



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Newsletter

Principal's Letter

Be prepared for our **Halloween Carnival and Haunted House October 30!!** Our seventh and eighth graders have created a frightening haunted house to make the bravest student scream, and have also crafted games and food booths for all to enjoy. **Families and siblings are welcome.** This is a fundraiser for the Junior High. Come in costume and be prepared to howl with delight. Student Council will be judging costumes all day long. **Come and join us after lunch for the Costume Walk on the playground.**

Many thanks to **Kristina Ford, Denise Degallier and their 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 on Monday. **Thank you to all the families and friends who supported this event that fosters good health and good fundraising!**

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!

God bless,

*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.*

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Early Dismissal Days	Nov. 11, 17-20
All Saints Mass, 5th and 6th	Nov. 1
Daylight Savings Time ends	Nov. 1
El Día de los Muertos	Nov. 2
Awards Assembly	Nov. 3
Writer's Reception	Nov. 5
Veteran's Day-No School	Nov. 11
1st Trimester Ends	Nov. 13
Kinder Thanksgiving Feast	Nov. 18-19
Parent Teacher Conferences	Nov. 17-20
Thanksgiving Mass, 8th	Nov. 20
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 23-27
Rummage Sale	Dec. 3-6
Teacher Inservice-No School	Dec. 4
Christmas Tea Brunch	Dec. 6
Christmas Program	Dec. 17

**Mardi Gras Manpower
On line sign up
Tuesday, Dec. 8**

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

**Marilyn McGrew for her
donation in memory of
Sonia Anzilotti**

**Audrey Gramke for her
donation to the music program**

**Stacy Calderone-McGrew for
the new toys in Kid's Club**

KINDERGARTEN

Our kindergarten students are making some wonderful growth. We have introduced all of the letters in the alphabet. In the following weeks, we will be reviewing sounds and names of the letters as well as how to write each letter. Students will also be sounding out words to write. Keep up the great work at home! Continue to send in your Book Wagon forms as you complete them. In math, students continue to work on numbers up to 10 as well as listing groups of objects that have more, less, and the same. Thank you for all of the help and participation with the Halloween party and festival. The students had a great time. We are looking forward to our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast and short performance as well as Parent-Teacher Conferences.

THIRD

We created spooky Frankenstein masks and are busy practicing for our annual Frankenstein song presentation for 2nd and 4th grades! We are eagerly anticipating the introduction of cursive at the end of the month.

FOURTH

The fourth grade class has been preparing for "El Día de los Muertos." We have written "diamante" poems, made "calaveras de azúcar", baked "pan de muerto" and made paper "calacas" in honor of our family members and friends who have passed away. Our individual "altares" will be on display outside the fourth grade classroom on Wednesday, October 28, and in our auditorium on Monday, November 2nd. We would also like to thank the parents that joined us for our San Francisco Solano Mission Living History field trip!

COMPUTER

6th-8th have been studying how to write a letter. They have all written several letters, some to their past selves, some to their future selves, and a few letters to different companies (Google, Facebook, 49ers, etc), telling them that they appreciate the work they are doing. As we finish up this unit, each student should be able to write a letter on their own, to whomever they like, whenever they like. We will be starting our "Internet Safety" lesson in the next few weeks, we will be learning how to use the internet in a smart and safe way. 3rd-5th are finishing up their typing masters unit. They are getting used to using all of their fingers and not just the "poking method" (just using the index fingers to type). They are becoming faster and more accurate typers. 1st-2nd have now officially transitioned into using a brand new version of Headsprouts/Raz Kids. Headsprouts encourages growth in language and reading skills. If you are interested in using Headsprouts at home, please contact me directly. Kindergarten has been learning all the different parts of the computer and the keyboard. 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.

SEPTEMBER AWARDS

Student of the Month

Jaymin Carlson, Anabella Dobson,
Sarah McGrath, Austin Ross, Faith Breen,
Alex Castagna, Rylie Barber, Emma Dolan,
Sean Coursey

Principal Award

Concepción González, Cassie Lockwood,
Gabriella Breen, Bode Gower,
Isaac Hedges, Cameron Hubley,
Angel Ortega, Caleb Ford, Kolby Thornton,
Sarah Barr

Personal Success Award

Jax Keffeler, Emma Rodrigue,
Berlin Salvadori Solverson, Clayton Skellet,
Jacob Lunceford, Dillon Augustine,
Steven Dunicliff, Alyvia Dyer,
Juan Alvarado-Mendoza, Nicholas Larson,
Luke Schat, Chase Barbieri, Elise Martinez,
Joey Passalacqua, Brayden Martinez,
Carter Duncan, Praveene Raguparan,
Sean Coursey

Language Arts Award

Delia Madrigal, Aidan Rodriguez,
Lillian Koeppel, James Rodrigue,
Shawn Harmon, Kylie Mavrakis,
Nathan Looney, Greenlee Groves,
Clarice Quigley, Scott Niderost

