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## J. Hunter Black, MD, Retires After 54 Years of Dedicated Service

J. Hunter Black, MD, first joined the St. Claire medical staff in 1964 when he filled in briefly for a fellow internal medicine specialist. Apparently the area made an impression on Dr. Black because he returned to Morehead soon after and joined Dick Carpenter, MD, and Ewell Scott, MD, in opening the Morehead Clinic, later known as Morehead Medical Specialists. "I wanted to be in a more rural community rather than stay in Lexington where there were all kinds of internists," he said.

In addition to his internal medicine practice, Dr. Black has served as the medical director for St. Claire Hospice and Home Health since it was established in 1982. "Dr. Black epitomizes the hospice philosophy by providing compassionate care at home during the patient's last days," said Karen Bledsoe, RN, Director of St. Claire Home Health & Hospice. "He has been an integral part of our team and we can't imagine working without him."

Fifty-four years after joining the St. Claire medical staff, Dr. Black celebrated his career with friends and coworkers and is looking forward to the next phase in his life. "Chef Black" is pictured below sporting a new apron alongside his new grill – parting gifts from his friends and family at St. Claire Hospice and Home Health.

*Thank you, Dr. Black  
 for your many years of dedicated service  
 to our patients and the region that we serve.  
 You will be sincerely missed!*



*See page 5 for photos from  
 Dr. Black's Retirement Reception*

# PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

March 10 - 16, 2019

Every Day is Patient Safety Day

Submitted by Tamara Brandenburg

St. Claire HealthCare recognizes Patient Safety Awareness Week March 10 – 16. During this time we stop to acknowledge our staff for their honorable contributions in advancing St. Claire HealthCare’s mission of “Proclaiming God’s goodness through a healing ministry to the people of Eastern Kentucky” by advancing patient safety, reducing harm, and maximizing value.

As the Risk Manager and Patient Safety Officer, I want to thank all of the SCH Safety Champions who work daily to protect our patients from error, injuries, accidents, and infections. No matter your title or department, each staff member is important and so desperately needed to accomplish zero harm.

Although there has been real progress made in patient safety over the past two decades, current estimates place harm as a leading cause of death worldwide. The harms resulting from these errors can have a long-term or permanent impact on the patient's physical health, emotional health, financial well-being, or their family relationships. Let’s continue to be strong advocates for patient safety with clear lines of communication between SCH staff, patients, and families. SPEAK UP FOR SAFETY.



## Submit Your Nominee

In 2019, we would like to recognize staff that promote a culture of quality and patient safety by rolling out a “Good Catch” recognition as part of the Spirit of St. Claire.

A “Good Catch” is an unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage but had the potential to do so. Any staff member who is on the forefront improving patient safety can be nominated. Include the following information in your nomination email to [tamara.brandenburg@st-claire.org](mailto:tamara.brandenburg@st-claire.org):

- Nominee's name (Last Name, First)
- Nominee's home department
- Nominee's role
- Summary of "good catch" event



Today we celebrate a “good catch” and a job well done.

## Becky Stamper, RN

St. Claire Regional Medical Center

One of the National Patient Safety Goals, as determined by Joint Commission, is to identify patients correctly. Today we stop to recognize Becky Stamper, RN, for doing exactly that, discovering that a patient did not have on the correct armband and stopping the "time out" process until positive identification was confirmed.

Becky is one of many staff members who are not only passionate about providing excellent patient care but also diligent in following established guidelines in order to ensure quality outcomes and patient safety. Because of her superior attention to detail and hardwired daily practices we were able to avoid a possible adverse outcome and gain insight on how to provide the best possible patient care.

Through Becky’s commitment to following established guidelines not only did she live out our organizational core values but she embodied the Spirit of St. Claire.



Becky is pictured above (left) with Sigrid Turner, RN

**B O U R B O N**  
**BOOTS**  
and *Bling*  
2019 SIGNATURE EVENT

**SAVE THE DATE**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 • 6 PM

**St. Claire Foundation**

# One Night ABOUT YOU

6<sup>th</sup> Annual



## A Health Conference Focused on Women

YOUR HEALTH • YOUR LIFE • YOUR WELL-BEING

*\$5 Admission*  
**Advance Registration Required**




- All participants receive:
- A goody bag valued at \$20 which includes an SCH/UK umbrella
  - Gourmet food catered by SCH's Aramark
  - The opportunity to win more than \$2,000 in door prizes  
Must be 18 or older and complete two educational sessions to register for door prizes. One entry per person. Must be present to win.

