



# St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Letter

We offer all a solemn and heartfelt lenten greeting,

Ash Wednesday marks the initiation of the forty day journey through Lent, during which time we pray, fast, and give alms in remembrance of Christ's teaching, suffering, and ultimate sacrifice.

We are pleased to pray together as a school, now resuming our commemoration of the Stations of the Cross each Friday at the church, beginning March 4. Our commitment to fasting will be reflected in the cafeteria's lunch menu, as we abstain from meat on Fridays. Alms for the less fortunate are taken up in each classroom with the Koins for Kids fundraiser.

The project-based and experiential learning are all around us on campus of late. We have seen the students' hard work manifest in projects modeling California Native shelters, the Missions of the Camino Real, a splendid science fair, state floats and reports, Greek mythological figures, and field trips to the UC farm extension in Hopland. Still to come are butterfly rebirths, dinosaur models, a book fair, biomes, Read Across America week, and a musical theater performance at SPACE. It's indeed a busy March!

In lieu of Mardi Gras, we will again offer a Non-Event to help us meet the budgetary need to keep our school operating that isn't completely covered by tuition. Please see the flier attached to this newsletter, and receive our heartfelt gratitude for your selfless and generous donations of time, talent, and resources.

Early March will see the transition to our third trimester, with students' progress recorded and reported. The latter portion of the month will hopefully resemble the lamb of spring, rebirth and renewal that leads us to the promise of the Resurrection and a resounding Alleluia for the joy of the Easter season come April.

Until then, we faithfully await the joyful gladness to come bowed in reverence, sacrifice, penitence, and service. We humbly invite all of you to join us in our prayers for peace, progress, and deliverance from evil.

Blessings to all,

St. Mary's Administrative Team

## MARCH 2022

Ash Wednesday	Mar. 2
Dr. Seuss Birthday	Mar. 2
See's Easter Candy Sales Begin	Mar. 3
Stations of the Cross-6th	Mar. 4
Awards Week	Mar. 7-10
Scholastic Book Fair	Mar. 7-10
Stations of the Cross-3rd	Mar. 10
Teacher Inservice-No School	Mar. 11
St. Patrick's Day	Mar. 17
Stations of the Cross-5th	Mar. 18
Early Dismissal Day	Mar. 18
Stations of the Cross-4th	Mar. 25
See's Easter Candy Sales Ends	Mar. 25
SPACE Field Trip 1-8th	Mar. 25
Confirmation with the Bishop	Mar. 26
Spring Break	Mar. 28-Apr 1
School Resumes	April 4

See's Easter Candy Sales

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stmcs\\_st\\_marys\\_school82/candy?h=KriSca6268](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stmcs_st_marys_school82/candy?h=KriSca6268)

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

**Janet King for her donation in memory of  
Danny Dalistan and  
Anna Petersen**

**Lorena and Gil Tournour for their generous support of our school**

## KINDERGARTEN

In kindergarten, we are learning that all living things change as they grow. We read From Caterpillar to Butterfly, a book about the life cycle of a butterfly. We are currently caring for our own caterpillars as they undergo metamorphosis. Over the course of three weeks, we will observe our caterpillars eat and grow, hang upside down and form chrysalides, and emerge as Painted Lady butterflies! In language arts, we are identifying letter names and sounds, blending words, reading and writing high-frequency words, and writing sentences. In math, we are adding and subtracting within 10.

## FIRST

First graders are read, read, reading. Reading about Science-environments and the animals and plants that live in them. History- about our presidents Lincoln and Washington and Jefferson. Our Tuesday, Thursday running club is going strong! Lots of laps run and “feet’ charms to show for it- 16 laps earns a “foot’ charm. That is a lot of running!

## SECOND

This year seems to be flying by! It’s hard to believe that the month of March is upon us. I’ve enjoyed seeing all the dinosaur projects come in and I am excited to hear them presented in our class. Thank you for all your hard work and keep it up, God bless!

## THIRD

We began our study of division in Math this month! We continue to focus on multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division. Students have also been reading at their levels and taking Accelerated Reader tests to improve their fluency and comprehension. Each student has a goal that they are encouraged to meet each trimester with reading and many of our students have met their goals already! We are also looking forward to our Haiku poetry unit coming up!

## FOURTH

Fourth grade has been working hard and having fun! Together our class has read over 13,386,483 words and we applaud five of our fourth grade students as members of the Millionaire Club. Students are busy writing everything in cursive, working with long division and multi-digit multiplication, and wrapping up their study of processes that shape our planet’s landscapes including volcanoes and earthquakes. Students have completed mission research reports, studied the impact of the mission system on California’s native people, and filled our hallway with mission models. I am so proud of our student’s hard work, effort, and creativity!

## FIFTH

It’s a very exciting time to be a 5th Grader at St Mary’s! Our students are so excited to show off their amazing float projects for their State Reports. It’s truly wonderful to see all their hard work and creativity with these colorful and fun floats. We encourage all students to stop by and see these awesome floats!

