



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

Wow! **The Mardi Gras numbers are in, and they are outstanding!** \$104,179.21!! **Thank you to our co-chairs, Krista Looney and Kristi Ross**, and to the amazing team that planned and executed such an amazing event, that **brought our families and community members together** for the benefit of our students.

Congratulations to our First Communion candidates! We celebrate with our students as they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time Sunday, May 4, at 10 am Mass. Please keep in your prayers second graders Chase Galletti, Caleb Hubley, Andrea Jimenez, Anthony Martinez, Cael Phenicie and Ian Sullivan; fourth graders Celisa Slotte and Pamela Lopez; and seventh grader Felix Slotte.

Congratulations also to our confirmandi! In Confirmation, the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed, and our students are anointed with chrism, receiving the strength to witness to God's love in word and deed. On April 27, Bishop Vasa conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon six of our seventh graders: Sophia Dunncliff, Julianna Jimenez, Elise Martinez, Estrellita Sanchez, Felix Slotte, Jhoanna Vogt.

Stop by our Open House on May 11 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 the classroom and the campus to find the treasures from your student's school year. **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 11 from 5:30 pm -7:00 pm. And check out the auditorium for some good food!

Many of our Jr. High students had haikus submitted to the Ukiah Haiku festival! There were over 1000 entries in the 7th, 8th and 9th grade division, and one of our seventh graders, **Rylie Barber, received an honorable mention! Congratulations to our young 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.** We are able to do this because we have your support as parents. **We believe strongly that our partnership with parents plays a vital role in the success of our school.** Thank you for all you have done to make this year so successful!

God bless,

MAY/JUNE

Early Dismissal Days	May 10,24
Gold Rush-4th	May 1-2
Safari West- 2nd	May 1
Awards Assembly	May 2
Oakland Zoo-3rd	May 3
Luther Burbank-8th	May 3
Writers Reception	May 4
Luther Burbank- Kinder	May 4
Talent Show	May 5
First Communion Mass, 2nd/6th	May 7
School Mass and May Procession, 2nd/6th	May 10
Open House	May 11
Mother's Day	May 14
President's Potluck, 3rd	May 16
Giants Game-4th	May 17
Hector's Sno Cone-6th	May 18
Hector's Sno Cone-5th	May 19
School Mass, 1st/7th	May 24
Memorial Day-No School	May 31
Family Mass, 1st and 7th	June 4
Awards Assembly	June 6
Pool Party, 7th,8th	June 6
Shields on the Field	June 7
Writers Reception	June 8
Last Day of School	June 9
Graduation Awards Prayer Service	June 9
Graduation Diploma Mass	June 9

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

**Gary and Virginia Island for the
generous donation made in memory
of
Kathy Ross**

KINDER

This year has sure zoomed by! Kindergarten will be very busy this month. In reading, students will continue to read words with short vowels and words with digraphs and blends. Keep up the great work on the Bob Books. In math, students will be working on directional words: above, below, inside, left, and right. We will also be working on subtraction and continue working on addition. For writing we are sounding out words and writing what we hear. Short e and i can be confusing to little ears so making those sounds and distinguishing between the two can help. At this stage in writing, most students will write words incorrectly. This is part of the writing process. As long as students are writing phonetically, they are on track. We have our field trip on May 4th. If you signed up to drive, please know that the show has changed to 11:30 am.

THIRD

Third grade has been working hard on their President's reports. They took bullet form notes and are now putting their notes into complete sentences. Their final report will be a five paragraph essay. We will celebrate this accomplishment with our families at the President's Potluck on Tuesday, May 16th. We are also excited for our Oakland Zoo field trip on Wednesday, May 3rd, to further our study of habitats.

FOURTH

Looking for a vacation spot? Stop by the fourth grade classroom to see the wonderful travel brochures the students have created for the novel Island of the Blue Dolphins. We will be traveling to the Gold Country and Sacramento to enhance our Social Studies unit on the California Gold Rush. The fourth grade will also be attending a Giants game on May 17th! Go Giants!

JR. HIGH LITERATURE

In Middle School English, the 6th Graders are reading The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin, a classic who-done-it mystery; the 7th Graders are reading The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, a quirky, yet classic allegorical tale; and the 8th Graders are reading Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, one of the first great novels of the dystopian genre. The 8th Graders have also all recently completed the written portion of the Proteus Project. A lot of year-long, hard work went into these papers and the 8th grade students performed at a very high level. Congratulations 8th Grade! Now onto their project presentations!

