



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

We return from the holidays to meet the mid-way point in a school year like no other.

After a quiet few months, we meet the brunt of an omicron surge that has touched every aspect of our school. As conditions and protocols change from day to day, we meet these challenges with all of the grace and fortitude we can summon. We cherish the cooperation, good will, and hard work on behalf of all of our students, staff, faculty, and families, and together pray to put these days of uncertainty, exposure, infection, and so much more safely behind us.

We look ahead to a Catholic Schools Week when we celebrate the students, teachers, volunteers, elders, and alumni for all they do to embody and promote our unique and essential Catholic identity and values. We anxiously await an overdue and welcome return to celebrate Holy Mass together, a practice central to this identity and mission to foster our students' spiritual growth.

We commit to sharing the progress of our dedicated learners as they round the corners of their current grade levels, and relish opportunities to grow and shine.

We give thanks to the Lord for His gifts of this time and place, and reach for His hand and His will to make the choices in accordance with His plan and the teachings and examples of His Son.

What a gift it is to surround ourselves with the joy, wonder, and vibrance of our students each and every day. Their resilience, positivity, curiosity, and spirit of adventure are awe-inspiring and an affirmation of our faith. We are humbled and proud to take part in their journey.

Thank you, and God bless,

FEBRUARY 2022

CSW Family Mass	Jan. 30
CSW-Comfy Day	Jan. 31
CSW-Class Colors	Feb. 1
CSW-School Spirit Day	Feb. 2
CSW-Hero Day	Feb. 3
CSW-Crazy Day	Feb. 4
St. Mary's Science Fair	Feb. 16
Presidents Weekend-No School	Feb. 18, 21
Hopland Field Station-6th	Feb. 22
Hopland Field Station-7/8th	Feb. 23



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Adele Solomon**

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is kicking off the new year with a new unit all about science! We are discussing and answering the question, “What kinds of things do scientists study?”. This week we read the book, Dear Mr. Blueberry, a book about a girl who thinks she has discovered a whale in her backyard. Like a scientist, she has many ideas and questions. She writes to her teacher for advice and learns about whales in the process. We also read the book, What Is Science?, and were excited to learn that many of the activities we enjoy are sciences! In language arts, we are identifying letter names and sounds, blending words, and reading and writing high-frequency words. In math, we are adding within 10. We are also practicing counting to 100 in preparation for the 100th day of school!

FIRST

We are learning a lot in first grade! Our current story is “Lets go to the Moon”, about the first moon landing and the astronauts who have traveled in space. We are also learning how to write about a topic in our daily journal. We have been learning about environments in science, learning about how plants and animals live together. Learning about our world is a lot of fun!

SECOND

Hello second grade families. It's hard to believe that we are already in the month of February! We are having a great year so far and plan to have a fabulous rest of our school year. Our reading and writing skills have taken off and we will begin working on our Dinosaur Projects soon. Please continue to read and work on math facts with your children at home. Thank you for all you do to support our learning in second grade!

THIRD

Third grade students didn’t skip a beat once we returned from Christmas break. Students are busy with multiplication, cursive, Native Tribe research in social studies and animal adaptations in science. Our classroom is full of camouflage butterflies from their animal adaptations study. Students are also busy writing research reports about Native Tribes in class and constructing authentic shelters at home. We are looking forward to seeing their final products very soon!

FOURTH

In Fourth grade Social Studies we have been studying the history of the Spanish Mission System in California and its impact on Native Americans. Students have been working hard researching, writing reports, and building 3 dimensional models of their assigned missions. Students also researched and wrote about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. along with writing about their own goals and resolutions for a fantastic New Year. In Earth Science we are learning about changing landscapes, rocks and fossils, and the processes that shape our Earth. In 4th grade math we are working with 2-digit multiplication fluency and polishing our mastery of multiplication facts. Fourth grade students have read over 9,538,535 words as a class. We have three students in the Millionaire’s Club and many more on their way.

NOVEMBER AWARDS

Student of the Month

Beatrice Makdisi, Grace Fontana, Everett Coughlin, Toby Guo, Kaylani McAsey, Cassidy Geimer, Jax Keffeler, Drake Porter, Molly Kaluna-Jones

Principal Award

Parker Hanelt, Lucy Young, Zoey Hanna, Lexi Sublet, Aiden Buenrostro, Tristan Woodall, Makai Munoz, Coco Gonzalez, Addie Ross, Chelsea Hiatt

Personal Success

Emberlynn Maki, Riyan Panchal, Zoey Charpentier, Jacob Rinehart, Mason Scott, Carmen Gonzalez, Gage Mahan, Kaylani McAsey, Bradyden Bushway, Ava Sublet, Mason Hildreth, Galilea Aparcio, Elvia Schindel, Jemma Apodaca, Molly Kaluna-Jones, Andrew Salas, James Martin

Language Arts

Serafina Pardini, Catherine Trigg, Maddie Dalistan, Karina Lopez, Addison Campbell, Nathalie Rabor, Cord Phenicie, Bailey Simerson, Berlin Salvadori Solverson, Chelsea Hiatt

Athlete of the Month

Dre White, Nicolas Pintane, Hailey Lucido

Kid’s Club Award

Parker Hanelt

Jr. Million Word

Clark Dawson

Million Words

Emilia Mulholland, Gage Mahan, Kaylani McAsey

FIFTH

Hello St. Mary’s! What an exciting time of the year to be a 5th Grader!! Our class is beginning the research writing assignment, the State Report. Each student selects one of the 50 States and to write a report. The report is five paragraphs and includes information about each state; general information, interesting facts and cultural celebrations. As part of the project, each student will create a float about their state to show the entire school. The floats will be on parade in February, so be sure to be on the lookout!