**Register today!** [www.st-claire.org/onenight](http://www.st-claire.org/onenight)

**Thursday, April 25**  
 Morehead Conference Center

**FREE Health Screenings**  
 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
**FREE Educational Sessions**  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

  
 Connect with St. Claire HealthCare on social media or call 606.783.6927 for more information.



## St. Claire HealthCare Announces New Feature for Our Patients!

All of our patients who have a cell phone number on file with us will now receive a text message letting them know when their health care provider has sent a prescription to their pharmacy.

Patients will be able to see the name of the medicine, strength, and number of doses prescribed. Plus, many of the medications have a video option to preview for detailed information about their medication.

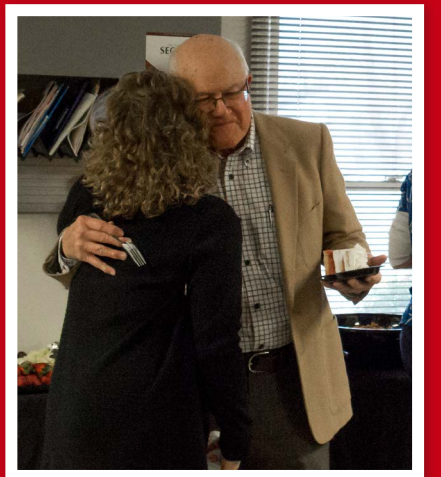
*Don't have a mobile cell phone number on file with us? Simply visit your St. Claire MyHealth patient portal and add your cell phone number to your profile.*



**Friends and colleagues joined J. Hunter Black, MD, in celebration during his retirement reception.**

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Dr. Black is pictured to the left with all of the St. Claire Home Health and Hospice directors he's worked with since its beginning in 1982, (L-R): Robin Franklin, Lois Vice, and Karen Bledsoe.



