



November Edition
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Saint Mary's Catholic School Belen, NM

Guided by Catholic traditions and values, the mission of Saint Mary's Catholic school is to prepare our students for the future and for eternity.

SAINT MARY'S WILL CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY WITH PROGRAM

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Consultative Council 2nd
- Veteran's Day Assembly 11th
- Consult. Cncl Training 15th
- Book Fair 17-21st
- Thanksgiving luncheon 21st
- Early Dismissal 1PM 21st
- Thanksgiving Break 26th-28th

If you are a veteran, we are looking for you. Saint Mary's students will be hosting a Veteran's Day assembly to reflect and honor our citizens who have served in the armed forces. Everyone is welcome to participate with us to honor our veterans. We will have some featured speakers and musical entertainment from the choir. We are hoping that many of our veterans will fill the gymnasium that day and be honored by the students of Saint Mary's.



Congratulations to our \$10,000 winners!
The Smith Family!



Many thanks to the hard working committee volunteers who made the Fall Fest such a fun and financially successful event for Saint Mary's: Chairmen: Julie Sanchez and Chris Smith, -members: Amy and Mark Garcia, Dell and Alva Olmstead, Rosa Pemble, Missy Sanchez, Jasmine Baca, Belinda Maez, Carmie Carrejo and many others who helped out over the year.



Thank you to the community of Belen for a great Fall Fest!

Our 30th Annual Fall Fest exceeded all of our expectations. The switch to the digital format went off like a dream and the auction revenue showed a big increase over last year. The dinner

line outside was a long one after Mass, but the wait was worth it for the fabulous roast beef that awaited diners. There were more quality silent auction items than ever before and the class baskets were awesome.

The committee who put this event together worked for an entire year getting sponsors, food donations and setting up the new digital program—but we couldn't have done it without our great community. THANK YOU!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner is the 21st of November. The deadline to register is Nov. 19th. Mr. Schmock and Ms. Padilla have been collecting art pieces for the art show and the Book Fair will also be going on at that time. Ms. Armijo in the cafeteria has been planning the traditional dinner and getting everything ready to welcome all the families to share in this annual Saint Mary's tradition. Register soon. Family members are \$6.00 each.

The Bird Word Monthly Newsletter

SAINT MARY'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

St. Mary's Parents Association is gearing up for our annual Christmas Shop on December 11th! All students will be given the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their family and friends that will cost between \$0.25 - \$5.00, our parent elves will help them find the perfect gifts, wrap, tag and deliver them back to the students so they are ready to go for Christmas! This has been a wonderful event in the years past and it gets bigger and better every year. As you are getting your own home ready for the holidays and would like to donate items, you can start sending them with your child to the office. We will need lots of help for this event and it is one of the best events here at St. Mary's! We have several names already on our committee list and will also be utilizing www.signupgenius.com to organize our volunteers and time slots. Stay tuned for more information! SMPA recently recognized our students during an awards assembly for honor roll, perfect attendance, reading and sportsmanship. Keep up the good work! Our next SMPA meeting will be held Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. Please join us to discuss and plan for Christmas Shop, Catholic Schools Week and many more upcoming events. We hope to see you there!

Strong Families Are Gifts From God

I recently became aware of the website strong-catholicfamilies.org. This is an initiative in our country to look at more effective ways to pass on the faith to the next generation.

The Strong Catholic Families events are designed to: Motivate parents to embrace the responsibility for the faith growth of their children and family as a domestic church-And motivate parishes/schools to support and equip parents and families in passing the faith onto their children and deepening the practice of faith within their homes. How can Saint Mary's help our families build a domestic church? Check out this website.



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.

Saint Mary's Wish List

Outside benches for the playground

Desert Willow trees

Long jump ropes



Saint Mary's new cross country team surprised everyone in the APIAL league in October by coming in runner-up for the fall season. The comments coming from bystanders were "where did this team come from?" This team came from Saint Mary's Belen—home of the Roadrunners!

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