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Saint Mary's Catholic School Belen, N.M

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

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Coming Soon to Saint Mary's! Lab Learner Science

It's hard to contain our excitement. With the help of some private donors and our Annual Fall Fest, St. Mary's will be the home of a fantastic new lab science program. An undeniably high concentration of LabLearner schools have achieved the Blue Ribbon Award, cited as the "the highest honor a school can achieve," from the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, many STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) schools report that they've attained their STEM status through the proven LabLearner systems. PreK through 8th grade will be using their new science lab, jackets, and equipment next year.



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**The Bird Word
Monthly Newsletter**

Saint Mary's Prepares to send 17 students on their way!

On May 25th seventeen 8th graders will say good-bye to St Mary's. Mass will begin at 5:30 PM and a reception for families will follow at Fat Sats immediately after. Students will be attending a variety of schools next fall. Going to Saint Pius are Kaeley Chavez, Caleb Baca, Clay Carrete, and Ryan Whiteman. Damian Lopez and Adrian Trujillo will be headed to Valencia HS. Kade Benavidez is attending Los Lunas HS. Ethan Trujillo has selected School of Dreams. Albuquerque Academy is getting Alia Rodriguez. New Belen Eagles are Patrick Castillo, Emilio Carrejo, Jacob Orris, Edward Sanchez, Bishop Cervantes, Andrew Foster, Darren Romero, and Adrian Maez. We wish are newest Alum the blessings of a wonderful future.

Distinguished Disciples will be honored in Old Town



Aileen Littlejohn

Mrs. Littlejohn has tutored our students for the past four years. She is a retired reading specialist and has voluntarily helped many struggling students to become successful readers. Mrs. Littlejohn's husband Ernie is her childhood sweetheart. She's the bomb!

Kade Benavidez

The 8th graders most all agreed that Kade has the most qualities of a disciple. Kade is kind to everyone and is never involved in any drama. He is also very respectful to adults. We will all miss Kade next year! Kade is the son of Kevin and Juliette Romero-Benavidez.



Saint Mary's teachers are the best by far! Happy Teachers Day May 3rd



Happy Educators' Week

May 2nd through 6th is set aside to recognize all educators. Saint Mary's proudly salutes our wonderful teachers who give their time, treasure, and talent for our students. Teachers will be treated to a catered lunch to celebrate on Tuesday, May 3rd.

The kinder through 8th grade summer reading lists are posted on Sycamore and will be on the website soon



Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.



Pre K on the way to the library

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