



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

The extreme devastation of the fires has made this a difficult time for all of us. Some have experienced great loss and lives were changed overnight. Many were displaced and living with uncertainty day after day. All of us are finding ways to support one another and our community. **Our entire faculty and staff join in sending our love and prayers to all of you, especially those who have lost homes or livelihoods.**

Yet amidst all this tragedy there are outstanding acts of heroism that sustain us. We saw neighbors helping neighbors, and strangers saving each other. Some who had no where to live were helping out at evacuation centers, and many of our young students helped at the St. Mary's Distribution Center. St. Mary's School was able to open Oct. 16 and **offer children the stability and structure that they are familiar with, a routine that makes them feel safe and eases their anxiety.**

Before returning, our **faculty and staff met with counselors and therapists who worked with us on how to help students recover in a healthy way from a natural disaster.** Teachers used first period to address students' concerns, and concluded with writing prayers expressing everything from gratitude to our hopes and fears. Fr. Oscar used these prayers at our school Mass on Tuesday where he also brought us all together, arm in arm, as a sign of support. **We are fortunate that at times like this we can rely on our faith in a loving God to see us through upheaval in our lives.** Our belief in Christ and his Gospel message can help us heal as a community.

In light of this natural disaster, our teachers are assessing their lesson plans, adjusting for changes in instructional minutes and strategically teaching so that each student masters the year's standards. **We know that after disasters such as this one, schools must put the emotional needs of students first.**

St. Mary's School has started a **Wildfire Tuition Assistance Fund to help defray the cost of tuition** for the five students who have lost their homes. St. Mary's School Foundation has already received \$4,800 in donations towards our goal of \$20,000! If you are interested in donating you may make your donations directly to the school. **Thank you to all of our generous donors!**

And as we look towards Thanksgiving, we count all of you, our families, among the best of our blessings!

God bless,

NOVEMBER 2017

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| Early Dismissal Days | Nov. 8, Nov. 14-17 |
| All Saints School Mass | Nov. 1 |
| El Dia de los Muertos | Nov. 2 |
| Scholastic Book Fair | Nov. 6-9 |
| Awards Assembly | Nov. 7 |
| Veteran's Day-No School | Nov. 10 |
| Parent Teacher Conferences | Nov. 14-17 |
| Thanksgiving Vacation | Nov. 20-24 |
| Thanksgiving | Nov. 23 |
| School Resumes | Nov. 27 |

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

Ukiah Natural Food for their donation

The Sublet Family for their donation of a DVD player to Kid's Club

Our St. Mary School Community who contributed to the Wildfire Tuition Assistance Fund

John and Pat Milovina

Jim and Kathy Bogner

Jeff and Jan Rea

Dan and Mary Vilotti

Douglas and Marilyn Johnson

Tom and Mary Lettem Thomas

KINDER

Have you seen our Kindergarten fall bulletin board display? What a beautiful sight! Each pumpkin is a unique design. Thank you for completing the pumpkin project with your Kinder student. We took our first field trip to Pirate Pete's Pumpkin Patch. We learned about the life cycle of the pumpkin. The Kinder students tell me they have fallen in love with Sammy Seal, Mimi Mouse, Reggie Rooster, Tiggy Tiger, Benny Bear, and Nyle Noodle our Alpha Friends. They are having a hard time picking a favorite! We practiced our numbers with ten frames, teddy bear counters, played our roll and write dice game. We practiced building numbers from 6 to 10. Thank you for staying committed to the Book Wagon reading routine. The Kinder students have stayed excited about completing their Homework Packets, too. Super job, Kindergarten!

THIRD

Third grade is looking forward to Halloween! We are currently making our Frankenstein masks and practicing our Frankenstein poem and song. Look for Third grade presenting their song and poem on Halloween!

FOURTH

The fourth grade has begun preparing for "El Día de los Muertos!" We look forward to writing poems, making "calaveras de azúcar," baking "pan de muerto" and making paper "calacas" in honor of our family members and friends who have passed away. Our individual "altares/memorials" will be on display on November 1st.

SIXTH

The 6th Grade had a great time at Mendocino Adventure Ropes Course. They worked together, played together, and soared together! I was both entertained and impressed by this group. To watch them all jump from a tall redwood tree on the zipline was very cool. They showed a lot of courage and very little fear. Way to go 6th Grade!

