



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Newsletter

Principal's Letter

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Spencer and Anzilotti families as we mourn the loss of their family member and our librarian, Sonia Anzilotti.

Ms. Anzilotti was in her fourth year as the librarian for St. Mary's School, **where she created a vibrant library space for our students and instilled in them a love of reading.** Students always knew when the light outside the library was on they could find a quiet place to read or a place to come in to play a game. **Sonia created a sanctuary in her special library. We feel blessed to have known Ms. Anzilotti, and we will miss her greatly.**

We continue to pray for the victims of the Lake County Valley Fire. **Over \$2,000 was raised by our students** this week for the Lake County Local Assistance Center via North Coast Opportunities.

Thank you to Jill Scheller and St. Mary's **Gardening classes for hosting the Garden Stand Sale**, to Robin Dolan and the **St. Mary's Seventh grade for sponsoring the Bake Sale/Spare Change** drive, and a host of talented parents and students who grew vegetables, baked goodies and emptied their piggy banks to help raise money for **Lake County victims.**

God bless

*My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive;
and to do so with some passion, some compassion,
some humor, and some style.*

Maya Angelou

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Early Dismissal Days	Oct. 14, 28
Iowa Assessments	Sept. 23-Oct. 2
Blessing of the Animals	Oct. 2
1st Trimester progress Ends	Oct. 2
Family Mass, 3rd and 4th	Oct. 4
Pumpkin Patch, k,1,2,3	Oct. 5
Parish Festival	Oct. 5-9
School Mass, 5th	Oct. 14
Harvest Run	Oct. 22
1st Quarter Ends	Oct. 23
School Mass, 6th	Oct. 28
Halloween Carnival	Oct. 30
All Saints Day, 5th and 6th	Nov. 1
El Dia de Los Muertos	Nov. 2
Veteran's Day, No School	Nov. 11
1st Trimester Ends	Nov. 13
Parent Teacher Conferences	Nov. 17-20
Thanksgiving Mass, 8th	Nov. 20
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 23-27

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

Gil and Lorena Tournour for their continuous support of St. Mary's

Savings Bank Employees for their donation in memory of John Kucz

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has gotten off to a great start. Thank you for all of the apples. We have had the chance to try typical apples and some apples that were different. We can't wait to make applesauce with all of the leftover apples. We are also excited for our first field trip. On October 5th, students will be visiting the Boonville Pumpkin Patch. For the month of October, students will be working on learning more letters and sounds and working on numbers through 10 as well as greater than and less than. The themes we will be learning about will be pumpkins, bats, and spiders.

THIRD

Third grade is off to a great start! We are currently writing narrative stories about underwater creatures. Look for our creatures and stories in the hallway soon!

FOURTH

Welcome to a "California Adventure" fourth grade year! We have been busy learning our daily schedule. The students are an enthusiastic group! We look forward to a great school year!

EIGHTH

Eighth grade is starting the year with confidence and zeal! They have decided on their 8th grade gift to the school already (3D printer) and their 8th grade sweatshirts will be the standard design with white lettering on black for the boys, and lavender on black for the girls...just in time for the cold weather! Academics are a big challenge this year with the Constitution Test, Proteus Research Paper and demanding core courses on top of 40 service hours; but this class is up to the challenge and already showing they can handle the year with ease and good natured fun.

MAY AWARDS

Student of the Month

Lucy Lunceford, Cody Mavrakis,
Kate Schat, Tyler Simerson, Emilio Chávez,
Ava Kindopp, Dimitri Tannous,
Karina Alvarado-Mendoza

Principal Award

Miguel Ramirez, Gisele Alvarez,
Aidan Rodriguez, Bode Gower,
Zoe Gregory, Angel Ortega,
Greenlee Groves, Emma Dolan,
Sean Coursey

Personal Success Award

Caleb Hubley, Connor Quigley,
Dillon Augustine, Jimmy Martin,
Austin Ross, Steven Dunncliff,
Landon Degallier, Bailey Harris, Alex Marin,
Nathan Looney, Jhoana Vogt,
Christopher Larson, Clarice Quigley,
Jimena Malfavon, Haylee Yates

Language Arts Award

Addie Ross, Brady Banks, Delia Madrigal,
Brody Ford, Eva Pintane,
Bennett Spencer, Shawn Harmon,
Isaac Hedges, Eugene Brown,
Samantha Maki,
Emersyn Sawyers, Emma Dolan,
Amanda Reardan, Morgan Clark