Athlete of the Month

Dante Giacomini, Kate Schat,
Ethan Rinehart

After School Program

Aubrey Cooper

Carousel of Books

Bailey Simerson, Addie Ross,
Delaney Kornegay, Laila McAsey,
Austin Ross

SPANISH

The children have been busy working on their masks and decorations for our El Día de los Muertos celebration. This week they will finish decorating their sugar skulls in grades 2,3,5 and 6th. Many thanks to two of our mothers, Rachel Chavez, Emilio and René’s mom, for her donation of sugar and to Rubi Alvarez, the mother of Jimena, who worked tirelessly to make 97 sugar skulls for our children to decorate. Please keep helping your children at home with their papel picado as it involves sharp scissors. Hope you will visit us on Monday, November 2nd in the auditorium during school hours. I can use parental help from each class K-6 to help.

GARDENING

October was filled with lots of pumpkins and we just can’t get enough of the beautiful squash! Fourth grade harvested the pumpkins that they planted in spring and will be roasting the pumpkins seeds, baking pies, muffins, and if we have enough pumpkins we will make pumpkin butter. All classes had a part in creating a scarecrow for Scarecrow City for the Pumpkin Fest. The theme was Peace, Love and Pumpkins. What a fun project as the K-5th grade classes created a meditating scarecrow surrounded by flowers with pictures and words of what peace and love means to them. We didn’t win but it was a fun! Thank you, Bonnie Pizarro, for the time you put into this project! Dr. Werra, who is a long time member of the Pacific Bulb Society, came in to share his knowledge of bulbs as well as plant tulip bulbs with the kindergarten and first grade classes. The children enjoyed their time with Dr. Werra and look forward to waiting for their tulips to emerge! He will also be providing bulbs to be planted in a dedicated flower bed. We look forward to learning more about bulbs! Garlic has been planted, broccoli and lettuce will be replanted soon and our cauliflower is starting to show itself! We will be harvesting our one pineapple and continue to keep an eye on the ginger. Thank you to the Dunicliff family for the new hose and the Ford family for the rain gauge. If you would like to help out in gardening or do a project with the kids we would love to have you!

**St. Mary’s School
Faculty & Staff****Pastor**

Fr. Alvin Villaruel

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, Sharon Gunther

Debbie Brutocao, Paula Mayfield,

Jill Scheller, 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

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



Information & Reminders

- Our lunch program now offers a Salad Bar!! Daily your student can choose to have salad with their meal. Some of the produce is from our wonderful garden!
- Remember there is No School on Veteran’s Day, Wednesday, November 11th. May God bless our Veterans.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 17-20. These will be early dismissal days. 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 continue to improve the safety of the parking lot behind the school. Our goal is to have all students use the cross walk between the field and the creek for the safety of the students. The small gate by Music is locked from 8 am – 8:15 am and from 3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. to prevent students from darting out in front of cars. There is no parking along the school field in order to protect against fender benders. Remember—the safest place to park is closest to the church—and it provides the fastest way to exit the parking lot. Thank you for your support of these measures.
- Volunteer sign ups for Mardi Gras will be available online at www.stmarysukiah.org on December 8th at 6:00 am. If you need help signing up Kristi Ross will be available in the school office from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m on Tuesday, December 8th. Please email any questions to kristi@ielath.com.
- Please remember to not park in the church lot across the street on Dora.
- What a wonderful season our volleyball girls 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 made it to the playoffs! And many thanks to our coaches Heather Woldemar, Sarah Lunceford and Michelle Dunncliff. Go Eagles!!
- Our next all-school service project is to gather food for the Plowshares Thanksgiving meal. We will take these items to Mass on Friday, November 20, and Fr. Alvin will bless them. After Mass Student Council will deliver the food to the Plowshares Dining Room where volunteers will prepare a delicious Thanksgiving feast for those who are hungry in Ukiah.

WISH LISTS:

Kindergarten and 2nd Grade-are asking for donations for an interactive whiteboard projector by Epson. The cost of projector with a lamp is \$1,878. We have qualified for a first time buyers price that would reduce the cost for the projector and lamp to \$1,478 if purchased before December 31st, 2015.

3rd Grade- Classroom books

The BFG by Roald Dahl (32 copies at 6.29)

The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayers’ Academy #1) by Kate McMullan (8 copies at 4.99)

4th Grade- 32 Dictionaries

Jr. High Literature- Classroom books

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (32 copies @ 7.51)

Gardening-There are a few items that we need in the garden:

Outdoor garden sink

Shovels (mini)

X-Hose Pro expandable 50 foot hose (dark green or black)

Hardware Cloth

Organic seed for spring planting (any fruit or vegetable except tomatoes)

Organic seed starting soil