



# St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Letter

Wow!! Mardi Gras is this weekend! Thank you to our co-chairs Krista Looney and Kristi Ross and their talented Board for the great work they are doing to provide this **fun and fundraising for our school!** **Fund-A-Need this year is to upgrade our playground**—our goal is to replace all the gravel with safer, more improved cushioning materials! Be sure and join us in raising your paddle during the live auction. And check out the Mardi Gras booklet for all the other items that could be yours if you raise your paddle! **It's going to be a fun weekend!**

**The She Thing was a resounding success!** Thank you to Dani Corripo and her amazing team for delicious food, drinks and fun!

Young scientists are hard at work at St. Mary's! **Congratulations to our fourteen 6th, 7th, and 8th graders chosen to represent St. Mary's at the Mendocino County Science Fair** on March 18 at Mendocino College. County winners will go on to the State Competition in Los Angeles on April 24-25.

March 1 is Ash Wednesday, and we are celebrating **Fat Tuesday with a breakfast for all our families at 7:30 am in the school auditorium.** We are also celebrating **Read Across America all week**, so we will be featuring -- Green Eggs and Ham! There will be other breakfast items offered—bring the whole family.

Our students' **Lenten practices this year include Stations of the Cross every Friday, raising money for Koins for Kids, and gathering canned food for St. Vincent de Paul.** Grades 3-8 will also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and our first Communion candidates will make their first Reconciliation.

We are very proud of the fact that every **St. Mary's student graduates as a child of faith, a life long learner and a responsible citizen.** Check out the bulletin boards and see the evidence of all the good work and service our students accomplish!

God bless,

### I love to Read Week!

February 27 - March 3

Monday-Comfy Reading Day-Wear your slippers for reading class

Tuesday- Light Up for Reading- Bring a flashlight

Wednesday- Saint Family Reading

Thursday- Hats Off to Reading

Friday- Volunteer Reading day and Crazy Sock Day

## MARCH/APRIL

Early Dismissal Days	Mar. 8,22
Read Across America	Feb.27-Mar.3
Ash Wednesday Mass-8th	Mar. 1
Stations of the Cross-6th	Mar. 3
Family Mass- 5th, 6th	Mar. 5
Field Trip Mayhem Poets-6th,7th,8th	Mar. 6
Awards Assembly	Mar. 7
Writers Reception	Mar. 9
Stations of the Cross- 4th	Mar. 10
Daylight Savings Begins	Mar. 12
Luther Burbank-K	Mar. 13
Hopland Field Station, Campovida-3rd	Mar. 15
Stations of the Cross- 5th	Mar. 17
Mendocino County Science Fair	Mar. 18
Stations of the Cross-7th	Mar. 24
Jr. High Leadership Conference	Mar. 28
Net Retreat	Mar. 29
Stations of the Cross-3rd	Mar. 31
Family Mass, 7th, 8th	Apr. 2
Awards Assembly	Apr. 4
Writers Reception	Apr. 6
Seder Meal	Apr. 6
Stations of the Cross,8th	Apr. 7
Holy Thursday	Apr. 13
Good Friday	Apr. 14
Easter	Apr. 16

### St. Mary's School would like to thank...

**Bakker Family for the new board games & Mo Heinrich for the (new to us) kids club TV and DVD player**

**Redwood Valley Vineyards for their donation**

**Glen Donalson for the donation in memory of Margaret Rau**

**Carol Larson and Cuppa Joe to Go for their donation during CSW**

**KINDER**

Kindergarten has been working on some exciting new things. Keep up the great work on the spelling tests. I’ve noticed handwriting and sounding out words improving. We’ve moved into writing simple sentences with sight words. Thank you to those who read the Bob Books at home. The students have been excited to read to me and earn their treasure. Book Wagon forms are now attached to homework and is part of the homework grade. Please make sure you are doing this. The form needs to have all ten lines filled out in order to be counted. You can read to your child or they can read to you. Each chapter in a chapter book counts towards one line. You can even listen to books on tape. All of this helps to build fluency and vocabulary. The Ukiah library provides a great assortment of books and even has an app you can download to listen to audio books. Keep counting to 100 at home. Your child can count aloud to you or count objects. Both are great practice. This has been homework since the beginning of the year with the number increasing slowly. 100 is the goal for the end of the year. We are also beginning to add and tell addition stories. I’ve enjoyed hearing the stories they come up with. We have a field trip coming up on March 13. We will be going to the Luther Burbank Center to watch a play about Biscuit. Remember to pack a lunch for that day and send in your car seats/boosters. I look forward to another great month!

