



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Newsletter

Principal's Letter

We are extremely proud of our amazing school where our students are **nurtured by a passionate faculty, enriched by strong, religious values and able to meet high academic standards.** This is why we are able to deliver a solid, faith-filled, Catholic education that demands academic excellence. As they graduate, we see our students leave with the tools necessary to become **leaders of competence, conscience, and compassion.** They acquire the knowledge and faith to build a more humane, just, and sustainable world. Nationwide, we celebrate this mission during **Catholic Schools Week, January 31-Feb. 5.** Student Council organizes events that celebrate St. Mary's parish, parents, students and faculty. Please join us during Catholic Schools Week and be part of our celebration.

Mardi Gras presents a Starry Night! Mardi Gras is our major fundraiser that **bridges the gap between the amount of tuition parents pay and the actual amount that it costs to educate a child.** Thank you to the dedicated group of parents who serve endless hours on the Mardi Gras board making this spectacular event happen. As a school **we are blessed to be the recipients of the generosity of the entire Ukiah Valley.**

I look forward to celebrating with all of you at Mardi Gras on February 20th and 21st. Reserve your table now while they are still available.

We are saying thank you and good bye to Fr. Alvin after 4 1/2 years. **We will miss him and wish him the best of luck at St. Francis in Sonoma-they are blessed to have him as pastor.** We are also blessed with the appointment of our new pastor, Fr. Oscar Diaz! **Fr. Oscar assumed duties as our pastor on Monday, January 25 and will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with our opening Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 31st.** We look forward to seeing Fr. Oscar on campus.

God bless,

February

Early Dismissal Days	Feb. 10, 24
CSW Mass	Jan. 31
CSW	Jan. 31-Feb.5
Awards Ceremony	Feb. 2
Writer's Reception	Feb. 4
Family Mass-3rd/4th	Feb. 7
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 10
St. Mary's Science Fair	Feb. 10-12
Stations of the Cross, 6th	Feb. 12
President's Day-No School	Feb. 15
She Thing-Ladies Only Event	Feb. 16
Chowder Feed-Gentleman Only Event	Feb. 18
Stations of the Cross, 4th	Feb. 19
Mardi Gras	Feb. 20
Mardi Gras-Carnival	Feb. 21
Kinder/2nd to Santa Rosa	Feb. 22
Wells Fargo 5th, 7th	Feb. 23
Stations of the Cross, 5th	Feb. 26
3rd Qtr Progress Ends	Feb. 26

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

Zach and Missy Schat for their donation to the third grade classroom

Angela and Gary Silver for their donations in memory of Jason Dolan and George Serban

Kevin and Angle Slater for their donation to the sports program

The anonymous donation of Dictionaries for the fourth grade classroom

The anonymous donation for new basketball uniforms

Frank and Debbie Hunter for their donation

Redwood Valley Cellars for their donation

FIRST

This month First Grade explored maps and location. We had a great experience at the theater watching Shrek Jr. at SPACE. Thank you, Senor Kircher! We learned about the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. and identified heroes in our lives.

THIRD

Third grade has been studying California Native American Tribes. Check out their shelter displays and reports in front of the third grade room!

FOURTH

The fourth graders are busy building their mission models and writing their research reports. Be sure to explore St. Mary's "El Camino Real" outside the fourth grade classroom during Catholic Schools Week.

EIGHTH

Science Fair! St. Mary's Science fair is February 10-12. Entries are required for 6th, 7th and 8th grades and encouraged for K-5th. If you are interested in being a Science Fair judge please contact Mr. Vilotti at eighth@smsukiah.org.

COMPUTERS

Eighth graders are learning how to make a budget using a spreadsheet. They have shown a great interest in their future finances and are now able to make a spreadsheet of their monthly income and expenses. Our next unit will be covering the stock market and how it works. The students will be using an online website where they can actually participate in a simulation of the stock market. 7th graders have been practicing how to Yodel! Yodeling is our public speaking unit, where the students are learning how to effectively use technology to help them speak more efficiently. We will learn how to use slideshow presentations and pictures to convey certain things to our audiences in the next month. 6th graders have begun a unit based on how to become better essay writers. This involves learning to format, what an essay consists of, and how to become better researchers. 3rd-5th graders have moved on to using Google Drive! Google Drive is a fantastic application that is a cloud based program. Students can use their Google Drive accounts anywhere where there is internet! The students have been learning how to create a Google Doc. They will be learning about fonts, colors, and more in the month to come. 1st-2nd grade has progressed through Headsprouts and are learning more difficult words and text. They now know a portion of what constitutes a keyboard. Kindergarten has been progressing through Starfall.com, listening to different word sounds, playing crossword style games, and learning to understand basic computer skills. 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.

