adam Long** as the new 6th grade homeroom teacher at the St. John's campus. Lastly, SMA has several exciting part-time teaching positions open for the upcoming school year. You can find more information on these positions and apply at <https://www.stellamaris.academy/employment>.

August 15

Summer Picnic
Join us from 4-7:00 p.m.
for a **back-to-school**
picnic at Park Point Pavilion
#2. Please bring a dish to
share!

September 3

First Day of School
Welcome back to another
great year at Stella Maris
Academy.

September 18

**All-SMA Mass with
Bishop Sirba**
Join us at the Cathedral of
Our Lady at 9:30 a.m. for
this special Mass.

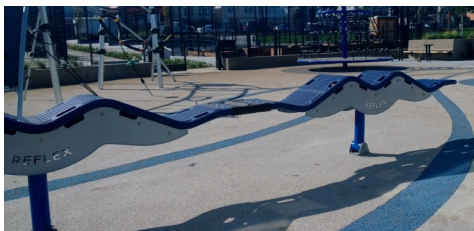
September 27

Sentinel Service Day



Our SMA-wide day of service, previously called the Work-a-thon, is now known as Sentinel Service Day. This revamped day of service will offer fresh, age appropriate service projects, ranging from spreading cheer in nursing homes at the kindergarten level to volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank in the eighth grade. We are so excited for our students to have this new experience and hope that it is just the beginning of a lifelong love of serving!

Principal Highlights



St. John's Campus

- Thanks to a generous donation to upgrade all SMA playgrounds, the St. John's campus will be upgrading their playground area with a crossway climber, an extended reflex (both pictured left) and a maypole, which were voted on by the students at the end of the school year. Excavation of the playground, new steps and the patio pour will begin next week. Installation of equipment and wood chip distribution is planned for mid to late August. Look for an invite from Mr. Murray to be part of the playground build!

St. James Campus

- With the support of a generous donor, the St. James campus will be completing the installation of energy efficient windows on the remaining two sides of the building this fall. The windows will replicate the original windows installed in the building in 1914 and serve the building well into the future.



Holy Rosary Campus

- The Holy Rosary campus is excited to be adding swings and a PreK play area to the playground near the lower field. This has been made possible by a generous



community donor. Much of this project will take place mid-August. Volunteers are needed so please be on the lookout for more details from Mrs. Frederickson.

Show your Sentinel spirit!

Order your SMA spirit wear today at stellamarisduluth.itemorder.com/sale and your items will be ready for pickup at our back-to-school orientation nights! Check out our selection of shirts, hats, and more.



Board Highlights

Dear Stella Maris Academy Community-

The Board held its annual retreat on June 27 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The retreat is designed to prepare the Board for the work ahead over the upcoming school year. We welcomed our new members to their first official board meeting; **Nick Minardi, John Kenney, and John Matthews**. After an opening prayer, we reflected on the purpose of sharing mission moments – experiences or observations of our mission in action.

The school strategic plan, built at the birth of Stella Maris Academy, continues to guide our work. The Board will be preparing updates to the strategic plan with regular opportunities to learn about the progress made and next steps.

Over the past year, our Academy has been blessed by financial gifts that allow us to advance several initiatives such as expanded curricular resources and trainings, campus safety improvements, facility enhancements that support the student experience, and a new Stella Maris Academy endowment. We are excited to share more about each of these areas over the next several months.

A full board summary is forthcoming and will be e-mailed to school families.

God bless,
Bob Lisi - Board Chair

Board Meetings

Gifts and Gratitude

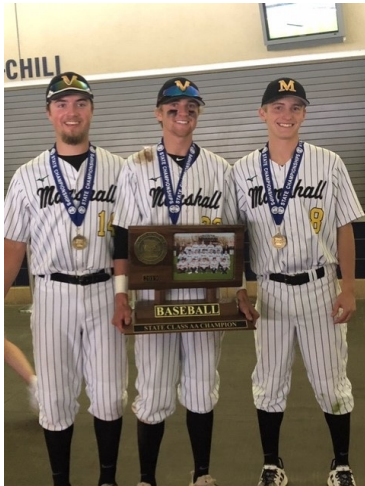
Jersey Mike's Subs

Mike Schoonover, proprietor of Jersey Mike's Subs in Duluth, MN, is generously partnering with us to provide the Sentinel Service Day t-shirts for our students! We are blessed to have the support of this wonderful (and delicious!) business. Mike Schoonover's generous gift is a beautiful illustration of how community support enables us to live out the mission of SMA. Tune into our [Facebook page](#) for an upcoming promotion offering further support of Stella Maris Academy. Thank you, Jersey Mike's!



Volunteer with SMA

Alumni Spotlight



The following baseball stars were key contributors to the 2019 Minnesota State Baseball Championship!

Charlie Kleinschmidt, Maddux Baggs, and Brett Benson (from left to right) are Holy Rosary School alumni. As Catholic school graduates, they embody the character qualities we strive to uphold by demonstrating hard work, and a commitment to faith, family, and team. We celebrate these fine young men as role models and are proud of their athletic and academic success.

Congratulations!

Calling all Duluth Catholic school alumni! We want to feature your success! Submit your news for consideration at alumni.news@stellamaris.academy.



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