



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Newsletter



Principal's Letter

Wow!! Mardi Gras "A Starry Night" was a fun-filled weekend that brought people together for a good time and successful fundraising! **Thank you to Shauna Dyer and her talented Board** for the great work they did providing fun and fundraising for our school! Our students will benefit greatly from the **partnership between our school and our Ukiah community!** We have some early numbers in--we raised \$21,550 for Fund-A-Need for classroom technology updates, and our student classroom projects brought in \$8,100.

Science flourishes at St. Mary's School! Congratulations to our twenty five Junior High students that were chosen to represent our school at the County Science Fair. **Students continue to expand their scientific knowledge by attending a five day field science program at Yosemite National Park.** Students spend their days on the trail engaging in hands-on science, team building and environmental stewardship.

Thanks to all of our contributors to **Fund-A-Need, our Science Lab is purchasing a 12 foot long Air Track.** Students will use this to demonstrate and calculate Newton's Laws of Physics.

Our students' Lenten practices include Stations of the Cross every Friday, and raising money for Koins for Kids. By doing extra chores, or saving money from giving up treats, **we have encouraged our students in "almsgiving"** -- donating this money to help Dominican schools in the inner cities of Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Thank you for your support!

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,

MARCH

Early Dismissal Days	Mar. 9,24
Awards Ceremony	Mar. 1
Read Across America	Mar. 2
Writers Reception	Mar. 3
1st,3rd-Lake Mendocino Fisheries	Mar. 3
Stations of the Cross, 3rd	Mar. 4
2nd Trimester Ends	Mar. 4
School Reconciliation	Mar. 4
Family Mass, 7th/8th	Mar. 6
Hamlet, 6th, 7th, 8th	Mar. 8
Stations of the Cross, 7th	Mar. 11
Daylight Savings Begins	Mar. 13
Kinder/2nd Wells Fargo	Mar. 16
Stations of the Cross, 8th	Mar. 18
5th-Academy of Sciences	Mar. 23
Seder Meal, Holy Thursday	Mar. 24
Good Friday	Mar. 25
Easter	Mar. 27
Easter Break	Mar. 25-Apr. 1
School Resumes	Apr. 4

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

Lorena and Gil Tournour for their donation to the school

Dennis Denny for his donation to help fund the 7/8th Yosemite Science Trip

Maurizio and Vanessa Castagna for the donations of prayer books for our Jr. High Religion classes

KINDER

Kindergarten is springing into March. Students have been busy reading *Bob Books* and learning to add. For this month we will continue to add as well as learn to subtract. They will also be working on ways to solve word problems. We will be discussing character, setting, and plot when reading. You can help at home by asking your child what the story elements are when reading a book. Report cards come home this month so the progress reports will begin again after that time. Keep turning in the Book Wagon forms. Kindergarten is doing a great job. We are looking forward to our field trip to see Clifford on the 16th as well as a productive March.

THIRD

We are busy in third grade practicing cursive and writing our own fairy tales.

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.

FIFTH

Exciting things are happening in fifth grade. First of all, the class went to see Black Violin at the Wells Fargo Center in Santa Rosa. It was an amazing performance. Next up for us is a trip to the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco in March. This comes following the science unit on the solar system. We have a presentation scheduled at the planetarium. Last on the list is a day trip to Fort Ross in April, where we will learn about the life of Russian immigrants.

COMPUTER

8th grade has been introduced to the Stock Market! We have been playing with a simulator on MarketWatch.com and having a class competition. The students have enjoyed going through stock options and buying and selling their shares. **7th grade** has been participating in debates. The class divided into groups and began debating controversial topics. The students are learning about the importance of research and public speaking. **6th grade** has finished writing their own stories and picture books. The books will be read to the 2nd grade class during the next couple of weeks. **3rd-5th grade** have excelled at using Google Drive. Many of them can type and create their own documents. They know how to make tables, translate their documents into different languages and insert special characters. **1st-2nd grade** have progressed through Headsprout and are learning more difficult words and text. **Kindergarten** has enjoyed using Starfall.com, continuing to learn the basic keyboard layout. If you would like to contact me with questions or comments, please email me at computers@smsukiah.org or you can call me at (707) 462-3888 ext 19.

JANUARY AWARDS

Student of the Month

Clayton Petri, Addie Ross, Gabriella Breen,
Lillian Koeppel, Isaac Hedges,
Vaughn Peña, Sophia Dunncliff,
Lauren Lazarevich, Duncan Kindopp

Principal Award

Stella-Brooke Spencer, Giamanni Zazueta,
Ahmya Graham, Kate Schat, Faith Breen,
Alex Castagna, Austin Ford,
Jimena Malfavon, Alexis Martyn

Personal Success Award

Khloe Sanchez, Aubrey Cooper,
Cassie Lockwood, Caleb Hubley,
Shaylee Pardini, Aidan Rodriguez,
Bode Gower, Eva Pintane,
Jordan Rodriguez, Roman LaBrash,
Avary Banks, Eugene Brown, Jhoana Vogt,
Ethan Rinehart, Emma Dolan, Sean Coursey

Language Arts Award

Aden McMilin, Anna Dunncliff,
Connor Quigley, Ainsley Harris,
Anabella Dobson, Sarah McGrath,
Chelsea Hiatt, Austin Ross, Erin Lazarevich,
Tyler Simerson, Zoe Gregory,
Emilio Chavez, Griffin Johnson,
Emma Dolan, Kyler Thurston, Sarah Barr,
Daniel Smith, Sean Coursey

