

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAY 2019

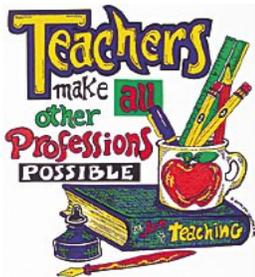
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ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 2019



Seventeen 8th graders will be leaving St. Mary's on May 22nd. Amelia Griego, Miguel Medrano, Elijah Sisneros, Aidan Garcia, Adriano Garcia, Kevin Mendoza, Marcus Rimorin, Isabella Sisneros, Savannah Jiron, Ceaira Esquibel, Aaron Torres, Andrew Garcia, Diego Sanchez, Luke Garcia, Garin Cervantes, Judah Rodrigues, and David Castillo. Good Luck!

Four of our 8th graders are registered for St. Pius, one will go to Los Lunas High School and 12 will go to Belen High School.



ONE OF A KIND STEM OPPORTUNITY FOR ST. MARY'S GIRLS

National Teachers Day May 7th
National Education Week 6th-10th

Dr. Debra Martin, Professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, was awarded a grant of \$6700 from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for this summer's excavation project that will involve 5th - 8th grade girls from St. Mary's Catholic School in Belen, New Mexico, as part of a collaborative STEM initiative between St. Mary's, UNLV, UMass and Hampshire College. The excavation, preservation and conservation of the Nuestra Señora de Belen historic mission site is being conducted with the appropriate approvals from the town as well as the NM Historic Preservation Division. Involving grade school girls in the excavation and analysis of the findings will provide them with archaeological skills and hands-on experience in "doing" field and lab science, and it will also connect them with their town's history as they discover artifacts and learn how to analyze and interpret what they find. The girls will receive a dig kit and spend a day on the site in full participation with the archeologists. St. Mary's would like to open this opportunity up to other parish girls who will be in 5th -8th grade next school year. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact the school as soon as possible to get on a list.



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WE HAVE KINDERGARTEN OPENINGS FOR 2019-20



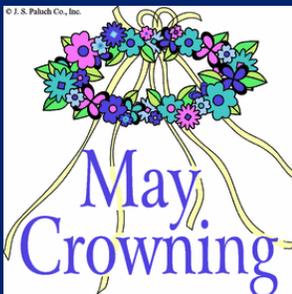
Winners in the Catholic Daughters Essay, poetry and art contests.



Battle of the Books 2019



2019 First Communicants



Students who will be crowning Mary this year are 8th graders Judah Rodriques and Amelia Griego. Their kindergarten attendants are Annie Sweeney and Samuel Gallegos.

2019 DISTINGUISHED DISCIPLES



Sarah Foster

Sarah Foster is our student Distinguished Disciple and Ms. Susie Armijo is our Adult Disciple. They were selected by the staff at St. Mary's to represent outstanding character and faith filled qualities. They were honored by the Archdiocese on April 26th.



Susie Armijo

St. Mary's: a tradition of Excellence!



Samantha Moves On to St. Louis!!
Samantha Jaramillo will be heading to St. Louis, Mo. this July to compete in the National Optimists Oratorical contest. She won't be going empty handed. She won the state contest in Elephant Butte last week. With that she received a \$2500 scholarship! Samantha is a 7th grader and the daughter of Fred and Deanna Jaramillo. She competed against high school seniors to win this award.

May 6-10 is National Education Week

Teachers across the country as well as those at St. Mary's will be celebrated during National Education Week. In appreciation of their ministry they will be treated to a head and shoulder massage, a catered lunch and daily tokens of appreciation. Our schools serve both the faith community and society by educating children to contribute to the common good by becoming active and caring members of the communities, cities, and nation in which they live. Catholic school teachers sacrifice higher pay and benefits to ensure that our children have a choice of a faith filled school. They work to stimulate the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding, and the thoughtful formulation of worthy goals. St. Mary's teachers are AWESOME!