## JANUARY AWARDS

### **Student of the Month**

Marina Pacheco Nascimento,  
Lucy Young, Tucker Woodall,  
Emilia Mulholland, Gage Mahan,  
Galilea Aparicio, Tatiana McAsey,  
Annabelle Degallier,  
Gracie Laurent

### **Principal Award**

Liam Greaney, Caleb Bushway,  
Shawn Orozco, Sophia Ortega,  
Blake Geimer, Mason Hildreth,  
Bailey Simerson, Caleb Hubley,  
Andrew Salas

### **Personal Success**

Evelyn Miller, Parker Hanelt,  
Maximus Rodriguez,  
Zoey Charpentier, Lexi Sublet,  
Layla Peña, Audrina Armas,  
Aiden Buenrostro, Jett Ford,  
Presley Gregg, Makai Muñoz,  
Gio Fernandes, Jack Rinehart,  
Abraham Kircher, Gracie Laurent,  
Laila McAsey

### **Language Arts**

Samara Bixler, Francis Collins,  
Mariah Wilson, Violet Dawson,  
Elle Keffeler, Brody Coleman,  
Nathalie Rabor, Elvia Schindel,  
Joseph Collins, Gracie Laurent

### **Athlete of the Month**

Jack Mulholland, Kenadie White,  
Cael Phenicie

### **Kid’s Club Award**

Maximus Rodriguez

### **Jr. Million Word**

Francis Collins

### **Million Words**

Gabrielle Hanna

**SIXTH**

In middle school English, the 6th Graders have begun their reading and detective work on the great mystery novel, The Westing Game. The 7th Graders are wrapping up their reading of The Call of the Wild, while the 8th Graders finish their reading of Johnny Tremain. The 8th Graders’ main focus right now is the Proteus Project. They have just completed their 5-page drafts, with the 10-page drafts soon to follow. All grades continue to work on grade-level grammar lessons as well.

In Algebra-1 we are currently working with Systems of Equations Word Problems. I don’t know how much the students like them, but I love ‘em, and these problems are guaranteed to make you a better reader...and thinker!

**SEVENTH**

For the month of March, 7th grade will be studying the classical world of The Renaissance and how it changed life in Europe. 6th grade will be studying the Roman World, first learning all about the Roman Republic. 8th Grade will be diving into the Jefferson Era of our New Republic Nation. For P.E., we are jumping into Nutrition! Learning all about what goes in our food and what’s the best food for our bodies. We will also be running a little bit more each day to train for the Mile! Please bring your water bottles! Go Eagles!

**EIGHTH**

St. Mary’s Science Fair was a very competitive event this year. We have some great projects from 6th, 7th and 8th grades with six of our students being invited to the county science fair on the 12th of March. Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grades are visiting the University of California Research Center in Hopland for a two hour course in fire science. The two hours are fun-filled and very instructive for our junior high students.

**MUSIC**

While it’s indeed strange not to be blazing through a Mardi Gras set this month, our music classes have been hustling and bustling with merry melodies and raucous rhythms. K-2nd are connecting the dots, identifying and exploring the links between those two foundational concepts of music making vocally, through movement, and on pitched percussion instruments. 3rd-5th are getting down to the nitty-gritty of the visual staff representation of pitch and rhythm, melody and harmony, and tempi and dynamics on orff instruments, ukuleles, and keyboards. 6-8 are taking a kitchen sink approach to arranging and orchestrating some soul, blues, and american songbook standards, familiarizing themselves with charts, lead sheets, tablature, and other simplified forms of musical composition. Be on the lookout for shared video versions of some of the magic moments in the music building!

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

Fr. Peter Reddy

**Principals**

James Caruso, Andrea Keffeler,

Sam Kircher

**Kindergarten**

Katie Carlsen

**Grade 1**

Rosemary Janiak

**Grade 2**

Julie Wilson

**Grade 3**

Dana Geimer/

Andrea Keffeler

**Grade 4**

Nicole Quigley

**Grade 5**

Jack Brown

**Grade 6**

Jim Caruso

**Grade 7**

Shannon Whetzel

**Grade 8**

Dan Vilotti

**Music**

Sam Kircher

**Spanish**

Kathy Shipley

**Gardening**

Jill Scheller

**Librarian**

Marilyn McGrew

**Computer**

Joe Selzer

**Kitchen**

Kristin Myers

**Classroom Aides**

Kenzie White, Emily Scaturro

Kathi Gower, Breanne Land

**Kid’s Club**

Joanna Trigg, Alexis Martyn

**Finance**

Lisa Cavalin

**Secretary**

Kris Scaturro

**Athletic Director**

Katie Ford

**Maintenance**

Mike Myers

**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,

**SPANISH**

During the month of February, your students watched the movie, Encanto, and learned some fun facts about the South American country of Colombia. They also enjoyed learning a little bit about the celebration of the Chinese New year, el Año del Tigre. They were excited to discover what their particular zodiac animal was, (in Spanish, of course) and learn its characteristics. Friday reward candy continued with the requirement of reciting either words or phrases. For Valentines Day, the younger grade students needed to pronounce “la Amistad” (friendship) correctly and the older students the complete sentence of “Fleiz dia del amor y la Amistad”. (Happy Day of love and friendship). The 5th and 6th graders continue to make progress in their Spanish skills workbook. Following a brief quiz on Colombia in early March, the children will learn about el Dia de San Patricio, Carneval, Cuarsemia, and will give up Friday candy for Lent. Instead they will be given treasure coins when good participation in class warrants. These are to be saved to buy special gifts and possibly a sombrero from the gift box at Easter time. We are all looking forward to la primavera! (Spring) Thank you again for your support of the Spanish program.

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A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY

**We were hoping to see everyone in person this year but, due to COVID, we will be holding a Non-Event in place of our traditional Mardi Gras. Even though we are unable to hold our annual event, your support is still needed.**

**Please see the attached flier to donate today and stay tuned for details of our on-line auction May 5-7th.**

**We need your help!! We need solicitors to help make our on-line auction successful!  
Get your parent hours by soliciting 5 business for 5 hours or 10 for 10 hours!  
Remember each family is required to donate one auction item at a value of \$50 or more.**

**Please turn in to Kristi Ross or the office by April 22nd**

**Ideas – giftcards, experiences, giftbaskets, services (hair, nails, tree work etc)**

**We are looking for a coordinator for our Spring Auction Kick Off Dinner May 5th.  
If you can help please contact Kristi Ross at 707.367.1606**