**THIRD**

Our California tribal shelters turned out amazing! Students presented their shelters with written reports in front of the class. We also enjoyed our field to the Ukiah Symphony at Mendocino College

**FOURTH**

Eagle Reading has begun! The fourth graders completed their tutor application and were trained by Mrs. Pat Ford. They have been reading with their tutees for a few weeks. We are excited to share our love of reading.

**SPANISH**

¡Felicidades a todos! The students have been studying “el vocabulario de la familia” and were successful on their quiz last week. The 2nd -6th graders took a written quiz which involved spelling, multiple choice and matching English to Spanish meanings. Thank you for your help in studying with them! The K-1st graders have been continuing to learn their numbers, colors and family members in Spanish. We are just beginning a unit on “las partes del cuerpo” or parts of the body. “Simon dice” is a favorite game for the K-3 graders. The 6th graders are learning to conjugate “ar” verbs using their new workbook and most recently worked on the “estar” conjugation. Thank you for your continued support of the Spanish program!

**DECEMBER/JANUARY AWARDS**

**Student of the Month**

**December**

Makai Muñoz, Tatiana McAsey, Giamanni Zazueta, Laila McAsey, Ava Rinehart, Tyler Simerson, Alex Castagna, Sophie O’Connor, Lauren Lazarevich

**January**

Nicolas Pintane, Emma Rodrigue, Ollie Adams, Gabriella Breen, Eva Pintane, Tyler Long, Nathan Looney, Elise Martinez, John Cabaniss

**Principal Award**

**December**

Elii Sandoval, Lila Markowiak, Ahmya Graham, Joseph Brackett, Celisa Slotte, Mito Zazueta, Nathan Looney, Chase Barbieri, Jimena Malfavon

**January**

Trenten Purcell, Khloe Sanchez, Chase Galletti, Molly Kaluna-Jones, Seth Scheller, Trenton Ford, Angel Ortega, Giancarlo Zazueta, Kolby Thornton

**Personal Success Award**

**December**

Zoey Matilton, Gissel Gonzalez, Aden McMilin, Stella Brooke-Spencer, Lucy Lunceford, Drake Porter, Cody Mavrakis, Brody Ford, Alyvia Dyer, Bennett Spencer, Kate Schat, Nicholas Larson, Zoe Gregory, Angel Ortega, Zachary Hunter, Christopher Larson, Joey Passalacqua

**January**

Cain Graham, Mason Hildreth, Ares MacLean, Alana Mata, Connor Quigley, Ryan Ford, Jimmy Martin, Hailey Lucido, Dylan Gott, Jonah Myers, Randall Hockemier, Jordan Rodriguez, Taylor Kesler, Hudson Ford, Ava Kindopp, Jhoana Vogt, Emma Dolan, Joey Passalacqua

**Language Arts Award-January**

Jaymin Carlson, Jaycee Lucchetti, Kimi Dufour-Sanchez, Addie Ross, Delaney Kornegay, Joseph Brackett, Bode Gower, Shawn Harmon, Joanna Ford-Barrera, Alex Castagna, Zachary Hunter, Rylie Barber, Ava Kindopp, Chris Larson, Kolby Thornton, Josie Woldemar

**Athlete of the Month**

**December**

Jordan Benkis, Jacob Lunceford, Nathan Looney

**January**

Dante Giacomini, Ava Rinehart, Caleb Ford

**After School Program**

Makai Muñoz, Gavin Kornegay

**Carousel of Books**

Elii Sandoval, Cassidy Geimer, Ryan McGrew, Concepción González, Robby Corippo, Addie Ross, Delaney Kornegay

**GARDEN**

It’s been quiet in the garden this winter with all the rain but we have had the opportunity to take a close look at fungi, sow bugs and other beneficial decomposers. We sifted the worms from our classroom worm bin and added the nutrient rich soil to our garden bed.

We have planted and harvested a lot of lettuce, kale, swiss chard, radishes and purple cauliflower! Snap peas should be coming soon! We are hoping the garlic we planted in November survives but it’s showing signs that the soil is too wet. We covered it for the next storm and are staying hopeful! We planted sweet pepper and tomato seeds in preparation for spring planting and will be planting more!