SIXTH

In Middle School English classes, the 6th Grade is finishing up their reading of Lois Lowery’s Number The Stars and beginning to learn more about punctuation marks and their usage. 7th Grade is in the middle of Jack London’s The Call of the Wild and are keeping diaries of their own expeditions into the Klondike in search of gold. The 8th Grade is reading Esther Forbes’ Johnny Tremain, just completed a unit on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech, and are now beginning to write their Proteus Project papers. All of the students are continually improving as writers, and turn in some really exceptional works.

SEVENTH

For the month of February, 7th grade will be studying the medieval world of Europe! We are diving deep in the geography and people of Medieval Europe. 6th grade will be studying ancient Greece, learning all about democracy and Greek gods. 8th Grade will be wrapping up the Constitution! Studying hard and preparing for the Constitution Test in the beginning of February. Then 8th Grade will be continuing to learn about our nation and how it grew. 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

This month 8th grade physical science will be finishing our study of chemistry and moving into physics. 8th grade Religion will continue to study early church history. On February 22nd and 23rd junior high will be visiting the Hopland Research center(6th on the 22nd and the 7th/8th on the 23rd) for a presentation on fire science. A reminder- St. Mary’s Science Fair will be February 16th!

**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 3Dana 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,

MUSIC

Some of the highlights since our return from the break include creating “soundscapes” to accompany narratives, identifying and classifying orchestra instruments, naming pitches from the staff, 12 bar blues with original lyrics and improvised accompaniment, compound meter and “doo-wop” chord progressions, the prominent role of music in the civil rights movement, Bach, the Beatles, James Brown, and Bill Withers. There’s never a dull moment in the busy music building!

SPANISH

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! To close out the Christmas season, each K-6 class was treated to a Rosca de Reyes. This tradition is associated with the celebration of El Día de Los Tres Reyes Magos (Three Kings Day) on January 6th. A delicious pan dulce cake, decorated and shaped to resemble a King’s Crown, was cut into and shared. The tradition is that whoever gets the plastic baby Jesus is responsible for a tamales party on February 2nd, for the feast of the Candelaria. At school, the students were excited to find out who (there were three in each Rosca) would find the baby Jesus in their piece. It was truly a fun day! Don’t worry if your child received one.... No Tamales required!! As many students saw the Disney movie “Encanto” during the Christmas break, it seemed like a good time to do a cultural study of the country of Colombia. Your student will learn many fun facts about this South American Country. We will be reading about the Madrigal family in the movie and the gifts each character possessed. As soon as the movie is released on DVD we will be watching it at school together. The fifth graders will be starting to study Spanish in greater detail with their new workbooks. The sixth graders are continuing to build on their knowledge of Spanish grammar. The younger grade students are continuing to improve in their pronunciation and memorization, in Spanish, of colors, numbers, months, weather, days of the week and their age through songs and recitation. Thank you for your support of our Spanish program!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
CLASS COLORS ,TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

- KINDERGARTEN- GREEN**
- 1ST GRADE- BLUE**
- 2ND GRADE-PINK**
- 3RD GRADE-CAMO**
- 4TH GRADE-ORANGE**
- 5TH GRADE-PURPLE**
- 6TH GRADE-NEON**
- 7TH GRADE-WHITE**
- 8TH GRADE-BLACK**



ST. MARY of the ANGELS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DECEMBER AWARDS

Student of the Month

Reagan Tindall, Zosia Fetzer, Catherine Trigg, Robert Fetzer, Enoch Collins, Nathalie Rabor, Coco Gonzalez, Abraham Kircher, James Martin

Principal Award

Axel Fontana, Vanessa Lopez, Lyla Estevo, Benson Zhao, Ryder McMenomey, Hunter Salas, Dante Giacomini, Joseph Collins, Delaney Kornegay

Personal Success

Victoria Gonzalez, Reese Pool, Jaxon Maeyama, Maximus Rodriguez, Francis Collins, Audrey McCarty, Aurora Griffith-Johnson, Troy Barrales, Mattix Scott, Xander Dragomani, Andrew Hanna, Skylar Marston, Gwyn Furey, Stella-Brooke Spencer, Berlin Salvadori Solverson, Andrew Salas, Sarah McGrath

Language Arts

Samuel Trigg, Jaclyn McGrath, Rehan Mehta, Elizabeth Trigg, Kenadie White, Gabrielle Hanna, Emilia Quigley, Tulsi Bixler, Jax Keffeler, Rohan Halady, Laila McAsey

Athlete of the Month

Ibrahim Zeidan, Junior Gonzalez, Dylan Morris

Kid’s Club Award

Beatrice Makdisi

Million Words

Enoch Collins, Tulsi Bixler, Coco Gonzalez, Sarah McGrath