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### *Saint Mary's Hall Celebrates National Day on Writing*

(San Antonio, Texas) – On October 20, Saint Mary's Hall joined the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) in celebrating the National Day on Writing. Kindergarten through Form 12 students gathered throughout the day on the school's main lawn near the Upper School to complete reflection cards about why they like to write.

Using the theme #WhyIWrite, by the end of the school day, there were nearly 1,000 reflections hanging from the majestic oak trees on the lawn, creating a striking visual display about the importance of writing in the lives of students. Established in 2009 by the NCTE, the National Day on Writing celebrates composition in all forms and demonstrates how writing is a vital part of everyday lives. Thousands of writers from across the country recognize the National Day on Writing with local events, including write-ins, talks by local authors, and poetry slam celebrations.

Upper School English Teacher Megan Soukup, who spearheaded the event, said, "National Day on Writing is such a fitting day for our school to come together, because Saint Mary's Hall has a stellar writing curriculum and prides itself on preparing graduates for life. From applying to college, to landing a job, to connecting with elected leaders, our students and alumni use writing every day to make their lives into what they dream of."

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*Since 1879, Saint Mary's Hall has set the standard for college preparatory education in San Antonio by providing a wide-range of exceptional opportunities in academics, athletics, fine arts, and core values education to create well-rounded students that are successful in college and life. Saint Mary's Hall offers exceptional opportunities for children ages 3 through grade 12.*