



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!** Our students benefit greatly! **Fund-A-Need this year is to upgrade our auditorium.** Computer teacher Joe Selzer has worked with our students to create a visual presentation of their ideas about the needed improvements—it will be presented Saturday night and Sunday during the Live Auction. **Be sure and join us in raising your paddle to help improve the auditorium.** 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!**

Young scientists are hard at work at St. Mary's! **Congratulations to our fourteen students chosen to represent St. Mary's at the Mendocino County Science Fair** on March 10 at Mendocino College. County winners will go on to the California Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles on April 23-24.

Our students' Lenten practices this year include Stations of the Cross every Friday, raising money for Koins for Kids, raising money for Pennies for Patients, and gathering canned food for St. Vincent de Paul. Grades 3-8 will also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Oscar.

We at St. Mary's are absolutely heartbroken by the horrific school shooting in Parkland, Florida. **In talking about this event with elementary aged students, the American School Counselor Association has offered guidelines.** We wanted to pass along to you some of their recommendations: try to keep routines as normal as possible. Students gain security from the predictability of routine, including attending school; Limit exposure to television and the news; Be honest with students and share with them as much information as they are developmentally able to handle; Listen to students' fears and concerns; Reassure students that the world is a good place to be, but that there are people who do bad things; Rebuild and reaffirm attachments and relationships.

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.

May God bless and keep us all!

MARCH 2018

Early Dismissal Days	Mar. 7,21
Read Across America	Feb. 28 -2
Stations of the Cross-5th	Mar. 2
2nd Trimester Ends	Mar. 2
Family Mass- 5th, 6th	Mar. 4
Awards Assembly	Mar. 6
NET Team Retreat-7th,8th	Mar. 7
Writers Reception	Mar. 8
Stations of the Cross- 6th	Mar. 9
Mendo. County Science Fair	Mar. 10
Stations of the Cross- 7th	Mar. 16
Seder Meal	Mar. 22
Stations of the Cross-8th	Mar. 23
Easter Break	Mar. 26-Apr. 2
School Resumes	Apr. 3

Prayer of St. Patrick

May Christ shield me this day:
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen

St. Mary's School would like to thank our Community that contributed so generously to the Wildfire Tuition Assistance Fund...

St. Mary of the Angels School Foundation

Diocese of Santa Rosa

Donations made to our School

Gil and Lorena Tournour

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten continues to explore new routines in reading, writing and math. We made it to the Science Fair! We displayed a sample of structures for engineering science and a sample of crystals for chemistry science. Our first Kindergarten nominees will attend the Writer’s Reception. They will read from a topic journal they completed. They are super excited! Congratulations to our young scientists and authors!

SECOND

The school year is flying by in 2nd grade! We just finished doing our dinosaur projects and the students did a great job! Next on our science radar will be our plant and insect units. Please keep reading and thank you for all your hard work!

THIRD

In third grade students have been presenting shelters they created and reports they wrote in class about Native American Tribes. Students also went on a field trip to the Hopland Extension center where they made wool beads and fed the baby lambs!

FOURTH

Eagle Reading has begun! The fourth graders have been reading with their tutees for a few weeks. We are excited to share our love of reading. During this Lenten season we will be preparing in many ways. We will create our Stations of the Cross. Also, we will be working on our “Jewel Books”. This is a very special Lenten reflections book that promises to be a treasured keepsake.

FIFTH

The State Report Project is complete and the floats look amazing! Thank you to all the students for joining us at the parade. The endangered species report is right around the corner and the students are chomping at the bit to get started!

EIGHTH

Eighth graders have their designer sweatshirts! Science fair was a successful event with thirteen junior high students and one third grader going to the Mendocino County Science fair on the 10th of March. We are looking forward to Confirmation and Yosemite Science Camp!

JANUARY AWARDS

Student of the Month

Emilia Quigley, Natalie Rodriquez, Concepción González, Cael Phenicie, Laila McAsey, Dylan Gott, Cole Fowler, Alex Castagna, Sophia Dunnicliff

Principal Award

Finn Sullivan, Antonio Maciel-Suarez, Maggie McNerlin, Cassie Lockwood, Brody Fowler, Gabriella Breen, Erin Lazarevich, Carson Galletti, Angel Ortega, Emersyn Sawyers

Personal Success Award

Gabrielle Hanna, Elii Sandoval, Giovanni Fernandes, Jacob Wegesser, Alekii Sandoval, Giamanni Zazueta, Annabelle Degalier, Addysen Ford-Barrera, Jimmy Martin, Bryce Van Patten, Alyvia Dyer, Cameron Hubley, Saichai Bills, Nathan Looney, Sophia Dunnicliff, Ava Kindopp

Athlete of the Month

Makai Muñoz, Jacob Lunceford, Hudson Ford

After School Program

Alley Tafel

Carousel of Books

Xavier González, Cassidy Geimer, Brody Coleman, Bailey Simerson, Concepción González, Connor Quigley

Million Word Award

Bailey Simerson-1,207,972 words
Connor Quigley- 1,004,365 words
Delaney Kornegay- 1,016,637 words
Nathan Looney- 1,117,000 words

SPANISH

Your K-6th students have been learning the Spanish vocabulary for “la ropa del invierno” (winter clothing). During January and February they have had to memorize (for their Friday candy) one of these vocabulary words. We have also had fun reinforcing the vocabulary by playing “la ropa” loteria (bingo). Cross culturally, we are now celebrating “año del perro” by learning the Chinese Zodiac animals in Spanish. 5th and 6th graders are reinforcing their knowledge of definite and indefinite articles paired with Spanish nouns. They had a quiz involving el, la, los, las, un, una, unos or unas. The 5th graders challenged themselves with spelling correctly the articles and nouns in Spanish. Bravo to all! We are continuing to work through the Spanish workbook in 5th and 6th grade. Come see the second graders work on the Spanish bulletin boards in the junior high wing!



A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

FEB 24 & 25

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 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.

Congratulations to our St. Mary’s Science Fair Winners

First Place

Tyler Simerson, Ethan Rinehart, Cole Fowler and Carson Galletti, Elise Martinez, Rylie Barber

Second Place

Zachary Hunter, Natalie Niderost, Nathan Looney, Levai Wilson, Hudson Ford, Zoe Gregory, Tyler Long

Third Place

Kaden and Kallum Thurston, Emersyn Sawyers, Nick Larson, Austin Ford, Jhoana Vogt, Isaac Hedges, Griffin Johnson and Chris Larson, Alex Castagna

K-5

Addie Ross- First Place

Demonstration Category

Landon Degallier- Second Place

First and Second place students have been invited to participate in the Mendocino County Science Fair! Congratulations!!



Dominican Corner

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School was founded by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose and is rooted in the Dominican tradition of study, spirituality, service and community. Last month we talked about that great Dominican saint, Thomas Aquinas.

On March 25 we celebrate a lesser known Dominican saint, Marie-Alphonsine Danil Ghattas (October 4, 1843 – March 25, 1927). St. Marie Alphonsine was a Palestinian Christian nun who founded the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of Jerusalem (the Rosary Sisters), the first Palestinian congregation.

In 1886 she founded a school for girls in Beit Sahour. She was beatified by Archbishop Angelo Amato on behalf of Pope Benedict XVI in 2009.

On December 6, 2014 Pope Francis recognized a miracle that had been attributed to her intercession which was a requirement for her canonization.

The date of her canonization was announced on February 14, 2015 and she was canonized on May 17, 2015.



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