



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

Last Friday St. Mary's school took part in the **Great California Shakeout**. Our students did a great job practicing duck, cover and hold and exiting with their teachers quickly and silently. Please review with your children the flyer that we sent home in order to understand earthquake safety procedures for wherever you live, work or travel.

Also on Friday we tested our **emergency alert system, sending texts and phone calls** to all the parents, faculty and staff in our data base. If you did not receive an emergency alert on Friday, or it did not go to the number you want, please call the office. Again, **thank you to our Advisory Council for the research and fundraising they did to implement MSP in our school.**

Many thanks to **Kristina Ford and her wonderful crew for a very successful Harvest Run!!** The number of laps run, the amount of money raised, and the winners and prizes will be announced next week. **Thank you to all the families and friends who supported this fundraiser that fosters good health!**

What a wonderful season our **seventh and eighth grade girls volleyball** had! The girls improved their skill sets, learned how to play hard and compete with top-notch teams. **Congratulations to our seventh grade girls who placed second in the Catholic Schools League!** And many thanks to our coaches Heather Woldemar, Sarah Lunceford and Michelle Dunncliff. **Our seventh grade girls basketball team** has just started their season, and are coached by Jesse Martinez. We wish them the best of luck. **Go Eagles!!**

Our **seventh and eighth grade students are off to Washington, D.C., the week of November 13**, and I am fortunate to be one of the chaperones for the trip that includes 30 students and 21 adults. I lived in DC during college and studied for a semester at George Washington University while working for my Senator from Kansas, James B. Pearson. Being able to introduce our students to this beautiful city is an amazing privilege. **I look forward to traveling to DC with all of you in the future.**

As we celebrate **All Saints Day and All Souls Day**, we treasure the wonderful example given to us by all the saints, family members and friends who have gone before us and who now enjoy the fullness of God's love. **And as we look towards Thanksgiving, we count all of you, our families, among the best of our blessings!**

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Early Dismissal Days	Nov. 9, 15-18
All Saint's Day	Nov. 1
School Mass-7th	Nov. 1
Awards Assembly	Nov. 1
El Dia De Los Muertos	Nov. 2
Writers Reception	Nov. 3
Daylight Savings Ends	Nov. 6
Family Mass-5th, 6th	Nov. 6
Election Day-Go Vote!	Nov. 8
1st Trimester Ends	Nov. 10
Veteran's Day- No School	Nov. 11
Washington, DC Field Trip, 7/8	Nov. 13-18
Parent/Teacher Conferences K-6	Nov. 15-18
Thanksgiving Mass	Nov. 18
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 21-25
2nd Qtr Ends	Dec. 1
Teacher Inservice-No School	Dec. 2

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

Ukiah Natural Foods for their donation

North American Organics of Redwood Valley for their donation of soil to our gardening program

The Fowler family for their donation of a new sound system for the auditorium

KINDER

Kindergarten is geared up for a lot of fun and learning for November. Thank you, parents, for the help you gave your child for the Pumpkin Book Reports. They were so creative. We’ll leave the pumpkins on display for the first week of November so everyone can take a look at the hard work your child did. We are looking forward to a Thanksgiving Feast before our break. More information will come home about this. We will also have Parent/Teacher conferences to go over your child’s progress. I look forward to seeing everyone there. We are a little over half way done learning our letters and are on track to be finished by Christmas. Keep practicing letter recognition and sounds as well as putting short vowel words together (cat, top, sit, etc.). You can also help at home by making and identifying rhyming words. Keep practicing counting to 100. The goal for this trimester is 33 or higher. We will continue to identify and compare numbers through 10 this month. You can do this at home with objects around the house or when you see number combinations.

THIRD

Third grade had a wonderful time picking out pumpkins at the pumpkin patch. We have been studying California’s geography in Social Studies and made clay maps of the four regions. In science we used the sun’s energy to make s’mores in pizza box solar ovens.

FOURTH

The fourth grade class has been busy preparing for “El día de los muertos!”. We have made “calaveras de azúcar”, baked “pan de muerto”, decorated paper “calacas” and written “diamante” poems in honor of our family members and friends who have passed away. Our individual memorials/ “altares” will be on display outside the fourth grade classroom.

LIBRARY

Just a reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the gym during the week of Parent/Teacher conferences, November 14-18. Several parents have already signed up as volunteers. If you would like to participate in the fair, please contact either me or Aundrea Spencer. My email is alsomerlin@gmail.com, or Aundrea at aundreaspencher@hotmail.com. Please use the word “Scholastic” in the subject space. Many thanks!

