



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

Holiday greetings to all,

As we find ourselves in the "lull" between Thanksgiving and Christmas, there is so much on our minds and in our hearts during this season of reflection and anticipation.

Our Harvest Run was a smashing success, with our students outrunning and out raising our expectations. We are so thankful for the spirit of hard work and generosity on the part of all of our participants and donors.

After a Thanksgiving break that we pray was more "normal" than last year's, we wish everyone the safest of travels, and a chance to visit and share with family and friends that satisfied all of your souls. We give thanks for our many blessings with our Plowshares donations, and pray to keep our collective spirit of charity and service alive and thriving within our school and local communities.

We pray that our seventh and eighth graders have gotten the most out of their amazing opportunity to explore God's creation in the majestic Yosemite National Park, and that they've returned safe, sound, enlightened, and committed to protect and nurture the fragile planet that we call home.

As we turn the page to the season of Advent, we will light candles, burning a flame of preparation for the blessed and miraculous arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We heed the simultaneous call and promise of peace on earth to people of good will, and do our best to share that good will, bringing peace to a world rife with noise, ill will, and conflict.

We pray that all of our teachers, staff, students, and families continue to tend the flame, to bring the light of Christ to all that we do, and to prepare this next generation for a hopeful, loving, and charitable future.

Happy holidays to all, and God bless,

DECEMBER 2021

Grace Hudson Museum-4th	Dec. 2
Teacher InService -No School	Dec. 3
Holiday Bazaar	Dec. 2-4
Ice Skating Field Trip-6th	Dec. 9
Sonoma Mission Field Trip-4th	Dec. 15
Christmas Break	Dec 20-Jan 3
School Resumes	Jan 4

Please help us with our upcoming fundraisers
Holiday Bazaar
<https://auctria.events/2021HolidayBazaar>

Order your Christmas See's candy
https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stmcs_st_marys_schoolukiah40/candy?h=KriSca6268

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

**Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
for their generous donation**

**Our families and community for
donations made to our Harvest Run**

**An anonymous donation in memory
of Adele Solomon**

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is busy getting ready for Thanksgiving! We are learning about the first Thanksgiving and talking about what it means to be thankful. We are also making turkey handprints and hats! In language arts, we are blending sounds, identifying letter names and sounds, and reading and writing high-frequency words. In math, we are comparing numbers to 10 and counting, reading, and writing numbers to 20!

FIRST

First grade had a lot of fun at Harvest Run! We had two winners who outdid themselves running laps. We are beginning our third anthology out of six in our first grade reading program. We have also began using our Science books- learning about environments and plants and animals that live in those environments. And we are having fun with some Thanksgiving art projects.

SECOND

Hello second grade. It is hard to believe we are already going into the month of December. This year feels like it is flying by. We are having a wonderful time in second grade, learning so much as we go. I look forward to seeing the presentations of our Family Units that we began working on in Social Studies at the end of November. In science, we have been working on our Weather Unit. It has been quite exciting completing our daily weather calendars with all the different weather we’ve been having here in our area. Thank you for all you do and please continue to read and work on math facts at home. God bless and have a wonderful season!!!

THIRD

Lots of exciting things are happening in Third Grade! We learned about El Salvadorian crosses and then painted wooden crosses of our own in class. We also began learning cursive! We wrote state reports in Social Studies and learned about the phases of the moon with Oreo cookies in Science!

FOURTH

In Fourth grade, we have been working through the writing process in reviewing, editing and publishing our “Pet Monster” stories. We have been reading the Newbery Medal award winning historical fiction novel Island of the Blue Dolphins as a class, as well as reading fiction novels in reading groups, reading informational text in class, and working hard reading independently towards A.R. word goals! In Math we have been working with the addition and subtraction of larger whole numbers, the hows and whys behind our base ten number system, and reviewing multiplication and division facts. In Science we have been studying several wonderfully different types of ecosystems with their living and nonliving parts. In Social Studies we learned about California geography’s impact on the climate, vegetation, population, and lifestyle of Californians. We are carrying this knowledge into our study of Californian’s indigenous people. November is Indian Heritage Month and we look forward to visiting the Sun House Museum to learn more about Indigenous Californian history, culture, and lifestyle upon return from Thanksgiving break. In December we will begin our study of the California Mission system. In Religion we have been working with prayer as well as focusing on thankfulness and gratitude for the many blessings we have.