NOVEMBER AWARDS

Student of the Month

Bailey Simerson, Joseph Collins,
Cody Mavrakis, Celisa Slotte,
Kallum Thurston, Alex Marin,
Ethan Rinehart, John Cabaniss,
Brayden Martinez

Principal Award

Tatiana McAsey, Chase Galletti,
Brody Fowler, Alice Ostrom, Zoe Gregory,
Carson Murray, Vaughn Peña, Ava Kindopp,
Angela Passalacqua, Reese Crownover

Personal Success Award

Aaliyah Harrison, Aden McMilin,
Annabelle Degallier, Abraham Kircher,
Gisele Alvarez, Hailey Lucido, Dylan Gott,
Seth Scheller, Mito Zazueta, Cole Fowler,
Hudson Ford, Griffin Johnson,
Emersyn Sawyers, Garrett Horne,
René Chavez

Language Arts Award

Emma Rodrigue, Jacob Wegesser,
Robby Corippo, Drake Porter,
Ahmya Graham, Gabriella Breen,
Jesse Myers, Hayden Maeyama,
Cannon Johnson, Kylie Mavrakis,
Alex Castagna, Elise Martinez,
Lauren Lazarevich, Carter Duncan

Athlete of the Month

Brody Ford, Angel Ortega,
Daniel Smith

After School Program

Abigail Augustine

Carousel of Books

Bailey Simerson, Robby Corippo,
Sarah McGrath, Austin Ross

GARDENING

The winter garden may not be as colorful as our summer garden but we have been busy harvesting cauliflower, kale, a few snap peas, and soon broccoli and brussels sprouts. With the heavy rains a few of the beds didn't drain quickly enough and we lost a round of carrots, leeks, and radishes, but we will replant! The fifth grade placed and filled a new garden bed and planted it with raspberries! This is a great math project as they have to figure how many cubic feet of soil are needed for a particular size bed. The other classes have been busy planting onions, transplanting kale and removing flower bulbs from the vegetable beds. We have also been talking about weather and the effects on our crops. Being in the middle of an El Niño year we have had some strange weather to talk about. Kindergarten learned about the water cycle and made water cycle bags to see how it works, and we stepped it up with the older kids and made clouds in a bottle! We need a few plants for the garden and are hoping for donations of 2 blueberry plants, purple asparagus crowns and artichoke plants.

Lenten Regulations for 2016

Ash Wednesday, February 10, marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary with no snacks. If your health is affected, this regulation does not apply.

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Lenten Reconciliation Services for 2016

The parish and the school will offer opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

Student of the Month Chase Hanelt, Kimi Dufour-Sanchez, Delaney Kornegay , Joseph Brackett, Tyler Long, Hudson Ford, Natalie Niderost, Angela Passalacqua, René Chavez
Principal Award Kennedy Wellington, Brady Banks, Chelsea Hiatt, Mia Knight, Gavin Gonzalez, Tyler Simerson, Trevor Schlafer, Nathan Looney, Rylie Barber, Sidney Castagna, Kyler Thurston

Personal Success Award Alana Mata, Ava McCarty, Andrea Jimenez, Ryan Ford, Beau David, Addysen Ford-Barrera, Bennett Spencer, Jonah Myers, Landon Degallier, Trenton Ford, Joanna Ford-Barrera, Emilio Chavez, Giancarlo Zazueta, Kolby Thornton, Dominic Anzilotti

Athlete of the Month Alekii Sandoval, Gavin Looney, Caleb Ford

After School Program Alana Mata

Carousel of Books Ryan McGrew, Addie Ross, Laila McAsey, Austin Ross

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

Librarian

Marilyn McGrew

Title 1

Carl Morgensen

Kitchen

Kristin Myers

Classroom Aides

Beth Pacheco, 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

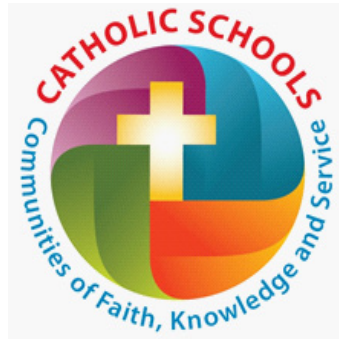
Development Director

Mary Golden



Information & Reminders

- Please remember to not park in the church lot across the street on Dora.
- Remember NO PARKING in the Mardi Gras designated spot.
- A reminder for visitors: If you plan on coming to the school at any time during the day, please make sure that you go to the office and sign in. They will give you a lanyard to wear. Please wear this so that staff in the school knows that you have signed in at the office. Anyone who is seen not wearing a badge will be asked to go back to the office to sign in. Please understand that this is for the safety of your child and others.



Sunday, January 31: 10:00 am Mass at St. Mary's Church. Please wear your school uniform, and help pass out thank you cards.

Monday, February 1: Parent Day. We will celebrate our fantastic parents with free coffee and doughnuts in the church parking lot before school. This is also Accessory Day. Students may wear their uniform with necklaces, ties, funny socks, belts, bracelets, etc. This is not a free dress day.

Tuesday, February 2: Grandparent/Special Person Day. Students are encouraged to bring their grandparents or an adult who is special to them to school for a complimentary hot lunch. Students dress in their assigned class colors. No hair color. Clothing and shoes must be school appropriate. Nail polish allowed.

Wednesday, February 3: Alumni Day. Graduates of St. Mary's School are on campus for spaghetti lunch and a basketball game against the 8th Grade. There will be an assembly and classroom visits after the game. This is also school spirit day and students may have free dress as long as they dress in green and gold (or yellow.) Clothing and shoes must be school appropriate. Nail polish allowed.

Thursday, February 4: Teacher Day. We will celebrate our incredible teachers and staff in a special way. Students dress in their favorite sports team apparel.

Friday, February 5: Student Day. Today we celebrate our students, and reward them for their personal and academic successes by letting them wear crazy clothes and crazy hair—go for it!! Clothing and shoes must be school appropriate. Nail polish allowed.