SEPTEMBER AWARDS

Student of the Month

Gavin Kornegay, Bailey Simerson,
Robby Corippo, Jacob Lunceford,
Austin Ross, Cannon Johnson,
Alex Castagna, Kaden Thurston,
Emma Dolan

Principal Award

Cassidy Geimer, Tyson Woodall,
Caleb Hubley, Laila McAsey,
Steven Dunicliff, Cameron Hubley,
Nathan Looney, Rylie Barber, John Cabaniss

Personal Success Award

Cody Corippo, Brooklyn Mavrakis,
Clayton Petri, Dante Giacomini,
Brady Banks, Addie Ross, Dillon Augustine,
Delaney Kornegay, Pamela Lopez,
Jesse Myers, Saichai Bills, Faith Breen,
Angel Ortega, Griffin Johnson,
Josie Woldemar, Kolby Thornton,
Lauren Lazarevich, Angela Passalacqua,
Joe Passalacqua, Lukas Gott,
Jimena Malfavon

Language Arts Award

Novella Brackett, Taylor Allen,
Abraham Kircher, Ian Sullivan,
Gabriella Breen, Molly Kaluna-Jones,
James Rodrigue, Ava Rinehart,
Shawn Harmon, Avary Banks, Hudson Ford,
Sophie O’Connor, Emma Dolan

Athlete of the Month

Noah McAvoy, Cody Mavrakis,
Taylor Kesler

After School Program

Harlow Hudson

Carousel of Books

Cassidy Geimer, Tatiana McAsey,
Addie Ross, Delaney Kornegay,
Laila McAsey

GARDENING

We continue to plant for the winter garden. The students have worked hard at amending the soil with fresh compost graciously **donated to our garden from North American Organics in Redwood Valley**. So far they have planted peas, lettuce, kale, brussel sprouts, onions, garlic, spinach, Swiss chard, carrots, beets and radishes! Some of the students will have the opportunity to cook the beans, spaghetti squash, and butternut squash we grew over the summer. We will be making soup, squash with tomato sauce and bean and cheese burritos! Thank you again to the parents who donated their time, talents and produce to the Garden Stand. It’s always an exciting event!

Pumpkin Talk

Being a Human is like being a pumpkin.
 God lifts you up, takes you in,
 and washes all the dirt off of you.
 He opens you up, touches you deep inside
 and scoops out all the yucky stuff,
 including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
 Then He carves you a new smiling face
 and puts His light inside you to shine
 for all the world to see.
 This is pumpkin talk.



Please help us celebrate Veteran’s Day by bringing in photos of loved ones. There will be a display honoring veterans November 11th-18th. Please bring in copies of photos of the veterans in your life by Thursday, November 10th. Please do not bring in your original photo. If you need help making copies of your photos or have any questions, please email Kristi Ross at Krisit@ielath.com.

Thank you for your help in honoring those who have served our country.

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.
- Kathi Gower and Heather Woldemar are our new yearbook editors! Thank you! If you have pictures from field trips or school activities please submit the pictures to smsyearbook@smsukiah.org. You can also upload pictures to our St. Mary’s Facebook page.
- Halloween Carnival and Haunted House is Monday, October 31st. The 7th and 8th grades have prepared a carnival with games, food and a haunted house. Come join us after lunch for the costume walk on the playground. Families and siblings are welcome.
- Does anyone have a used cyclone gate they are not using? Mr. Werner needs a cyclone gate that is 4-5 feet high and 10 feet long. Please call the office if you have one you wish to donate.
- 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 or cups 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.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 15-18. As parents, you are your child’s primary educator, and we look forward to this opportunity to talk with you about where your child is excelling and where there is room for growth.

Halloween Costume Policy

Avoid costumes that are suggestive, evil or scary to younger students
 No scary clown costumes-only happy, cute clowns!
 Costumes must be comfortable enough for students to wear all day
 Hats or masks must be removable while in the classroom
WEAPONS, REAL OR PLAY, ARE NEVER ALLOWED AT SCHOOL



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dominican Corner

Study was a high priority for Dominic. So that they might be able to effectively argue against heretical teachings, he insisted that the members of his fledging community immerse themselves in serious study of Sacred Scripture, philosophy, and theology, as well as the secular arts and sciences of the medieval world. For Dominicans, all paths to truth lead to God.

So the early friars were sent to study at the great universities that were emerging in Paris, Bologna, and Oxford at that time. There, Dominicans like Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas came to be recognized as leading scholars and theologians.

Like Jesus himself, Dominic was a man on fire with the Gospel, the “good news” of God’s mercy and compassion as revealed in Jesus. Despite having no converts during their early years, Dominic and his companions persevered with joy, enthusiasm, and a confident trust in God’s providence- and their preaching and teaching eventually blossomed in the Dominican family. By 1206 he had founded the first community of Dominican nuns, and in 1216 he received the papal approval for an order of preachers.

More about Dominic next month!

