



HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS TO KICK OFF THE SUMMER?

So, summer's here! Like our busy students and families, I'm finally able to take a breath and think about the "top stories" of the 2007-2008 school year. Holy Cow! What a year it's been! How about these headlines!

Overall:

- St. Mary's Wins the Oregonian Cup for the Second Straight Year
- St. Mary's Enrollment at All-time High
- St. Mary's Merit Scholarship Draws Scores of Students from the Rogue Valley

Academics:

- Paula Stenberg Makes USA Today All-Star Teacher Team
- St. Mary's Brain Bowl Team: Regional Champs
- St. Mary's Math Teams Dominate Southern Oregon
- St. Mary's Mock Trial Team: District Champs
- International Schools Assessment: St. Mary's Sophomores Beat the World (*see page 10*)
- Kacey Dewing Designs Middle East Curriculum for Brown University
- Holly Bensel's Students Provide Ground-breaking Research for JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory)

Theater:

- St. Mary's Breaks Box Office Records with "Thoroughly Modern Millie"
- St. Mary's Christmas Play Premieres at The Black Swan

Athletics:

- Girls basketball makes State for the first time since 1984
- St. Mary's Girls Cross Country Wins State
- St. Mary's Girls Golf State Runner-up
- 11 St. Mary's Varsity Teams Qualify for State Playoffs

International:

- St. Mary's Signs Formal Agreement with China's Zhengzhou University
- St. Mary's - Ochsenhausen Exchange Program Wraps up 14th Successful Year
- 60 St. Mary's Travelers Spend Easter in Italy
- Lisa Jones and St. Mary's Crew Make Linguistic and Cultural Tour of Mexico
- 60 St. Mary's Travelers Make Two-Week Tour of China

Each of these headlines is worth a long story. We've reported on some of them over the year, and you'll be reading more about many of the others in this issue and future issues of the Messenger. I know it's summertime and everyone wants an easy read, so I'll simply leave you with these headlines . . . and my observation that St. Mary's students, teachers, and families are part of a truly outstanding institution. So, pat yourselves on the back, and enjoy the summer!