



# St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Letter

Congratulations to our eleven young scientists who competed at the Mendocino County Science Fair! Each of our students was interviewed about their projects, and all were articulate and well informed.

**Mendocino County sends ten projects to State, and two are from St. Mary's!!** Congratulations to **Cole Fowler, Carson Galetti and Tyler Simerson** who were chosen to represent Mendocino County at the **California Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles**. Thank you, students, for representing St. Mary's so well!

Our science knowledge is gathered outside the classroom, also. Our 7th and 8th graders are spending a week at **Yosemite Science Camp**, and our **third graders are off to the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco**. Last month our students attended the **Redwood Empire Logging Conference**, visited **Pennyroyal Farms**, the **Fish Hatchery**, and learned about lambing at the **UC Research and Extension Center in Hopland**.

Field trips abound in the spring, and we have other great trips lined up! Other class field trips include **Petra and the Wolf**, **Hamlet in Marin**, **an overnight in the Gold Country**, a chance to hear the **Ukiah Symphony**, a visit to the **Children's Museum of Sonoma County**, and a trip to see the **Giants play the Nationals**.

Our eighth graders are preparing for their next step.. High School! **Ukiah High has been on campus helping our students schedule their classes**. **Cardinal Newman visited and reminded our students that all students attending St. Mary's are guaranteed admittance to Cardinal Newman**.

We continue with our Lenten practices—**prayer, penance and almsgiving**. Our last Stations of the Cross will be led by our eighth graders on Friday, March 23. They will act out the passion of Christ, and students will follow along the Way of the Cross. We celebrate our Seder Meal with a Liturgy of the Word and a washing of the feet on March 22. Fourth grade continues to gather **canned goods from all students to donate to St. Vincent de Paul**. There is a **Koins For Kids box in every classroom**. These donations help Dominican schools in the poorest areas of the Bay Area and Los Angeles continue to build a positive future for their students and families. These Lenten practices help our students to gain new insights into themselves and others that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

I would like to thank all our parents for your ongoing support. **We see over and over again that working together with our parents makes our school a place of blessings**.

Have a blessed and happy Easter!

## APRIL 2018

Early Dismissal Days	April 11,25
School Resumes	April 3
Awards Assembly	April 3
Chipotle Fundraiser	April 4
Writers Reception	April 5
Field Trip-Petra & the Wolf-2nd	April 10
School Mass-7th,8th	April 11
Foundation Spring Celebration	April 15
Confirmation Practice	April 18
Spanish Confirmation Prac	April 19
3rd Trimester progress ends	April 20
Confirmation Mass	April 21
California Science Fair	April 23-24
School Mass-2nd, 6th	April 25
Giants Game-4th	April 25
Spring Pictures	April 26
Yosemite Science Camp	April 30-May 4

**St. Mary's School would like to thank our Community that contributed so generously to 2017/2018 Mardi Gras.**



**KINDERGARTEN**

We had the best time ever at the LBC for the school show *Henry & Mudge*. We laughed hard and were quite impressed with the boy Henry and his oversized dog Mudge. The dancing, singing and good fun lifted all our spirits. Kindergarten continues to explore new routines in writing and math computation. We are working with sentence frames and ten frames. We will continue to participate in the *Writer’s Reception*. We also want to recognize our co-curricular teachers and support staff in the gifts they share with us. Sra. Shipley wore her leprechaun head gear and carried a pot of gold to share Irish treasures with our students. Mrs. Quigley had the Kinders create a lucky rainbow with a pot of gold at the end of the colored loops. They shared what they feel lucky for. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our program. We appreciate you!

**THIRD**

Third grade has been studying habitats in science. Students made shoebox habitats and collages to extend their knowledge. We also went to the Logging Conference where we saw a lumberjack show and a wildlife assembly. We are looking forward to starting our President’s reports after spring break!

**FOURTH**

This last month fourth graders organized a canned food drive for St. Mary’s St. Vincent de Paul food closet. They have created informational posters for our school campus and made public service announcements to every classroom about the food drive. The students have been so excited to help the homeless and needy families of our Ukiah community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our efforts.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERATURE**

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades are all in the middle of writing Haikus, some of which will be entered into the annual Ukiah Haiku Festival. There are some excellent entries this year. The 6th and 7th Graders just attended a presentation of *The Giver* at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts. It was an amazing one-woman show! In 8th Grade the students are also very busy putting the final touches on their Proteus Papers. A lot of work goes into these 10-plus page research assignments, but the students are becoming better academic writers because of it. They will be presenting their projects next month.

**FEBRUARY AWARDS**

**Student of the Month**

Andrew Hanna, Skyler Ostrom,  
Anna Dunnicliff, Brady Banks,  
Delaney Kornegay, Dane Rensen,  
Carson Galletti

**Principal Award**

Daniel Flores, Samari Bakker,  
Tatiana McAsey, Abraham Kircher,  
Chelsea Hiatt, Hailey Lucido, Jesse Myers,  
Landon Degallier

**Personal Success Award**

Brayden Bushway, Cord Phenicie,  
Gwyn Furey, Taylor Allen, Aubrey Cooper,  
Connor Quigley, Baylor McDougall,  
Gisele Alvarez, Canyon Darger,  
Gavin Gonzalez, Hayden Maeyama,  
Tyler Long, Tyler Simerson