MARCH AWARDS

Student of the Month

Cassidy Geimer, Kennedy Wellington, Abraham Kircher, Addysen Ford-Barrera, Bode Gower, Saichai Bills, Zachary Hunter, Alley Tafel, Joe Passalacqua

Principal Award

Cord Phenicie, Bailey Simerson, Kimi Dufour-Sanchez, Delia Siderakis, Hayden Maeyama, Landon Degallier, Angel Ortega, Elise Martinez, Sidney Castagna, Lauren Lazarevich, John Cabaniss

Personal Success Award

Samari Bakker, Trenten Purcell, Dylan Morris, Maggie McNerlin, Berlin Salvadori Solverson, Ian Sullivan, Gisele Alvarez, Beau David, Celisa Slotte, Pamela Lopez, Roman LaBrash, Kallie Groff, Taylor Kesler, Nathan Looney, Alex Castagna, Austin Ford, Josie Woldemar, Emma Dolan

Language Arts Award

Maxemillian Vargas-Sanchez, Gavin Kornegay, Jax Keffeler, Ryan McGrew, Cassie Lockwood, Ryan Ford, Chelsea Hiatt, Sarah McGrath, Gavin Looney, Alice Ostrom, Mito Zazueta, Cole Fowler, Alex Castagna, Hudson Ford, Zachary Hunter, Sophie O'Conner, Jhoana Vogt, Naomi Lunceford, Emma Dolan, Lukas Gott, Angela Passalacqua

Athlete of the Month

Anthony Lucchetti, Delaney Kornegay, Hudson Ford

After School Program

Mason Hildreth

Carousel of Books

Gavin Kornegay, Bailey Simerson, Concepción González, Cael Phenicie, Delaney Kornegay, Laila McAsey

Million Word Award

James Rodrigue, Julianna Jimenez

SPANISH

Your 2nd-6th grade students were successful in their study of “las partes del cuerpo” and as a group scored the highest ever on their quiz at the end of March. Since then, we have been reviewing the seasons, days of the week, months of the year and weather. Most recently we began our last unit of the year on “la comida” (food). This is in preparation for the 5th and 6th graders annual trip to Hector’s Sno Cones, where they will order their food in Spanish. On April 27 and 28th we have a special presentation on the South American country of Venezuela. Our third grade parent, Mariobi Martin will be educating us on some of the cultural aspects of life in Venezuela. Thank you for all of your support of the Spanish program this year.

LIBRARY

In preparing for the end of the school year newsletter, I was reviewing previous library entries and found this message from Sonia Anzilotti which I would like to share with you.

The following are ideas to help our children be lifelong learners- who love to read.

1. Take turns reading aloud with your child or read aloud together.
2. Create your own “library days” at home.
3. Read books in series- to keep them interested in the next book in the series.
4. Read on the go with young children, each person taking a turn reading signs, billboards, store names, etc.
5. Talk with your child about what they are reading.
6. Take your child to the Mendocino County Library to get a free library card. The library has summer reading programs.
7. Encourage your child to keep a summer journal, filled with summer memories.

All of these activities encourage your child to keep their reading skills fresh and developing. It has been a wonderful school year, and I have enjoyed getting to know our students a little better each year. Enjoy your summer!

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

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.
- For over 70 years, CYO Camp (home of Caritas Creek and OEE) has created an environment where children ages 8-17 can explore the world around them and develop powerful friendships that will last a lifetime. Their 7-day, overnight camp sessions are filled with a variety of activities including swimming, hiking, archery, tie-dye, sports, canoeing and much more. Catholic Charities CYO Camp provides financial assistance to eligible campers thanks to the generous support from many donors. For more information visit their website at www.cyocamp.org, call us at 707-874-0240, or view our 2017 Summer Camp Brochure.
- Check out the Lake County Passion Play, Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21 at 4 pm. It’s a beautiful and uplifting way to experience the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- We have new reusable St. Mary’s water bottles for sale in the front office for \$10.00. 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.
- Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Mary’s whenever you shop AmazonSmile.
- Chocolate milk will now be available to students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Please give any student messages to the office by 2:30 pm. Teachers need all their instructional minutes at the end of the day, especially as we approach the end of the year. Fewer classroom interruptions are appreciated. This also guarantees that accurate information gets to your student in a timely manner!
- Please do not interrupt teachers without an appointment in the morning before school starts. Teachers are available for drop in after school from 3:00-3:30 pm. Teachers are always available by appointment.

We have an All School Diocesan Track Meet on Sunday, May 21 at Justin Siena High School in Napa. Eleven student athletes are participating. Bryan Morris is coaching our 1st and 2nd graders, and Dave Bills, Carol Larson, and Mike Myers are coaching our 4th and 5th graders, with Christopher Larson as assistant coach. Everyone is invited to participate in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. Get your running shoes ready and sign up your child at the school office. T-Shirts will be given to all participants. Thank you to all our coaches and our AD Michele Bodnar for developing good running skills and a competitive spirit in our students!



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