# Thank you for the care you provide.

## St. Claire HealthCare is Proud to Recognize Our Amazing Physicians on National Doctors' Day - March 30

 <b>William L. Melahn, MD</b> Chief Medical Officer St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Caren L. Daniels-Thacker, MD</b> ACMO, Hospital Based Services St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Cheryl McClain, MD</b> ACMO, Primary Care Services St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Iraklis C. Livas, MD</b> Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, PSC	 <b>Muhammad Anwar, MD</b> Anesthesiology St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Mohammad Aslam, MD</b> Anesthesiology St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Ahmad Isbitan, MD</b> Cardiology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Mansha U. Kahloon, MD</b> Cardiology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Emily Blevins, DMD</b> Dentistry St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>David L. Graham, DMD</b> Dentistry St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Craig D. Butler, MD</b> Diagnostic Imaging St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>William D. Lewis, MD</b> Diagnostic Imaging St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Stephen A. Williams, MD</b> Diagnostic Imaging St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Mark E. Bailey, MD</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Ashley Brown, MD</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Philip C. Overall, MD</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Regional Medical Center
 <b>W. Brandon Pace, MD</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Punnaivanam Ravisankar, MD</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Adam W. Scrogham, MD</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Robert A. Williams, MD</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>Brad Baker, DO</b> Emergency Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Parker Banks, DO</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Craig H. Burrows, MD</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Amy J. Conley, MD</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Marie Dennison, MD</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Lesley Jackson, MD</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Seifred Jalalon, MD</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Elizabeth Matera, MD</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Carolyn A. Moore, MD</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>William Murphy, DO</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Selena Raines, DO</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Amanda Ramey, DO</b> Family Medicine St. Claire Family Medicine
 <b>Danielle Anderson, MD</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>George Chapman, DO</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Amanda Cothorn, MD</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Jennifer Courtier, MD</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Ryan Hubbard, DO</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Shandy Karrick, DO</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Kendell Koehler, MD</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Kenneth Onuorah, DO</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Tisha Patel, MD</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Amber Sexton, DO</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Tina Slover, MD</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Brett Yoder, DO</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Cory Yoder, DO</b> Family Medicine Residency St. Claire Family Medicine	 <b>Thadis C. Cox, MD</b> Gastroenterology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>J. Hunter Black, MD</b> Hospice & Palliative Medicine St. Claire HomeCare	 <b>John Sanders, MD</b> Hospice & Palliative Medicine St. Claire HomeCare
 <b>Timothy Brammell, MD</b> Hospitalist Apogee	 <b>Steven Davis, MD</b> Hospitalist Apogee	 <b>Lisa A. Goldstein, MD</b> Hospitalist Apogee	 <b>Vikas Lall, MD</b> Hospitalist Apogee	 <b>Shea Lambirth, MD</b> Hospitalist Apogee	 <b>Brandon Quinlan, DO</b> Hospitalist Apogee	 <b>James A. Vansant, MD</b> Hospitalist Apogee	 <b>Laith Sweis, MD</b> Internal Medicine/Pediatrics St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Anthony Weaver, MD</b> Internal Medicine/Hospice St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Mohamed Elshayeb, MD</b> Nephrology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Corey B. Forester, MD</b> Obstetrics / Gynecology UK HealthCare Morehead Women's Healthcare	 <b>Frank LaBarbera, MD</b> Obstetrics / Gynecology UK HealthCare Morehead Women's Healthcare	 <b>Pamela "Tess" Smallwood, MD</b> Obstetrics / Gynecology UK HealthCare Morehead Women's Healthcare	 <b>Rebecca M. Todd, MD</b> Obstetrics / Gynecology UK HealthCare Morehead Women's Healthcare	 <b>Allen S. Lim, MD</b> Oncology / Hematology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Johannes C. Evans, MD</b> Ophthalmology Kentucky Eye Institute
 <b>Ballard Smith, DMD</b> Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Private Practice	 <b>Brett Comer, MD</b> Otolaryngology UK HealthCare - Ear, Nose & Throat, Inc.	 <b>Raleigh O. Jones, MD</b> Otolaryngology UK HealthCare - Ear, Nose & Throat, Inc.	 <b>Joshua "Cory" Bailey, MD</b> Pain Management St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Jeffrey L. Ellis, MD</b> Pathology / Cytology UK HealthCare	 <b>Stephen Frame, MD</b> Pathology / Cytology UK HealthCare	 <b>Nancy J. Henly, MD</b> Pediatrics St. Claire Pediatrics	 <b>Michael I. Anstead, MD</b> Pediatrics / Sleep Medicine St. Claire Outpatient Center	 <b>Colby Holmes, DPM</b> Podiatry St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Cletus Carvalho, MD</b> Psychiatry St. Claire Behavioral Health	 <b>Christopher F. Fennell, DO</b> Psychiatry St. Claire Behavioral Health	 <b>Kristen O. Kusterer, MD</b> Psychiatry St. Claire Behavioral Health	 <b>Steven M. Koenig, MD</b> Pulmonology & Critical Care - Sleep Medicine St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Pushpa Patel, MD</b> Radiation Oncology UK HealthCare Morehead Cancer Treatment Center	 <b>Stephen D. Damron, MD</b> Rehabilitation / Transitional Care St. Claire Regional Medical Center	 <b>J. Michael Burton, MD</b> Surgery - General St. Claire Medical Pavilion
 <b>James Lynch, MD</b> Surgery - General / Bariatric St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Jacob E. Perry, MD</b> Surgery - General St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Mary S. Phillips, MD</b> Surgery - General St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Katrina Winkler, MD</b> Surgery - General St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Charles "Ched" Crouse, MD</b> Surgery - Orthopedic St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>Eugene S. Greenberg, MD</b> Urology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>O. Thomas Newcomb, III, MD</b> Urology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>O. Thomas Newcomb, IV, MD</b> Urology St. Claire Medical Pavilion	 <b>R. Thomas Fossett, MD</b> Wound Care / Surgery - Orthopedic St. Claire Outpatient Center	 <b>Richard W. Proudfoot, MD</b> Wound Care St. Claire Outpatient Center						

*Honoring Excellence* - In honor of National Doctors' Day, St. Claire HealthCare recognizes our physicians for the compassionate, superior care they provide to the patients who come through our doors. Their service has allowed us to carry on our tradition of providing top-notch care to generation after generation. We are thankful for their tireless service to SCH and the families of Northeastern Kentucky. Their excellence continues to inspire, shape, and guide the course of our healing ministry.



