



Saint Mary State of the School Meeting

Fostering a Community that CARES

April 23, 2013

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dan Whiteside




Overview & Welcome


Bill Zadell



Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions (Bill Zadell)
 - Academics, Curriculum and Professional Development (Nikki Raftery)
 - Budget and Tuition (Rob Rao)
 - Development and Marketing (Debbie Eppel)
 - Q & A (All)
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School Board Members

- **Kathleen Byrd** – Parent of 6th Grade Student & 1 Saint Mary Alum
 - **Jeanne Coogan** – Parent of Two Saint Mary Alums
 - **Marietta Bufalino-Devitt** – Parent of Two Saint Mary Alums
 - **Barb Elder** – Retired, Former Saint Mary Teacher for 23 Years
 - **Paula Erickson** – Parent of 3rd, 6th & 7th Grade Students
 - **Todd Jensen** – Parent of 4th & 6th Grade Students
 - **Lacey Rust** – Saint Mary Alum, Former Youth Ministry Director
 - **Robert Rao** – Parent of 7th Grade Student & Two Saint Mary Alums
 - **David Schwabe** – Parent of a Kindergartener, 2nd (x2) & 6th Grade Students
 - **Jim Spizzirri** – Parent of 6th Grade Student & 1 Saint Mary Alum
 - **Bill Zadell** – Parent of 6th Grade Student & 1 Saint Mary Alum
 - **Ross Zimmerman** – Parent of 6th Grade Student & 1 Saint Mary Alum
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Become Part of the Team!

Saint Mary School Board members serve three-year terms. As current members finish their terms, we are seeking new members to serve Saint Mary School as Board members.

Please contact any school board member directly or email schoolboard@stmarybg.org for more information if you are interested in serving on the School Board.




