



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Newsletter

Principal's Letter

Congratulations to our **First Communion and Confirmation candidates!** We celebrate with these young people as they receive the **Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the very first time** this Sunday, May 1, at the 10 am Mass. Confirmation took place last weekend with Bishop Vasa for our Jr. High candidates. In Confirmation, the gift of the **Holy Spirit is bestowed, and our students are anointed with chrism and receive the strength to witness God's love in word and deed.**

Stop by our **Open House on May 5** and see how productive our young scholars have been! **From art projects to essays, each student's work is on display in the classrooms.** There is a scavenger hunt that will lead you around campus to find the treasures from your student's school year. **Gardening will be hosting a plant sale** just in time for you to be the first after frost to get your seedlings in the ground. **Join us for some tacos prepared by our chef, Kristen.** Please invite your family, neighbors, and any friends you know who may be considering a St. Mary's education for their child. **As parents, you are our best ambassadors!! Mark the date—Thursday, May 5th from 5:30 pm -7:00 pm.**

Our **Scholastic Book Fair will be held next week from Monday, May 2, through Friday May 6.** Marilyn McGrew and Aundrea Spencer have put together a wonderful assortment of reading materials for purchase. This is a great chance to shop for birthday and graduation gifts.

Good luck to our young scientists, **Clarice Quigley and Josie Woldemar, as they head to the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles on May 23-24.** And we have winners in the **Ukiah Haiku festival!** There were over 1000 entries in the 7th, 8th and 9th grade division, and two of our eighth graders, **Daniel Smith and Scott Niderost,** placed 2nd and 3rd respectively! Congratulations to our poets!

Our deepest desire is to provide your **children with an academically challenging, Christ-centered Catholic education** that feeds young minds and souls and prepares them for a bright future. St. Mary's School **believes strongly that our partnership with parents plays a vital role in the success of the school.**

Thank you for all you have done to make this year so successful!

MAY/JUNE

Early Dismissal Days	May 11, 25
First Communion Mass 2,6th	May 1
Spring Book Fair	May 2-6
Gold Rush Field Trip-4th	May 2-3
Talent Show Tryouts	May 2,4,5
Awards Assembly-Church	May 4
Writers Reception	May 5
Open House	May 5
4th Qtr. Progress Ends	May 6
Google-7th	May 6
Mother's Day	May 8
School Mass-May Procession 2,6th	May 11
President's Potluck, 3rd	May 11
Spelling Bee	May 12
Talent Show	May 13
Diocesan Track Meet	May 15
Symphony-K,1	May 16
School Mass-1st, 7th	May 25
Memorial Day-No School	May 30
Ballet, 1st	June 3
Family Mass 1st,7th	June 5
Awards Assembly	June 7
Writers Reception	June 9
Last Day of School	June 10
Graduation Awards-Church	June 10
Graduation Mass	June 10

No After School Kid's Club
Friday, June 10th

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

Gil and Lorena Tournour for their continuous support of our school

Allan Henderson and American Asphalt for resurfacing our playground

KINDER

Kindergarten had a great time with their egg drop. Their “contraptions” worked very well and almost all of the eggs survived the fall. Great job, Kindergarteners and parents! Our recycling projects turned out great as well. Everyone used a lot of imagination and it showed. In May, students will continue to work on addition fluency and subtraction word problems. In reading we will continue reading different variations of fairy tales and fables while comparing different books. We are excited to be finishing the last touches on our class books. Soon they will be heading off to be published. We are looking forward to celebrating being published authors and illustrators.

THIRD

Third grade is busy starting their study of habitats, presidents and saints. Look in the hallway to see their work soon!

FOURTH

Thank you to all the parents that joined us on our San Francisco Giants ball game field trip! Next, we are off to the gold country! We look forward to a memorable gold rush adventure!

EIGHTH

Eighth grade had a wonderful experience with their “Think it Over” babies, but I think they were ready to turn them in after a couple of sleep-deprived school nights and an eventful weekend. Everyone had an amazing week at Science Camp with Nature Bridge in Yosemite. Thank you to all the seventh and eighth grade parents for their fund-raising efforts to make the cost of the Yosemite Science Camp and the bus much more manageable!