LIBRARY

This is a reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled to begin the week of November 6th. The fair will be set-up in the auditorium. All classes are scheduled to view the book selections during their regular library time. This annual event is a main source of funding for our library, and one which our students really enjoy. Volunteers are being scheduled in two hour blocks. If you are able to volunteer some time, please call Aundrea Spencer at 621-1293 or me, Mariyln McGrew at 743-1605. Thank you to all the parents who are already scheduled.

SEPTEMBER AWARDS

Student of the Month

Blake Geimer, Cassidy Geimer, Tyson Woodall, Robby Corippo, Molly Kaluna-Jones, Skylar Taglio, Kallum Thurston, Nathan Looney, Ethan Rinehart

Principal Award

Xavier González, Noah McAvoy, Bailey Simerson, Baylor McDougall, Jacob Lunceford, Gavin Gonzalez, Kallie Groff, Alex Castagna, Elise Martinez, Rylie Barber, Julianna Jimenez

Personal Success Award

Elle Keffeler, Tristan Woodall, Natalie Rodriguez, Skyler Ostrom, Dante Giacomini, Concepción González, Abraham Kircher, Annabelle Degallier, Gisele Alvarez, Brody Fowler, Gavin Looney, Celisa Slotte, Zoe Gregory, Landon Degallier, Hudson Ford, Naomi Lunceford

Language Arts Award

Antonio Maciel-Suarez, Gavin Kornegay, Lila Markowiak, Novella Brackett, Anabella Dobson, Drake Porter, Addysen Ford-Barrera, Chelsea Hiatt, Gabriella Breen, Alyvia Dyer, Bryce Van Patten, Joanna Ford-Barrera, Cole Fowler, Cameron Hubley, Tyler Simerson, Alex Castagna, Hudson Ford, Sophia Dunicliff, Emersyn Sawyers, Kaden Thurston, Rylie Barber, Natalie Niderost

Athlete of the Month

Gage Mahan, Lucy Lunceford, Landon Degallier

Carousel of Books

Xavier González, Brody Coleman, Concepción González, Tatiana McAsey, Connor Quigley

Turn Trash into Cash

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 school year we earned \$316.70!



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.



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

- Scholastic Book Fair November 6th -10th. All proceeds go directly to our school library.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 14-17. 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.
- We will be collecting food for Plowshares through Thursday, November 16th.
- 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. Please join us for our All Saints Day school Mass on Wednesday at 8:30 am. Check out the altars in the school auditorium and the school hallways on Nov. 2.
- 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.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, Oct. 31st, we will hold our annual Halloween Carnival. The Halloween Carnival is open from 9 am -2 pm and we will have our annual Costume Parade through the halls and on the playground from 12:45 pm- 1:00 pm. 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
 No blood is allowed and no gory or grotesque masks or costumes.
 Remember: Non uniform dress code applies. No spaghetti straps or tank tops.
 Families are welcome!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Go to www.CMGConnect.org

EVERYONE MUST RE-NEW THE COURSE THIS YEAR
 IT IS A NEW COURSE

Under Diocese choose: Santa Rosa

Setup an account with a log-in and password

The required course is Safe Haven-It’s Up to You

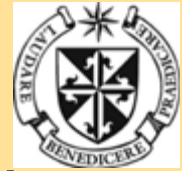
IF YOU ARE ONLY RENEWING YOUR COURSE REQUIREMENT-
 DO NOT SET UP A NEW ACCOUNT.

USE YOUR PREVIOUS LOG-IN AND PASSWORD.

IF YOU NEED HELP LOGGING IN PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.



ST. MARY of the ANGELS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dominican Corner

St. Mary of the Angels school is rooted in the Dominican tradition of study, spirituality, service and community.

These are what we call the four pillars of Dominican life. In this newsletter we will talk about the pillar of prayer/spirituality.

At the heart of Dominican Life is prayer. While we are called to share the fruits of our contemplation, private prayer has traditionally found its counterpart in common prayer, especially the Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist. It is from our prayer that all life and ministry flow.

Dominican spirituality recognizes that each person is unique and has a special relationship with God. Shaped by our own personality and giftedness, meditation and contemplation will take different forms for each person.