Academics

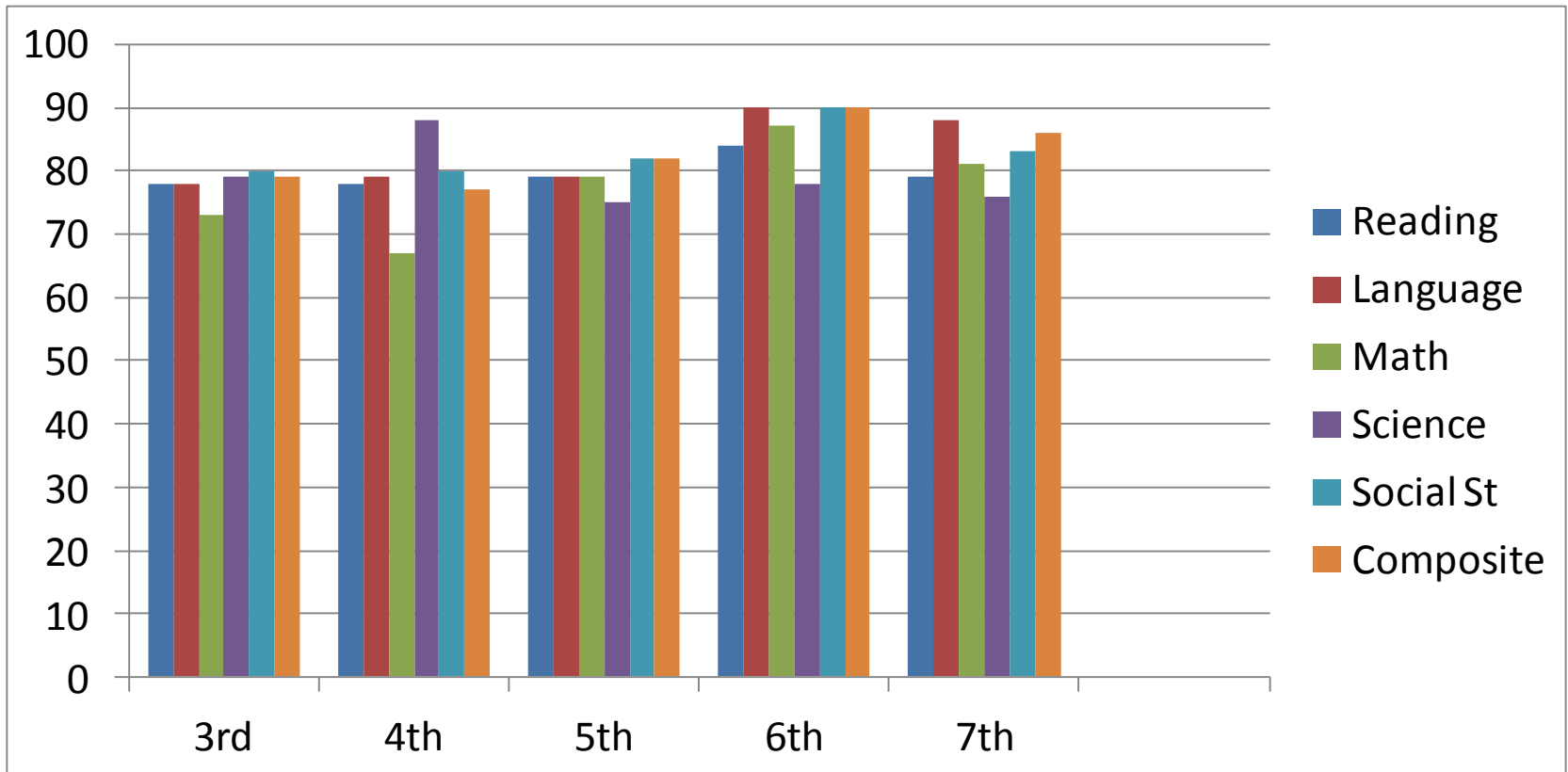
Principal Nikki Raftery



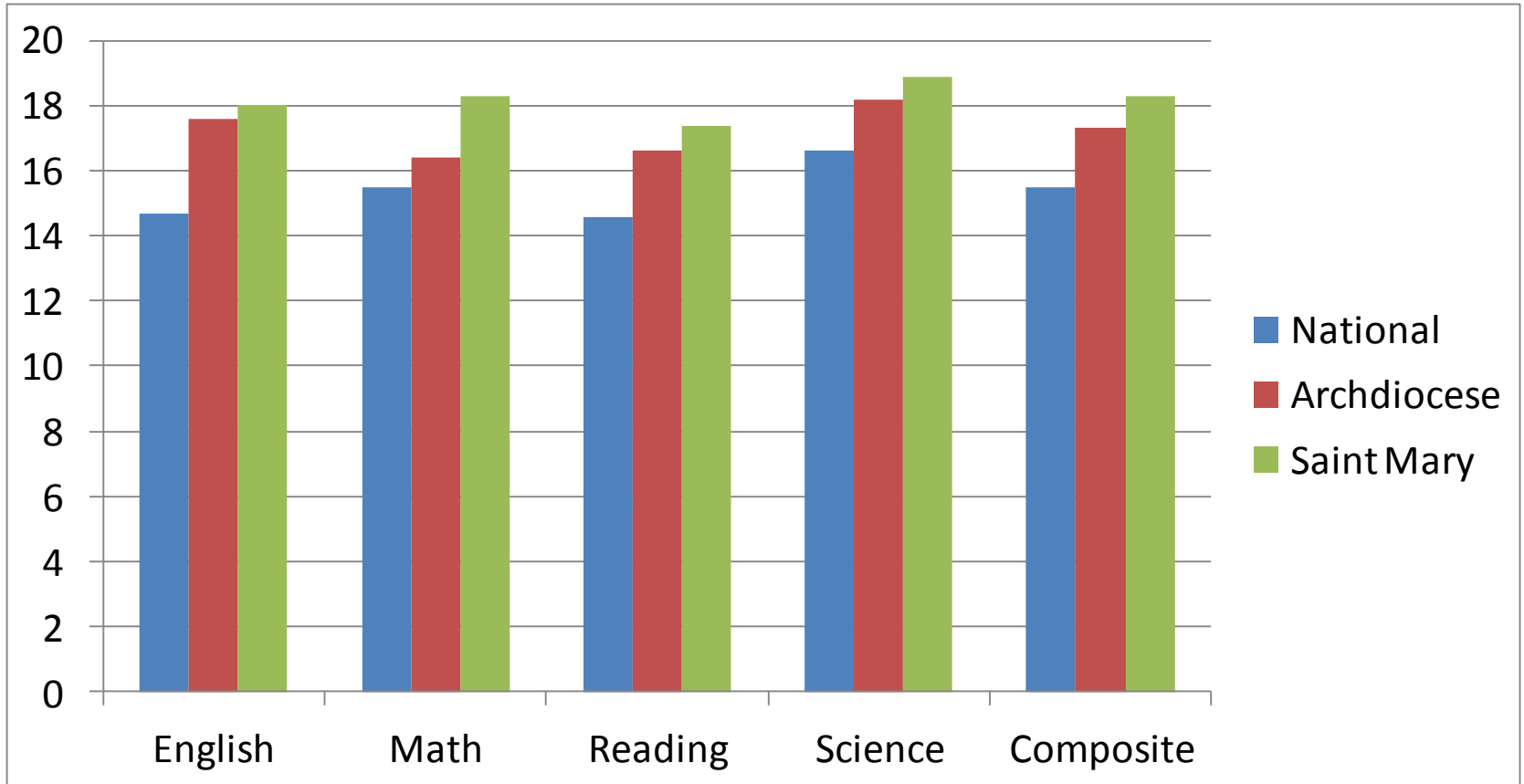
SMS Student Placement and Testing

- Where do our kids go after SMS?
 - Carmel Catholic
 - Saint Viator
 - Stevenson
 - Buffalo Grove
 - Wheeling
 - Hersey
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2012 Terra Nova (%ile)




2012 Explore Test Results



Progress Report

-  Rebuilding the Curriculum Cycle for texts
-  Special Services aligned with RtI process in District 102 and Archdiocesan Inclusive Education
-  Updated grading scale to reflect high standards
-  Standardized Testing administered annually to all 3rd - 8th graders
-  Technology Integration
-  Council-wide Focus on Common Core Standards and Integration
-  Benchmarking implemented for grades K – 8

Assessment

- Move to MAP testing for K-8 benchmarking three times per year at beginning of trimester
 - Progress Monitor with AIMS Web in two-four week cycles, based on student needs
 - Use assessment data to drive instruction and build accountability
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Curriculum Update

- Implement STEM curriculum building wide SY 2013-2014
- PLCs work to build rigor into current Reading and Language Arts series
- Develop Health curriculum



Professional Development

- 6 Traits Writing – August 2012
 - RtI
 - January 2013 faculty education on RtI
 - February 2013 staff-wide RtI workshop
 - March and May 2013 Data Days
 - Full implementation Fall 2013
 - STEM pro growth – June 2013 and ongoing SY 2013-2014
 - CCSS ELA – August 2013
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Budget & Tuition Update

Rob Rao



SMS Budget

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Parish
Subsidy


Tuition
Payments

Fundraising


Parish Subsidy

- Vast Majority Covers Overhead
 - Building
 - Maintenance
 - Electric
 - Phones
 - Gas
- Fixed Amount

Fundraising Support of School Budget

- Family School Organization (FSO)
 - Primary Fundraising Arm of SMS
 - Contributes Funds for Textbooks, Technology Upgrades, Special Programming
 - Helps to Support School Budget
 - Organize and Run Fundraisers, including:
 - Cookie Dough
 - Barnes & Noble Events
 - School Community Events (i.e. Movie Night)
 - Box Tops 4 Education
 - May Move-a-Thon
 - Jingle Jubilee
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A Big THANKS to FSO ... and All of You!

- In-School Field Trips
 - Library Updates including Alexandria System
 - Spanish Textbooks
 - Wireless Network
 - Health Materials
 - Development and Marketing
 - Teacher Classroom Materials
 - Novels for Intermediate and Jr. High
 - **AND MUCH MORE!**
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Fundraising Support of School Budget

- Certificate Program (Gift Cards)
 - Purchase gift cards, a percentage goes to the school
- Sunday School Support Envelopes
 - Huge financial support of school as 100% of these funds directly support school operations

Tuition at Saint Mary School

- Proud to hold tuition steady for 2013-2014!
 - Vast Majority Covers Education of Children
 - Teacher Salaries
 - Benefits
 - Administration
 - Entirely Dependent on Enrollment
 - Overhead is fixed
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School Budget Timeline

- School Registration
 - Open House kicks off re-enrollment!!
 - Budget Formation
 - Late Winter/Early Spring
 - Parent Contracts
 - Were due March 1
 - Families new to SMS are exempt from late fee
 - Enrollment incentives have successfully driven registration!
 - Teacher Contracts
 - Offered by May 15th
 - Signed within two weeks
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Development and Marketing

Debbie Eppel



New Student Procurement

- Electronic Inquiry
- Implemented New Family Protocol & Follow Up
- Developed iPad enhanced tour



Enhancements

- Virtual Backpack
- STEM Program
- Hot Lunch Service
 - Student Survey
 - Throwdown
 - Parent Survey



Successes

- CSW Open House

1 to 5

- Facebook


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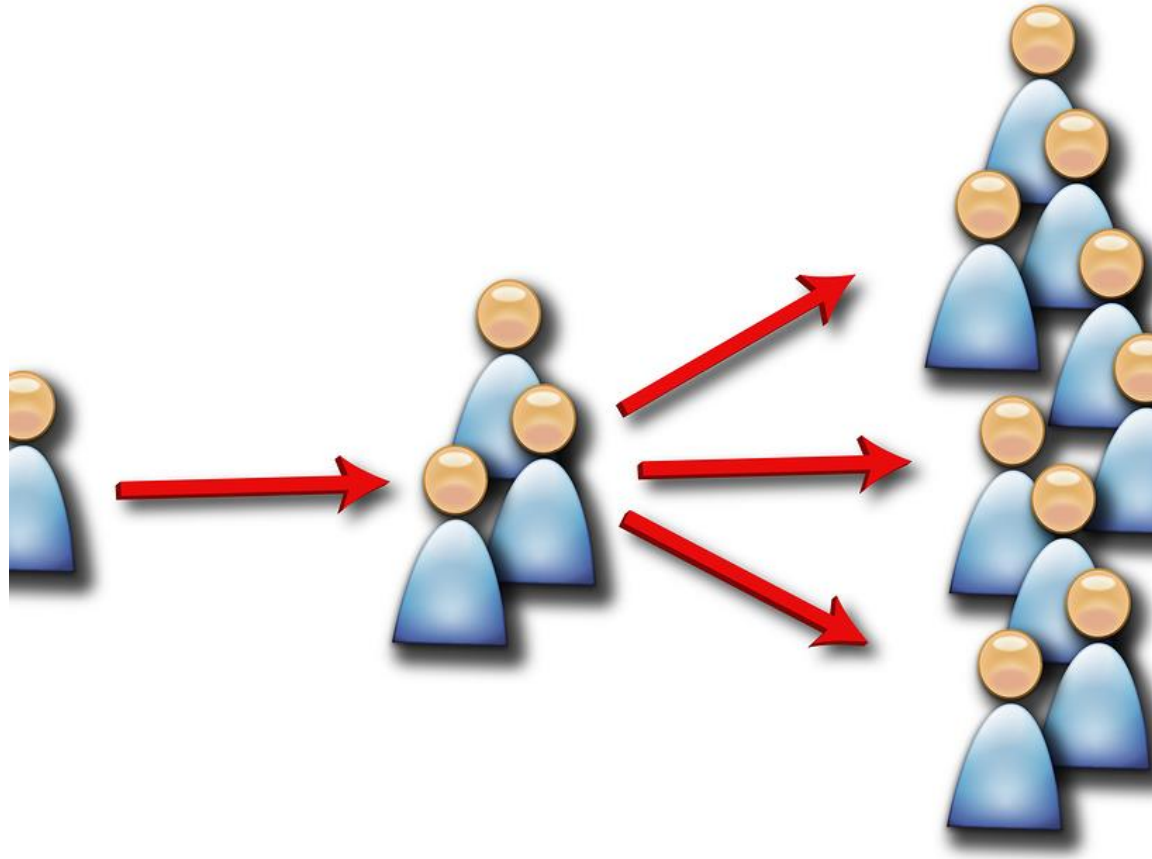
- Re-enrollment

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Marketing...Whose Role is it anyway?

- Debbie Eppel
 - Faculty and Staff
 - Students help too!
 - YOU!
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WOM: Word of Mouth

Q & A

