

# The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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## CALLING ALL VETERANS!!

St. Mary's is proud to honor our local veterans with a program on Friday, November 10th. We are inviting all veterans to Our Lady of Belen, Parish Center at 9 AM on the 10th so that the students can honor them with songs, prayers, and favors. Each year St. Mary's students invite their friends and families to join us for this opportunity to say thank you to our veterans. St. Mary's choir will be performing traditional patriotic songs and we will have Judge John Chavez as our featured speaker. If you are a veteran., we want you to come celebrate your service to our great country with our school.

## COME TO OUR FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Monday the 6th we will start taking reservations for our annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner. The cost is \$6.00 for each adult and \$3.00 for siblings. Susie will be cooking up our turkey dinner with her super pumpkin cake to finish things off. Don't miss out on this fun event followed by our **Fall Book Fair.**

## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT FALL FEST

This year, like the past 35 others, was a successful Fall Fest for our school. Our grand prize winner was Mr. Joey Cordova, who sadly passed away before we could present him with his winnings. It is our hope that in this time of great sadness, the prize money will be a blessing to his family. There were many other money winners as well as winners of some great prizes both through the live auction and the basket raffle. The students at St. Mary's school will benefit from Fall Fest with an upgrade in technology at the school.

The work of organizing our Fall Fest each year is a daunting task. This year Ms. Aneile Cummins and Ms. Samantha Satriana co-chaired our event. Without their months of effort finding sponsors, working on decorations and gathering prizes, our Fall Fest would not meet our financial goals. The students and staff greatly appreciate our volunteers and thank Ms. Cummins and Ms. Satriana for their work.

God's most abundant blessings on your Thanksgiving!



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Don't miss a chance to join St. Mary's Boy Scout Troup 1752. We are looking for new members grades 1st and up. Contact the school for more information.



Michael and June Romero were the lucky winners of our ATV. Thank you., Romeros, for supporting St. Mary's.

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## Family Bowling Night

Register now for the Family Bowling Night at Isleta Fun Center. On November 16th all families are invited to come out for two bowling games with shoes included for \$10.00. per person. Please purchase tickets in the office before the 15th of November. Several families participated last spring and had a great time. We are doing it again in hopes more families will want to share in a fun and inexpensive night .

## Advent Retreat

The entire school will prepare for the coming of Christ with our Advent Retreat on November 29th. The regular school schedule is suspended for the day and we invite guest speakers in for a day of prayer and inspiration. This year Advent begins December 3rd which is the 4th Sunday before Christmas.. Purple is the color for Advent. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his first Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his second Advent.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOARDS THE NEW BUS FOR A PLAY AT BELEN HIGH SCHOOL



Through the help of a generous donation from our bus drivers, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carrillo, we were able to purchase a "newer" bus for our students. We are proud of the large lettering proclaiming who we are. We hope to enjoy many field trips in the future with our air conditioned bus.

**GIVE THANKS**  
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## Halloween Activities finish up October



Halloween started out with a parade of students in costumes and ended with pretty girls dancing with ghouls. Student Council sponsors Ms. Megan Morgan Cordova, Ms. Melanie Chavez and Ms. Natalie Solis organized our 22 members into a decorating frenzy and provided a day full of tricks, treats and fun for the whole school.

