

The Bird Word



Saint Mary's Catholic School



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Guided by Catholic traditions and values, Saint Mary's prepares students for the future and for eternity.

Important Events

- All Saints Day 1st
- Awards Assembly 1st
- Early Release 8th
- Spelling Bee 15th
- Picture retakes 19th
- Fall sport pictures 19th
- Culinary Arts Café 20th
- Family Thanksgiving
- Lunch/early release 22nd
- TG Break 27-29th

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Kade Benavidez was chosen by his peers as the student of the month. Students chose Kade because he always makes good decisions -even when being pressured by others. He is a true leader.

Volunteers Put the Pizzazz in the Fall Fest!

Saint Mary's couldn't do what it does without the hard work and dedication of the parents. Each year the parents work to chair fundraisers for the benefit of the students. They help to raise 12% of the operational budget. This year co-chairs Renee Chavez and Melanie Chavez were responsible for coming up with some new ideas to make the 29th annual Fall Fest a big success. The event offered a new basket raffle this year along with some interesting live auction items that were donated for that purpose. Julie Sanchez, Belinda Maez, and Carmie Carrejo were in charge of the silent auction. We had several more items of greater value than in previous years. Monica Orris, Michelle Sanchez, Amy Garcia and Jasmine Baca worked on the logistics of the auction boards and tickets sales. Rosa Pemble helped Renee by soliciting several new cooperate sponsors. On the night of the event, the new Parish Hall was packed with former Saint Mary's students, friends, and members of the community who were looking for some good, family fun!

The Saint Mary's Staff is thankful for many blessings!



Moore Family Grand Prize Winners!

After many years of buying and selling Saint Mary's Fall Fest tickets, the Moore Family finally had the winning ticket. The last ticket was drawn shortly after midnight on the 26th. The remaining crowd let out a wild cheer for the winner, Gary Moore and his wife Evelyn. Fall Fest co-chairs, Renee Chavez and Melanie Chavez, were on hand to congratulate the winner. Gary will also receive the incentive for selling the most tickets. This was the 29th year of the fund raiser.

Saint Mary's Parents Association News

Your St. Mary's Parents Association is in full swing planning and coordinating events for our school families. The Planetarium Potluck Night was a huge success! We had a great turnout of families that had the opportunity to experience the planetarium as well as enjoy the company of other families and great food.

On Friday, November 1st the SMPA will hold our 1st Quarter Awards Assembly to recognize academic excellence, perfect attendance and sportsmanship among our students. All families are welcome to attend this ceremony in our new gymnasium!

We have some exciting events planned for the next few months and are in the process of getting our committees together so they can start planning and coordinating! Our next big event is the Christmas Shop that will be held on Thursday, December 12th in our school. Students will have the opportunity to buy gifts for their family and friends that range from \$0.25 to \$5.00. This event has been a huge success in the years past and we hope to make this year's bigger and better!

We are also planning a Mother Daughter Event in February and a Father Son event in the spring. Please join us for our next planning meeting on **Wednesday, November 6th** at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome, including your children, come by and see what we are all about!

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and Saint 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 Management Plan is kept in the principal's office and will be updated as various situations develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the Principal of SMS to review the materials. Any questions may be directed to the Principal at the school or to the Executive Director of General Services at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Priesthood Sunday Celebrated by Students

Classes at Saint Mary's held a celebration in the gym last week honoring Father Steve and Father Malachy. Each class presented the priests with a song, prayer or skit after Mrs. Good explained the reason for celebrating the Priesthood. Student Council president, Jasmine Day, also spoke at Sunday Mass in honor of the priests.

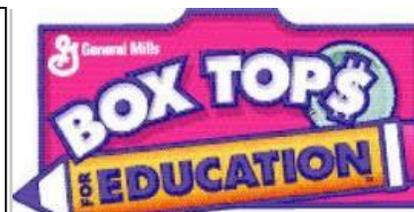
Paid registrations for Thanksgiving lunch due by 20th.

Third Grade first reconciliation is Nov. 4th.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!

Fall Fest winners posted on www.stmarysbelen.com

Are you saving your boxtops for us? We earned \$340 in September for our boxtops.



Fall Sports in Full Swing

Saint Mary's may be the home of the next champion golfer! Sixth grader, Jacob Lucero, took the top honors of all middle school golfers at the UNM North APIAL golf tournament. Being one of the youngest golfers on the course that day, winning overall was quite a feat for Jacob.

Varsity Volley Ball girls took second place in the league in the October tournament. Junior Varsity made it to the second bracket. We are proud of all our girls.

Girls' basketball begins this week with nine girls playing on the varsity team. Abigayle Sanchez, Monique Aragon, Mandi Koester, Kamryn Duenas, Lorena Baldonado, Isabella Sais, Kaitlyn Cordova, Olivia Montoya, and Kaeley Chavez.