

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



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Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel
Principal: Melodie Good



APRIL 2019

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT AND NEW ST. MARY'S STUDENTS

There are many ways available to help parents who want their child to have a Catholic education. The Archdiocese has at least 4 scholarship funds that give help to families in need of financial assistance. The students must be registered at a Catholic school and complete the online application. St. Mary's also has financial assistance available for families who complete the application. Last year St. Mary's received the coveted Kremer Foundation grant that will continue again in the coming year. This is solely for tuition assistance. Come to the school office and ask about our applications. We are saving a seat for your child.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Practice has begun. Every Lenten season the eighth grade class presents their representation of the living stations of the cross. This moving portrayal of Jesus' passion and death will take place on Friday, April 12th at 2 PM for the students and after the 5 PM Mass for the public. San Clemente Religious Education students will see it Monday April 8th.



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MISSION TO MARS



Mars habitats built by students from all over New Mexico

Fifth grade students have spent the last several months learning about Mars for their link up scheduled on May 10th at the Convention Center. During Mission to Mars, the students took what they learned and simulated a visit to Mars. They work in teams to build suitable habitats and life support systems and will give technical briefings about their systems to Air Force Research Lab scientists and engineers.

ST. MARY'S WISHES EVERYONE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!



Congratulations to Justin Pemble for competing in the State Geography Bee.



Elementary Sports First through 4th graders are continuing their sports participation. They are in the middle of basketball season . The elementary sports program has been wildly successful this year with more than 70 kids participating.



We have received almost \$1000 in donations from your purchases from Amazon. Select St. Mary's for your charity.

STEM TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO

On April 9th parents of next year's 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend a parent meeting for a June 1st-6th of 2020 STEM trip to San Francisco. This 6 day action-packed journey is filled with adventure on a tour through California's San Francisco area highlighting Science and Technology. Students will take a cable car ride, walk on Yosemite's scenic trails, embark on a cosmic voyage and get a firsthand look at an 11-pound lobster. They will also visit a world-famous interactive science museum to explore the more than 650 hands-on exhibits, which cover topics from the human body to outer space! They will learn science and technology in amazing new ways. The trip will also be open to parents who want to accompany science teacher Alexandra Carrillo. Check out the opportunities for your students.



FAITH CHALLENGE BOWL



St. Mary's students will be competing with other Archdiocesan schools to win the top honor. The focus this year is on women of the Bible noting the Marian references. The contest takes place on April 26th .

FOCUS ON MS LANGUAGE ARTS

Seventh grade is reading a memoir, *Farewell to Manzanar*, which focuses on a World War II community called Manzanar, a California Japanese Internment Camp. They are researching and writing an informative essay that focuses on the hardships of these camps during World War II. Sixth Grade is reading the epic poem, *The Odyssey* by Homer. *The Odyssey* is a monomyth (a myth about one hero's journey). Students have been working extremely hard writing original monomyths, which follow Matthew Winkler's theory of *The Hero's Journey*. Along with writing their narratives, 6th graders are creating their own illustrations for their narrative and a PowerPoint presentation to present to the class. Eighth grade is reading, transcribing and acting out William Shakespeare's famous comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Students will be busy the next 5 weeks reading the play, re-writing the script into modern English, and then presenting the play to the school - along with designing the costumes and set! This fun and rigorous module will end with students writing an extensive annotated bibliography and research paper, which will be their last project in Language Arts as 8th graders at St. Mary's! We hope they enjoy their endeavor with Shakespeare's classic work.