Athlete of the Month

Ian Sullivan, Preyanthan Raguparan,
Alex Morfin

After School Program

Jaycee Lucchetti

Carousel of Books

Bailey Simerson, Robby Corippo,
Delaney Kornegay, Austin Ross

SPANISH

“Bravo” to all students in Grades 2-6 for mastering Spanish vocabulary associated with rooms and objects “en mi casa”. Their test results were fabuloso! The children had fun making valentines with Spanish messages for family members celebrating Dia de San Valentin (diá de los enamorados). All grades are learning the names of fruits in Spanish and the kindergartners are working on a new song from Mexico called “Un elefanté se balanceaba”. Grades 3-6 are working on grammar using the verbs “tener” and “estar” and Spanish prepositions. It is fun to see them succeed in making sentences describing the home. Grades 1-2 are working on vocabulary describing “La familia” and learning their first verbs in Spanish. ¡Feliz Pascua! Happy Spring!

St. Mary’s Science Fair

We are so proud of our Science Fair Exhibitors! We have 20 projects and 25 students representing St. Mary’s at the Mendocino County Science Fair on March 12, 2016.

1st Place: Emma Dolan, Ethan Rinehart, Clarice Quigley, Dominic Anzilotti, Lauren Lazarevich

2nd Place: Angela and Joey Passalacqua, Sean Coursey, Jacob Dyer, Josie Woldemar, Scott and Natalie Niderost, Duncan and Ava Kindopp

3rd Place: Rene Chavez, Austin Ford, Matthew Schlafer, Carter Duncan, Caleb Ford, Chase Barbieri, Daniel and Jordan Smith, Praveene Raguparan

Class B Category: Rylie Barber received 1st place

3-5th Grade Division: Tyler Simerson received a 1st place

Thank you to the following donors for responding to the call by our Advisory Board members to complete the library update started by Sonia Anzilotti, and our Junior High bathroom upgrade.

Thanks to these donors we will start our updates at the end of June. Thank you!!!

Rod and Josie Vargas, Angelica Rains of Groupe Insearch, John and Carmen Solorio, Emma Vilotti, Tyler and Jen Rodrigue, Marlee Rodrigue, Louise Rodrigue, Virginia Richards, Jeff and Jan Rea of Rea Construction, Lee Rodrigue of Prosperidade, Kevin McDonald, Robert and Terry Keyes, Haiku Vineyards, Dave Downey of Downey Vineyard Management, Paul Dolan, Graham and Julie Chernoff, John Chan Plumbing, Rose Development, Inc., Hank Skade, Redwood Valley Cellars, American Ag. Credit, Lori and Kevin Broin

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

Amanda Velasco

Grade 1

Dawn Gittleman

Grade 2

Julie Wilson

Grade 3

Dana Geimer/

Andrea Keffeler

Grade 4

Johanna Lopez

Grade 5

Tina Tejada

Grade 6

Pamela Thorpe

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,

Paula Mayfield, Jill Scheller,

Chrissy Galletti, Kathy Shipley

Kid’s Club

Beth Pacheco, Nicole McDonald,

Kristen Marrow, 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 Mardi Gras designated spot.
- A reminder for visitors: If you plan on coming to the school at any time during the day, please make sure that you go to the office and sign in. They will give you a lanyard to wear. Please wear this so that staff in the school know that you have signed in at the office. Anyone who is seen not wearing a badge will be asked to go back to the office to sign in. Please understand that this is for the safety of your child and others.
- Read Across America is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place on March 2nd, Dr. Seuss’s birthday. We look forward to having community members come into the classroom to share their love of reading with our students.

Scholarship Available to College Bound St. Mary’s School Alumni

Each year the St. Mary’s School Foundation awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a St. Mary’s alumni. Scholarship forms are available at Ukiah High School from Heather McQueary or the St. Mary’s School office. The form may also be downloaded from St. Mary’s website, <http://www.stmarysukiah.org/about/foundation/alumni-scholarship>.

In addition to graduating from St. Mary’s, in order to qualify for the scholarship, the student must exemplify the ideals of the St. Mary’s Student Learning Expectations; that they are a person of faith, a life long learner, and a responsible citizen. In addition, students must be in their senior year of high school; be Catholic or a baptized Christian; and be registered at a college for the freshman term.

The scholarship is awarded at the UHS Graduation Awards ceremony. Interested alums are invited to pick up an application and apply. For more information, contact Kathy Ault, 707-485-8219.

The deadline for receiving completed applications is May 1, 2016. Applications may be dropped off at the St. Mary’s School office, mailed to the St. Mary’s School Foundation at 415 W. Perkins, Ukiah, CA 95482, or emailed to development@stmarysukiah.org.

Thank you to our amazing Mardi Gras Board 2016!

Thank you for helping to raise funds to “Bridge the Gap”.

**Shauna Dyer, Jen Banks, Ginette Rinehart, Jen Rodrigue, Chrissy Galletti, Katie Ford, Susan Horne,
Kathi Gower, Krista Looney, Kristin McMenomey, Rachel Maki,
Kristi Ross, Jesse Martinez, Steve Harris, Wendy Augustine, Maya Simerson,
Kristin Myers, Nicole Quigley, Jeff Schlafer, Sue Anzilotti**

2016 Mardi Gras Raffle Winners!!

Vacation Raffle - Dave Tafel

White Raffle Prizes

Indigo Studio Portraits- Joe Vargas

Home Depot Dual Smoker - Kathy James

\$100 Patrona certificate - Rose Britton

\$100 Farm Supply certificate- Scott Ostrom