# CERTIFIED NURSES DAY™

*A Day to Recognize Certified Nurses*

**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

*Submitted by: McKenna Spence*

National Certified Nurses Day™ is observed every March 19. This national day of recognition honors the important achievement of nursing specialty, subspecialty, and advanced practice certification – and provides a perfect opportunity to acknowledge and thank certified nurses for their hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence. They are very dedicated to helping others and often work long and hard hours. Everyday lives are affected because of the care of certified nurses.

Professional certification in nursing is a measure of distinctive nursing practice. Certification in nursing represents an example of professional credentialing and is a voluntary process undertaken by practicing nurses. This process validates knowledge, skills, and abilities beyond the scope of RN licensure. According to the American Board of Nursing Specialties, “specialty-nursing certification is considered THE standard by which the public recognizes quality of nursing care. In the world of nursing, as we nurses know, it is the hallmark by which a nursing expert is recognized in their chosen field!”

St. Claire HealthCare supports nursing certification by reimbursing nurses for the cost of the examination. SCH also assists with paying for review courses and certification study course materials prior to the exam.

If you are currently certified, congratulations! If you are not certified, then please consider attaining this important milestone in your career. The journey to certification is a pathway to increased knowledge, growth, and development.



*Please join us in celebrating this important day and the certification accomplishments of the following nurses:*

**ACMA Accredited Case Manager:**

Latisha Mays

**Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Certification (MHC):**

Patricia Arnett      Tammy Crager  
Lori Case              Tina Parsons

**Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN):**

Jennifer Akers	Patrick Don Hughes
Natalie Lisa Back	Lucille Mays
Phelan Bailey	Steve McFarland
Brittany Blair	Frances Meritt
Stacy Bond	Stacy Mills
Cindi Bradley	Lee-Ann Owens
Sarah Campbell	Teri Roberts
Sarah Canterbury	Diana Rose
Molly Carew	Shelley Sadler
Mary Caric	Tabitha Sims
Pam Copher	Shannon Smith-Stephens
Lori Ervin	Cassie Stanley
Wendy Fletcher	Steve Stanley
Cindy Greene	Melissa Walters
Anita Gulley	Michele Walters
Lalona Hall	Kristin Yarman

**Certification in Infection Prevention & Control:**

Naomi Irene Williams

**Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN):**

Amy Amburgey	Whitney Joseph
Phelan Bailey	Danielle Owens
Sarah Bradley	Santana Preece
Sarah Flynn	Angela Stanfield
Michelle Garvin	Suzie Sublett
Nick Hammonds	Billy Thomas
Teretha Johnson	

**Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CGRN):**

Jill Grier

**Certified Gastroenterology Registered Nurse (CGRN):**

Marie Lemaster

**Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse (CHPN):**

Loyal Lewis      Teresa Wheeler

**Certified Lactation Counselor:**

Marla Kearns      Tina Roberts

**Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM):**

Frances Meritt

**Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR):**

Melissa Haber      Riki Watts

**Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN):**

Phelan Bailey

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA):**

Richard Abney	Emily Mason
Paul Barrineau	Joy Ray
Cindy Blankenship	Charslee Simpson
Nicole Butler	Tamara Ward

**Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse:**

Dessie Trent

**Certified Wound Care Nurse (CWCN):**

Leah-ann Owens

**Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN):**

Sarah Bradley      Joelle Craft

**Fetal Monitoring Certification (C-EFM):**

Nancy Brown      Robin Donehue

**Gerontological Registered Nurse:**

Rita Sammons

**Inpatient-OB (RNC-OB):**

Nancy Brown      Angie Johnson  
Robin Donehue      Tina Roberts

**International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC):**

Angie Johnson

**Medical/Surgical Nursing (Med/Surg):**

Evelyn Harr      Lucy Roberts  
Jennifer Garner

**Neonatal Intensive Care:**

Carla Holland

**Neonatal/Ped Transport:**

Carla Holland

**Nurse Executive Advanced/Board Certified (NEA-BC):**

Lerae Wilson

**Nurse Executive/Board Certified (NE-BC):**

Phelan Bailey      Riki Watts

**Nursing Professional Development (RN-BC):**

Michelle Brown      Randa Hall

**Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN) / Oncology Nursing Society:**

Vicki Fairchild      Regina Pettit  
Susie Hamlin      Cathy Schwab

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE):**

Amy Amburgey      Debra Hayes  
Robin Donehue      Suzie Sublett

**Trauma Certified Registered Nurse (TCRN):**

Phelan Bailey      Sarah Flynn  
Sam Claxon      Suzie Sublett

**Wound Care Certification (WCC):**

Penny Littleton



# 18TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 • 10 AM - 1 PM  
Morehead Conference Center (111 East First Street)

Healthy, happy, and safe from the start!