A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

**FEB 25 & 26**

**SAT**

5:30 PM - 12:30 AM  
GROWN-UP FUN  
DINNER ★ DANCE  
AUCTION ★ GAMING

**SUN**

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
FREE FAMILY FUN  
FOOD ★ CARNIVAL  
AUCTIONS

**UKIAH FAIRGROUNDS**

**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 Leitter Thomas

**Kindergarten**

Amanda Velasco

**Grade 1**

Christina Wilson

**Grade 2**

Julie Wilson

**Grade 3**

Dana Geimer/  
Andrea Keffeler

**Grade 4**

Johanna Lopez

**Grade 5**

Matthew Alaniz

**Grade 6**

Jim Caruso

**Grade 7**

Rick Cleland

**Grade 8**

Dan Vilotti

**Music**

Sam Kircher

**Spanish**

Kathy Shipley

**Computers**

Peter Marshall

**Gardening**

Jill Scheller

**Librarian**

Marilyn McGrew

**Title 1**

Carl Morgensen

**Kitchen**

Kristin Myers

**Classroom Aides**

Beth Pacheco, Debbie Brutocao,  
Allie Skipper, Chrissy Galletti,

Kathi Gower

**Kid’s Club**

Beth Pacheco, Kelly Mavrakis,

Jill Scheller, Lulu Jimenez

**Finance**

Lisa Cavalin

**Secretary**

Kris Scaturro, Jasmine Boek

**Athletic Director**

Michele Bodnar

**Maintenance**

Jim Werner

**Development Director**

Mary Golden

## Information & Reminders

- Please remember to not 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 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.
- Kathi Gower and Heather Woldemar are our yearbook editors! If you have pictures from field trips or school activities please submit the pictures to [smsyearbook@smsukiah.org](mailto:smsyearbook@smsukiah.org). You can also upload pictures to our St. Mary’s Facebook page.
- We have reusable St. Mary’s water bottles for sale in the front office for \$5.00. We encourage students to use water bottles that can be refilled in our hydration station. They can leave these water bottles by their desk, and when they return from recess and lunch they can have a drink of water while getting right back to work- therefore losing less class time. This also helps with our school wide goal of having no plastic water bottles on campus.
- In order to work in the classroom, drive on field trips, coach teams or participate in any classroom activity you **MUST** have completed your live scan fingerprinting **AND** completed the on line training at [santarosa.cmgconnect.org](http://santarosa.cmgconnect.org).
- Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Mary’s whenever you shop AmazonSmile.
- Don’t forget to pick up your First Communion and Confirmation Mass charts and registration forms in the office. Both must be filled out before students receive their sacrament.
- Chocolate milk will now be available to students on Thursdays and Fridays.

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### Congratulations to our St. Mary’s Science Fair Winners

#### First Place

Emma Dolan, Ethan Rinehart, Angela and Joey Passalacqua

#### Second Place

Lauren Lazarevich, Levai Wilson, Lukas Gott, Zachary Hunter, Rylie Barber, Elise Martinez

#### Third Place

Natalie Niderost, Josie Woldemar, John Cabaniss, Austin Ford, Sophia Dunicliff and Emersyn Sawyers

#### K-5

Tyler Simerson, Cord Phenicie

All of these students have been invited to participate in the Mendocino County Science Fair. Congratulations!



### Dominican Corner

#### JOYFUL “PREACHING”

For Dominicans, compassion for humanity leads to preaching by word and by deed. Like St. Paul, they see preaching as a necessity. But, how can people preach without a pulpit? In the most powerful way possible - from the pulpit of our lives! While some are called to formal preaching, all of us are called to preach the Good News of the Gospel. The Spirit wants to preach in us - in words, in actions, in our very beings, by developing and sharing the gifts God has given to each of us.

That’s why we can say that artist Fran Angelico preached with his frescoes!

The very heart of Dominican spirituality is the preaching - the joyful proclamation of the truth of God’s reign of mercy and compassion. And Dominican preaching is grounded in trust, because a humble trust in God is the only truthful assessment of one’s real situation. Trust - like truth- makes us free, confident enough to take the risk of trusting in God and in the goodness and generosity of others. And such trust gives rise to joy, optimism, and hope. We use our gifts (e.g. Aquinas’ intellect, Catherine’s persuasive letter-writing, Lebre’s skills of social analysis, etc.) and we continue to contribute our labor even when we are not able to see its fruitfulness. We trust that to God’s providence.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL