

# SPRING BREAK 2018 IMMERSION INFORMATION

**WHO:** Open to all current Juniors and Seniors. To apply, students must be in good standing (academic and conduct). Students will be accompanied by faculty/staff members and parent volunteers from St. Mary's High School.

**Applications and \$100 non-refundable deposits are due by DECEMBER 22.**

**WHAT:** A service and immersion trip to Eastern Kentucky through the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). CAP's mission is "building hope, transforming lives, and sharing Christ's love through service in Appalachia." Work will include construction and various building/maintenance projects as well as educational programming and reflections about the populations we will be serving.

**WHEN:** April 2-7, 2018

**WHERE:** Floyd County, Kentucky. We will travel by vans and sleep in dorms/bunk houses.



**WHY:** More than 41% of households in parts of Appalachia live in poverty. Two-thirds of Appalachian counties have unemployment rates that are higher than the national average. The Appalachian people suffer from higher rates of cancer, heart disease, and diabetes than the rest of the Nation's population, and it is much more difficult to access treatment and affordable health care. Christian Appalachian Project reaches children and families, the elderly, and people living with disabilities to help them cope with these staggering statistics. St. Mary's is committed to developing Christian leaders in the Marianist tradition by providing programs and opportunities of apostolic outreach that seek to educate all students for service, justice, peace, and the integrity of creation through the offering of their time, talent, and treasure in service of God and their neighbor.

**HOW:** Applications are due on December 22. Priority will be given to Seniors, as this is the last opportunity for an immersion trip. Priority will also be given to Seniors who have selected to write about social injustice in Appalachia for their Capstone Project. There will be at least two meetings for each trip: one as formational preparation for students only, and one with information for parents/students/chaperones.

**COST:** \$450/student\*

Cost of the trip covers transportation (via vans), lodging, meals, educational programming, tools/supplies, and reflections. Students are responsible for bringing their own money for souvenirs and snacks on travel days. The \$100 non-refundable deposit will be deducted from the total cost of the trip.

\*Financial aid is available, contact Ms. Green for more information.

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# SPRING BREAK 2018 IMMERSION APPLICATION

Applications and \$100 non-refundable deposits are due by DECEMBER 22.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENTS:** In 2-3 complete sentences, please answer each of the following questions.

1. Why do you want to attend a Spring Break Immersion Trip?

2. What strengths and/or skills do you have that you can offer?

3. What are you hoping to get out of this experience?

4. Have you attended any trips/pilgrimages/immersions with Campus Ministry before? Which one(s)?

5. Are you currently in good academic and behavioral standings with the school? If 'no', please explain.

6. Please check the box that applies to you:

I am already or will be 18 by April 2, 2018

I will NOT be 18 before April 2, 2018.

7. By signing on the line below, I understand that I am committing to attending all preparation meetings and the trip in April. I understand that while on this trip I am a representative of St. Mary's and will act as such - upholding all school rules and expectations.

➤ **Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

I give my son permission to participate in the Spring Break 2018 Immersion Trips. I understand that upon returning this form, I am agreeing to pay a **\$100 non-refundable deposit** to hold a spot for my son. I also agree to attend the mandatory parent/student/chaperone meeting associated with the trip my son is selected to attend.

Please check the box that applies to you:

Attached is a check (made out to St. Mary's High School) for my \$100 non-refundable deposit.

I am interested in chaperoning a trip, please contact me at this number: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_