## Join us for the 18th Annual Community Baby Shower!

Planning, pregnant, new,  
and adopting parents ...

Get valuable resources from nearly 60 informational booths hosted by local organizations and vendors. Plus, register to win more than \$2,000 in baby shower prizes!

Plus, expecting moms can enter to win a free Sneak Peek Ultrasound!

FREE educational sessions on pregnancy and newborn care will be presented by:



Lesley Jackson, MD  
St. Claire Family Medicine  
Morehead - Downtown



Frank LaBarbera, MD  
UK HealthCare - Morehead  
Women's HealthCare

Advance registration is recommended.  
Register online: [st-claire.org/babyshower](http://st-claire.org/babyshower)



## St. Claire HealthCare Welcomes New Staff

**Hanna R. Alley**  
FM - Morehead North

**Amanda D. Boggs**  
Food Services

**Stephanie L. Butler**  
Environmental Services

**Katie E. Caudill**  
Food Services

**Madison S. Chandler**  
Diagnostic Imaging

**Vickie L. Collett**  
3rd Floor North

**Debbie K. Crouch**  
ICU

**Jessica R. Elliott**  
Environmental Services

**Nicole L. Haney**  
Information Technology

**Kierston P. Hitt**  
TCU

**Jessica J. Howell**  
Occupational Therapy

**Robert J. Jessie**  
Patient Services Support

**James E. Leachman**  
Environmental Services

**Leah D. Lemaster**  
SPD

**Dana L. Lykins**  
Nursing Administration

**Bradford W. Phillips**  
Infusion Solutions

**Regan L. Sloas**  
TCU

**Jade N. Stumbo**  
Physical Therapy

**Timothy T. Vipperman**  
Environmental Services

**Jordan S. Watts**  
Emergency Department

**Mandy S. Webb**  
Home Health

**Daniel L. Witter**  
Infusion Solutions



## Staff & Volunteer ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, March 18

2 - 4 PM & 10:30 - 11:30 PM • Cafeteria Hallway



Join us for  
**LADIES' Night Out**  
SPRING EVENT

Friday, March 22  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
Center for Health, Education & Research



Get exclusive **special pricing**  
on all our products and services.

*One Night Only!*

*\$25 Admission*  
*Advance Registration Required*



Each guest will receive jane iredale and SkinMedica® samples valued at over \$75.



Enjoy drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres while learning about products and services.



Register to win over \$6,000 in products, services, and amazing door prizes!

Purchase your \$25 ticket at [www.st-claire.org/ladiesnight](http://www.st-claire.org/ladiesnight) or visit St. Claire Aesthetics.

Guests must be 21 or older.

Please present your confirmation email or ticket at check-in.

For more information, call 606.783.6760.




# Dillard's

2-Day Event in Morehead

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, March 20 & Thursday, March 21  
St. Claire Café

Proceeds benefit  St. Claire HealthCare



222 Medical Circle | Morehead, KY 40351

**free** CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT  
CLASSES designed  
FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



MAR 12

## Hitting the Milestones

6 PM • St. Claire Outpatient Center

Developmental milestones provide important information about your child's early development. Find out what you should be looking for and when. Plus, learn appropriate play skills, positioning during play, and ways to get your kids moving.



St. Claire HealthCare is a sponsored ministry of the **Sisters of Notre Dame Covington Province**



## TROUBLE BREATHING?

Join SCH's **Better Breathers Club!**

Our next monthly meeting will be held:

Friday, March 22 at 1 PM • Café B



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Have an article or event to submit for the Newsbrief?

Please send articles/information to be placed in the SCH Newsbrief to [SCHcommunications@st-claire.org](mailto:SCHcommunications@st-claire.org).

View current and past Newsbriefs online!  
[www.st-claire.org/Newsbrief](http://www.st-claire.org/Newsbrief)

## Need a camera for a St. Claire event?

The Marketing/PR Dept. has several cameras available for loan.

Call ext. 6927 to reserve a camera for your event.



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