OCTOBER AWARDS

Student of the Month

Reya Malhotra, Zosia Fetzer, Rehan Mehta, Lucas Hubley, Violet Dawson, Cord Phenicie, Tyson Woodall, Caleb Hubley, Sarah McGrath

Principal Award

Landon Hildreth, Presley King, Walter Feather, Brayden Harmon, Norma Feather, Elle Keffeler, Zoey Matilton, Tatiana McAsey, Drake Porter, Laila McAsey

Personal Success

Liam Greaney, Reagan Tindall, Jeremiah Wilson, Noah Morris, Samar Bixler, Kolbrin Kornegay, William Hale, Luke Johnson, Emilia Quigley, Hunter Salas, Max Vargas, Clayton Petri, Connor Salas, Trenton Barsos, Chelsea Hiatt

Language Arts

Layla Peña, Mason Menton, Mariah Wilson, Kaylani McAsey, Gage Mahan, Cassidy Geimer, Concepción Gonzalez, Ian Sullivan, Molly Kaluna-Jones

Athlete of the Month

Samuel Trigg, Tristan Woodall

Kid’s Club Award

Lyla Estevo

Accelerated Reader Stars

Clark Dawson, Francis Collins, Samar Bixler, Jaclyn McGrath, Mason Menton, Emilia Mulholland, Elizabeth Trigg, Toby Guo, Troy Barrales, Lucas Hubley, Kaylani McAsey, Addison Campbell, Enoch Collins, Tuls Bixler, Cassidy Geimer, Max Vargas, Cord Phenicie, Gio Fernandes, Bailey Simerson, Tatiana McAsey, Connor Quigley, Joseph Collins, Sarah McGrath

Million Words

Bailey Simerson

FIFTH

It’s hard to believe that we are one-third of the way through the school year! Can you believe that it’s almost 2022?? How time flies when we’re having fun...I want to congratulate the entire class on an amazing First Trimester. We had such an amazing start to our journey, I am anxious to see what the Lord has in store for us to end the calendar year. So many great things are in-store for this wonderful group, stay tuned and God Bless...Mr. Brown

SIXTH

Middle School English:

The 6th Grade completed their reading of *The Cay*, which included assignments related to the story: making mini rafts as well as Travel Brochures to an actual Cay (tropical island) of their choice. They have now begun to read *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry. The 7th Grade completed their reading of *The Little Prince*, as well as many projects related to that classic story. The 8th Grade completed John Steinbeck’s *The Pearl*, about which they composed a five paragraph analytical essay. Additionally, the 7th and 8th graders recently read assorted works of Edgar Allan Poe, which included an Enigma Poem and a Hoax News Story. The students then wrote their own enigma poems and news hoaxes. In 8th Grade, the students are making great progress on their year-long Proteus projects, including completion of their first interviews with an expert on their chosen topics.

SEVENTH

For the month of December, 7th grade will be studying the ancient world of China. Dynasties, empires, oh my!

6th grade will be transitioning from cultural and religious India to capturing cultural China. 8th Grade will be diving into the Constitution! Studying the branches of government, Bill of Rights, and all aspects of the U.S. Constitution. Their big Constitution test will be towards the middle of January. Go Eagles!

EIGHTH

Eighth grade is excited about the week at Yosemite! Our science curriculum is focusing on chemistry for the first half of the year. We are getting to know and understand the periodic table specifically why elements are arranged in families and periods. We are also studying elemental atomic structure. In religion we are continuing our emphasis on virtues church history and the Catechism of the Catholic church.

**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

Maggie Selzer, 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,

MUSIC

As we enter the second trimester of the school year, music classes are in a solid groove! The students and I are making the most of our time together in spirit and in song. As the holidays approach, we are gearing toward Christmas themed musical selections in all classes. As we are unfortunately yet unable to perform a proper concert in the church, as is custom, we are resigned to share our Christmas talents and joy through shared video and other alternative options. Students continue to step up, shine their lights, and take on all kinds of musical challenges with panache and aplomb. Expect some earworms, if they haven’t invaded already!

SPANISH

Many thanks to all who volunteered in helping us set up and break down for el Dia de los Muertos. As a school family, we were able to share the losses in our lives, through a cheerful display of beautifully decorated altares. The fourth and fifth graders made their own individual altars using boxes, and in these displays, used many different creative ways to celebrate their deceased pets, grandparents and other family members. On November 2nd, your students were treated to chocolate mexicano donated by El Azteca and pan de muertos baked by Jose at Schats and donated by Myers Pharmacy. Thank you to the following volunteers: Moneca Vargas, Rosie Escamilla, Catrina Scott, Johanna Sagehorn, Creedance McCoy, Brittany Glendenning, Nanette Wilson, Tina Simms, Rosie Gonzalez, Danielle Pardini, Christina Lopez, Hugo Alvarez, Julie Pacheco, Jessica Howlett, Zolia Richardson, Sue Ellen and Tom Parkinson, Jule, Jack and Jacob Rinehart and Xander Dragomani. During the month of November, not only did we remember the souls departed we also gave thanks for Veterans and friends and family still present in our lives. During December, we will learn about Saint Juan Diego and how his visions of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe solidified the Catholic faith in Mexico. ¡Feliz Navidad! May our Lord continue to bless and comfort our St. Mary’s families during this Christmas Season!

St. Mary’s friends and family will be crafting lovely holiday décor which will be auctioned along with gift baskets and other donated items.

St. Mary’s School Foundation will be providing hot chocolate, champagne, Bloody Marys, brunch bites, and holiday treats for the children during the auction preview on

December 4th from 10:00am-12:00pm in the school auditorium.

Bidding Begins on December 2nd, 2021 at 5:00pm

Bidding Ends on December 4th, 2021 at 5:00pm

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BAZAAR
St. Mary’s School



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