LIBRARY

As we are nearing the end of the school year, our annual Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of May 2nd through May 6th and will be open during our Open House, May 5th. The fair will be held in the auditorium. This is an opportunity to purchase books for your child's home library and support St. Mary's school library as well. There will be a wide selection of books, both fiction and non-fiction. Recently the library has been able to purchase many new books; some recommended by our students, and others to support curriculum needs. Please come by and check out the books at the fair and introduce yourselves. I look forward to meeting the parents of our fine students.

MARCH AWARDS

Student of the Month

Montgomery Johnson, Chase Galletti,
Chelsea Hiatt, James Rodrigue,
Juan Alvarado-Mendoza, Nathan Looney,
Estrellita Sanchez, Emma Dolan,
Carter Duncan

Principal Award

Khloe Sanchez, Clayton Skellet,
Laila McAsey, Skylar Taglio, Cole Fowler,
Shay Parrish, Eugene Brown,
James Hermens, John Cabaniss,
Matthew Schlafer

Personal Success Award

Bailey Simerson, Dante Giacomini,
Drake Porter, Ainsley Harris,
Canyon Darger, Addysen Ford-Barrera,
Hayden Maeyama, Alice Ostrom,
Bailey Harris, Shawn Harmon, Alex Marin,
Ava Kindopp, Angela Passalacqua,
Kyler Thurston

Language Arts Award

Jax Keffeler, Jaymin Carlson,
Berlin Salvadori Solverson, Ryan Ford,
Shaylee Pardini, Jacob Lunceford,
Jonah Myers, Joseph Brackett,
Preyanthan Raguparan, Taylor Kesler,
Abigail Augustine, John Cabaniss,
René Chavez

Athlete of the Month

Clayton Petri, Dylan Gott,
Naomi Lunceford

After School Program

Tatiana McAsey

Carousel of Books

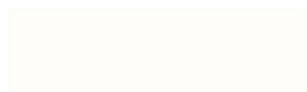
Concepción González, Clayton Skellet,
Brody Ford, Austin Ross

SPANISH

Grades 5th-6th are looking forward to their trip to Hector’s Sno-Cones on May 5th for 6th grade and May 6th for 5th grade. This is a chance for students to order a sno-cone using Spanish- a great way also to celebrate “el cinco de mayo”. Grades 3rd-6th completed their study of “la casa” with a challenging test. ¡Bravo! In Kinder-2nd we have been learning las verduras (vegetables) and some basic baseball (beísol) vocabulary. 2nd and 6th graders have actually read a reading pamphlet on “el equipo”, The Team. They are learning basic béisbol vocabulary and continuing their study of las frutas y las verduras. We are also learning how to tell time in grades 1-6 ¿Que hora es? Thank you for helping your children learn the value of studying for a test and for teaching them the value of having a multi cultural appreciation!

GARDENING

The tomato seeds the kids started have mostly been successful. We took a chance and put a few in beds along with more basil, parsley, celery, snap peas, beans, and a couple luffa plants. Purple, white and yellow potatoes are planted and already sprouting. I want to give a special thank you to James, Lillian, Cannon and Kallum for planting a good portion of those veggies! Nice work kids!! All the kids keep harvesting lettuce, radishes and carrots for the school salad bar. The blueberries, raspberries and strawberries are all coming on, allowing the kids a little taste of fresh picked berries. Look at the oak trees in the field and you will see a couple blue bird houses that were built by the 5th grade all on their own! Nice job class!! Once again thank you to North American Organics for the soil used in our garden and a big thank you to my husband for building the last 2 of the 8 new beds for the garden. The kids look forward to filling them all!

**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, Kelly Mavrakis,

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.
- Talent Show Tryouts, May 2,4,5 3pm-4pm.
- April Awards will be Wednesday, May 4th at 2:30, in the church.
- 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!
- A reminder for visitors: If you plan on coming to the school 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.
- 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.
- Diocesan Track Meet- May 15th. Cardinal Newman.

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>. The scholarship is awarded at the High School 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 2, 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.

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Congratulations also to our confirmandi! In Confirmation, the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed, and our students are anointed with chrism and receive the strength to witness to God’s love in word and deed. Bishop Vasa was here last Saturday and conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon six seventh graders: Sydney Castagna, Lauren Lazarevich, Jimena Malfavon, Angela Passalacqua, Joey Passalacqua and Josie Woldemar.