

## SMA Middle School Subscription Databases

For the research needs of our students, we subscribe to two online databases, each of which is designed to allow students to do research more quickly and efficiently, as well as to have more confidence in the reliability of the information they are receiving.

SMA subscribes to two data bases: **Infotrac** and **World Book Online**. **Infotrac** is a slightly higher-level database, with more sophisticated information and more complex research abilities. **World Book Online**, provided by the makers of the World Book Encyclopedia, is more easily managed by middle school students.

### Instructions for use:

#### Infotrac

1. Infotrac.galegroup.com
2. **User name:** stmarysacad; **password:** wildcats
3. Click "proceed" from the page with our name on it
  - The page will say "St. Mary's Academy High School"
4. You will have the option to choose from among three products, Infotrac Custom Journals, the Student Resource Center, and the Opposing Viewpoints.
5. Each of these products is engineered to work in a slightly different search context.
  - Journals is a group of full-text, peer-reviewed articles appearing in journals on searchable topics
  - Student Resource Center is a curriculum-based database built around standard academic topics.
  - Opposing Viewpoints is a database based on the hottest, most interesting, controversial and talked-about social issues of the day.
6. Each product can be checked or unchecked based on the type of research goals.

#### World Book Online

1. www.worldbookonline.com
2. user name: stmarys4, password: wildcats
3. from here, you have the full-range of access to the site. You can check in the encyclopedia, atlas, dictionary or other reference materials by click in on the tabs at the top of the page, or use the general search text box for basic, preliminary or specific searching.