

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



AUGUST EVENTS

- 5 STAFF RETURNS
- 8 BACK-2-SCHOOL NIGHT
- 12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOK PREK, 1ST GRADE THROUGH 8TH GRADE
- 15 FIRST DAY KINDERGARTEN
- 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY
- 15 FIRST SCHOOL MASS
- 16-18 OLB FIESTA BOOTH
- 19 STAR TESTING BEGINS
- 30 1:00 DISMISSAL



Pastor: Rev. John Kimani
Principal: Melanie S. Chavez

AUGUST 2024

FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS!



Last year, St. Mary's successfully implemented the Universal Free Lunch Program, providing free lunch to all our students. This year, we're excited to expand our offerings by also providing free breakfast to every student. Students enjoy a variety of delicious meals, including eggs and sausage, blueberry waffles, French toast sticks, fruits and more. When asked, many students shared that not only are the meals tasty, but the breakfast time also gives them a chance to sit down and catch up with friends before school starts.

First Day of School

The halls buzzed with a mix of excitement and nervousness on the first day of school. However, students quickly settled into their routines, discovering new friends and meeting some new teachers who had joined our school. This year, students will focus on charity under the theme of community. Each class has been assigned a saint and a corresponding virtue, and starting in September, they will be responsible for educating the rest of the school about their saint and virtue. Our eighth grade class will be the first to do so each morning.



2024-2024 THEME:

We are **BLESSED!**

Brave, Loved, Enthusiastic, Spirited, Studious, Empowered, Disciples

2024-2025 SCRIPTURE:

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD let his face shine on you; the LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

WELCOME

We want to welcome the following teachers to our St. Mary's family: Ms. McCabe (music), Mr. Albers (5th), Mr. Fraschilla (K). We want to welcome back to our staff the following teachers: Ms. Solis (PE), Mr. Martinez (4th), Ms. Toledo (cook), Ms. Baca (art). We are all eager to begin this new school year alongside our new and returning staff members, embracing a positive outlook for the year ahead. "...with GOD all things are possible." Matthew 19:26.

FIESTA PARADE

On August 17, students had the chance to earn a free dress day by participating in the Fiesta Parade on our school float. Ms. Torres, our 2nd-grade teacher, organized the float, allowing students to showcase their Roadrunner pride and toss candy to the crowd. It was a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved!



Did You Know?

Catholic School students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world. They learn to recognize the "footprints of God" in their daily experiences, especially in the midst of life's challenges. They develop a sense of "sacramental awareness". They see the signs of God's love around them, and become instruments of God's grace in their own neighborhoods, communities and the world. In an incarnational view of the world, there is no such thing as a secular subject as all learning helps to develop and bring to full bloom that image of God that is in each person.

A BEAUTIFUL FIRST SCHOOL MASS

Our first school Mass coincided with the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our new eighth graders did an outstanding job, not only proclaiming the Word of the Lord but also serving at the altar, presenting the gifts, and participating in our new choir. It was a beautiful way to start the school year.



FALL FEST TICKETS

Join us for our 40th Annual Fall Fest on October 19, 2024, at B-Events (formerly The Elks Lodge). The evening will feature dinner, dancing, and a live auction. Tickets are now available at the school—call (505) 864-0484 to purchase your ticket for a chance to win \$10,000! With only 600 tickets available, don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to win BIG!



Have you ever thought about "gifting" your child or grandchild a Catholic education? St. Mary's has limited space available. Call the school today for more information!

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and St. Mary's school comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by providing access for the review of the management Plan at the school. The plan is kept in the principal's office and is updated as various situations develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the principal to review the materials. Any questions may be directed to the Executive Director at ASF



St. Mary's Catholic School prepares students to be leaders in worship, work, and the world through Roman Catholic teachings, rigorous academics and service to others.

