

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher inservice	7
Students return	8
St. Pius test	15
Robotics begins	15
Girls Who Code	15
Early Release	18
Spirit Store	18
3rd gr. Parent Mtg	20
No School (MLK)	21
School Mass Kick off	27
5K Fun Run /Walk	27

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 27- Feb.1st

Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel
Principal: Melodie Good



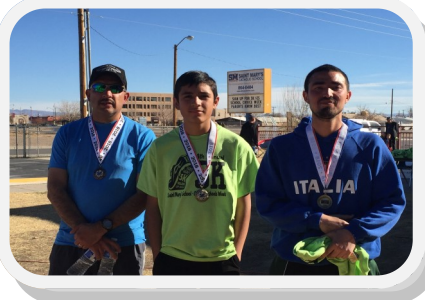
JANUARY 2019

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2019

The 2019 Celebration for Catholic Schools Kicks off across America on January 27th. The week at St. Mary's will be filled with daily student, parent and staff activities designed to recognize those who love Catholic schools and appreciate the benefits of small schools with BIG returns—both spiritually and academically. St. Mary's will begin with students proclaiming the liturgy at the 10 AM Mass on the 27th, followed at 1 PM by a 5K Fun Run-Walk that begins at the school. Each day is designated for a special event. Parents will be treated to prayer and pastries; students will have an afternoon of minute to win it games, and staff will be honored by the SMPA with a steak luncheon. There will also be a service project in which all students will participate. A schedule will be posted soon.



educating mind ♥ heart ♥ spirit



Last year's men and women 5-K winners.



REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR 2019-20

Beginning in February, current families will be reenrolling for the next school year. Information will be available on our website as well as on our student management system, MSP. Students currently enrolled will register first then later in February enrollment for new students will open. St. Mary's offers a good balance between academic and religious instruction. Strong academics include our focus on STREAM activities like Makerspace and coding, and our deep dive critical thinking strategies in language arts. Older students have a choice of different classical languages to pursue and cursive writing and phonics are still a focus of our elementary students. We offer an environment where everyone is welcome and we emphasize community service and volunteerism. Like all Catholic schools, St. Mary's creates good local community and global citizens.



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OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 27TH FROM 11AM TO 2 PM

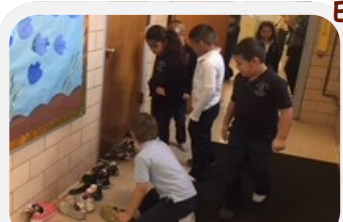
Ms. Megan Morgan-Cordova is One of the best teachers in Valencia County for 2018.



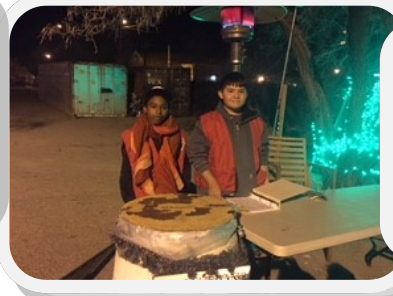
Students participate in a Myriad of Christmas Activities



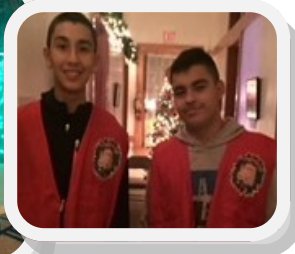
The fifth graders wowed the large crowd at the Christmas program with their black light dance while upper classmen told the Christmas story.



St. Nicholas Day was a hit with kindergarteners whose shoes were filled with goodies.



Eighth Graders hosted a night at the Harvey House.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

I LOVE THIS SCHOOL



Morning Prayer during Advent always begins with the lighting of the Advent Wreath in the main hall at school. These 5th graders led us in song and prayer.

Top 10 Reasons St. Mary's is a great school

10. Buddies
9. Small Classes
8. Duo Lingo
7. Morning Prayer
6. School wide athletics
5. All teachers know YOU.
4. Mass Wednesday
3. Community Service
2. Chess, 4-H, coding
1. Goes through 8th grade

(as determined by 7th graders and not necessarily in that order)

WINTER SPORTS AROUND

Middle school boys' basketball is in full swing in January. This season we have three teams that will compete in the APIAL league. Coaches Mark Garcia and Chris Sanchez will be teaching skills and motivating the boys to be "all in." Elementary students are now signing up for soccer. The season begins at the end of January.

MID YEAR STAR ASSESSMENTS SHOW SIGNIFICANT SEMESTER GAINS

Test scores show that the new math and language arts programs being used at St. Mary's this year are offering new opportunities for learning. The deep dive into literature, critical thinking, and writing are all showing positive student gains. More exposure early on to number sense in math is providing a better understanding of mathematical concepts in primary grades. We are excited for our future.

NEW DAYS FOR GIRLS WHO CODE AND ROBOTICS

Mrs. Shaughnessy will be moving Coding to Tuesday evenings for the semester. It will begin after school. Prof. Price from NM Tech will also move robotics to Tuesdays after school. Both programs end at 4:30.

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At Saint Mary's School, we are committed to the growth of our Catholic identity, academic potential, and community involvement.