**Language Arts Award**

Enoch Collins, Karina Lopez,  
Gavin Kornegay, Brody Coleman,  
Clayton Petri, Ares MacLean,  
Adelaide Ross, Joseph Collins,  
Hailey Lucido, Alice Ostrom, Celisa Slotte,  
Saichai Bills, Nick Larson

**Athlete of the Month**

Jax Keffeler, Skyler Taglio

**After School Program**

Jett Ford

**Carousel of Books**

Sequoria Marshall, Cassidy Geimer,  
Concepción González

**Million Word Award**

Sarah McGrath-1,019,791 words

**SPANISH**

During the month of March we continued our study of “los animales” highlighted by a talk in the 3rd and 5th grades by Aimee Collins on the animals of the Chinese Zodiac. The 5th and 6th graders will be having a quiz on this vocabulary using the correct definite and indefinite articles. The children have had fun in K-4th learning and coloring their animal of the week (el perro, el caballo y el gato). During Lent the students have been given coins to either save for a bigger gift or use to buy their Friday candy. They seem to be excited about saving! In order to help celebrate el dia de San Patricio, the 1st and 2nd grades have decorated by coloring unas ollas de oro. Come by and see their work!

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**SCHOOL SPIRIT**

**TASTES GREAT!!!!**

**Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Mary’s School Science Camp. Come in to Chipotle at 596 E Perkins Street in Ukiah on Wednesday, April 4th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Mary’s School Science Camp.**

**Student Learning Expectations**

**A St. Mary of the Angels Student is a child of faith who:**

Respects all of God’s creation, Lives the Catholic faith and traditions, Serves others

**A St. Mary of the Angels Student is a lifelong learner who:**

Succeeds academically, Communicates effectively, Integrates technology efficiently

**A St. Mary of the Angels Student is responsible citizen who:**

Demonstrates leadership skills, Appreciates and respects diversity,

Exercises self respect and self discipline

**St. Mary’s School Faculty & Staff**

- Pastor**  
Fr. Oscar Diaz
- Principal**  
Mary Leitem Thomas
- Kindergarten**  
Maria Oberti
- Grade 1**  
Christina Wilson
- Grade 2**  
Julie Wilson
- Grade 3**  
Dana Geimer/  
Andrea Keffeler
- Grade 4**  
Johanna Lopez
- Grade 5**  
Jack Brown
- Grade 6**  
Jim Caruso
- Grade 7**  
Rick Cleland
- Grade 8**  
Dan Vilotti
- Music**  
Sam Kircher
- Spanish**  
Kathy Shipley
- Gardening**  
Jill Scheller
- Librarian**  
Marilyn McGrew
- Title 1**  
Carl Morgensen
- Computer**  
Joe Selzer
- Kitchen**  
Kristin Myers
- Classroom Aides**  
Beth Pacheco, Allie Skipper,  
Chrissy Galletti,  
Kathi Gower
- Kid’s Club**  
Beth Pacheco, Nicole Quigley,  
Lulu Jimenez
- Finance**  
Lisa Cavalin
- Secretary**  
Kris Scaturro, Jasmine Boek
- Athletic Director**  
Michele Bodnar
- Maintenance**  
Jim Werner
- Development Director**  
Mary Golden

## Information & Reminders

- Did you know that each Box Top from Box Tops for Education is worth 10 cents? All we have to do is look for them on various products such as cereal boxes, Ziplock boxes, and other household products. Clip them off and turn them into the school office! They will be sorted, counted and sent in. The school then receives a check! It’s an easy way of earning money! Last year we earned \$316.70.
- Please remember not to park in the church lot across the street on Dora.
- Remember no parking in the fire lanes south of the gym.
- Remember NO PARKING in the Mardi Gras designated spot.
- Be sure that the back gate shuts behind you when you enter or exit the school through the gate by the music room. Help keep our school safe!
- Back parking lot safety: Please remind your children not to play in the creek and to use the cross walk and grass to walk to and from cars. Students may not walk across the pavement between the field and the creek. Parents must be parked to load and unload children. Parents may not stop and drop off by crosswalk. Exception: Before 8am, parents may drop off Spanish/Kid’s Club students by the music gate.

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### Easter Prayer

Loving God, we are surrounded by signs of springtime beauty, joy and rebirth. We ask you to bless these Easter signs that will remind us that Jesus is risen and is with us as he promised, sharing his life with us and filling our hearts with joy. For this we give you thanks. Amen



**ST. MARY of the ANGELS**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### Dominican Corner

One of our great Dominican saints is Louis Mary de Montfort. Born at Montfort-la-Cane near Saint-Malo in 1673, he was the oldest of eight children. He studied with the Jesuits and at the age of nineteen went to Paris to enter the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice. His poverty was aided by the charity of benefactors, and after five years he was ordained a priest in 1700.

St. Louis Mary desired to go as a missionary to New France, but Holy Father Clement XI asked him to preach in his own homeland under the bishops of France. He was commissioned to teach Christian doctrine to the children and the people, and reawaken the spirit of Christianity through the renewal of their baptismal vows. At Dinan he joined a group of missionaries and taught catechism. He also went to Poitiers, where he became chaplain of a hospital for the poor. His special love of the poor led him to organize groups of lay people to assist him in this ministry.

He was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic and taught the Holy Rosary everywhere, converting many heretics. Before he died at the age of forty-three in April of 1716, he had organized his Company of Mary at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sevre, where he was buried and where his remains are still in profound veneration.