Athlete of the Month

Andrew Foster, Caleb Ford, Tony Tannous

After School Program

Dillon Augustine

Carousel of Books

Addie Ross, Sienna Emerson, Austin Ross,
Tyler Simerson

SPANISH

¡Regreso a la escuela! Back to School! Bienvenidos a la clase de español. During the month of September the K-2 children have been reviewing greetings, colors and numbers. Grades 3-6 have been working on Quien Soy Yo? (Who am I?) banners. The children showed much creativity in making these and learned how to describe themselves and their interests in Spanish. Come visit the Spanish room in the Junior High wing to see them. Grades 5-6 will be learning how to conjugate ar, er and ir verbs, and the irregular verbs tener, ser and estar. For fun, we have been playing a few games of “Simon dice” and Bingo. Muchas gracias to Señora Casasnovas, (friend of Michelle Dunicliff and mother of Luis, a visiting 6th grader) who came to visit the fourth and sixth graders last week. The children were able to hear a native Spanish speaker with a Castilian accent, and learned about the food and culture of Spain and Mallorca. October promises to be a busy month in preparation for “Dia de Los Muertos”. Thank you for your support.

GARDENING

Welcome to gardening! I look forward to a year of creating a beautiful garden with your children. There is so much to learn and discover in the garden, and the kids have already been very busy since school has started! They have turned over the soil in the beds, added fresh soil and planted some beautiful lettuces, red and green cabbage, kale, collards, brussel sprouts, cauliflower and strawberries. What hard workers they are! First grade class planted broccoli seed and we will be planting carrots, beets and radishes as well. A couple third grade boys helped assemble the new garden bed, planted flowers, and the fourth and fifth grade kids helped drill holes in an old pepper barrel that is now our compost bin as well as attached brackets to the beds for hoops and shade cloth that was desperately needed during the past heat spell. The kids have also been busy preparing apple pies with our school cook Kristin Myers, and making apple sauce and tomato sauce in gardening! These items were sold at the Garden Stand and there is more to come so check out the next sale coming up on 9/30 at 12:30! Throughout October we will continue to plant, build beds, learn what it takes to build healthy soil and identify the bugs that love our plants as well as plant the beautiful hanging succulent garden that was created and donated by Kristi Ross.

Thank You and Lets Get Growing!

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. 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

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

Finance

Lisa Cavalin

Secretary

Kris Scaturro, Jasmine Boek

Athletic Director

Michele Bodnar

Maintenance

Jim Werner

Development Director

Mary Golden



Information & Reminders

- Congratulations to Sean Coursey and Mr. Werner for competing in the Ukiah Triathlon! Sean’s team came in first, and Mr. Werner’s team came in third! Thank you to our sixth, seventh and eighth grade volunteers who supported the event by working at one of the hydration stations for the triathletes.
- 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!
- Our Student Council will host a Family Game Night Sept. 30 at 5:30 pm, featuring water balloons, face painting, sack races, and much more! You can also enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by our lunch chef, Kristin Myers. Thank you, Student Council, for your leadership and service!
- We started our standardized testing, the Iowa Assessment, this week and will have the results for you at our Parent/Teacher conferences in November. Thank you, parents, for scheduling appointments so students won’t miss any testing.
- We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals next Friday, Oct. 2 at 2:45 pm. Fr. Alvin will join us on the blacktop and lead us in prayer, and then the blessing of the animals with holy water will be on the field. Please join us with your student’s pet, a picture of their pet or a stuffed animal. Remember, all pets need to be either on a leash or in a cage for the safety of the people and the animals. And Fr. Alvin has one limitation—no snakes!! Please respect his wishes in this regard.
- Keep cheering for our 6th and 7th grade girls volleyball teams! The playoffs start October 12th. Go Eagles!
- We are looking forward to our Harvest Run on Thursday, October 22. Kristina Ford is organizing this fundraiser that combines health and competition. Students reach out into the community through relatives, friends and neighbors to sponsor the laps they will run or walk. Prizes will be awarded for the most laps completed and most money raised.
- And don’t forget—we have our acclaimed Halloween Carnival and Costume Contest for students at school on Friday, October 30th!
- Please remember to not park in the church lot across the street on Dora.

WISH LISTS:

4th Grade- 32 Dictionaries

Gardening-There are a few items that we need in the garden to continue our gardening adventures:

- Soil: Kellogg organic bags from Home Depot or soil in bulk from North
- American Organics in Redwood Valley 485-7947. It is about half the cost in bulk and I can pick it up and deliver to the school if needed.
 - Kid size shovels: Walmart has some!
- Two 50ft garden hoses: dark green type that shrivel up when water is turned off.
 - Wood chips: for the path
 - Rain Gauge
 - Thermometer