

# The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------------------|----------|
| Labor Day             | Sept. 7  |
| School Pictures       | Sept 17  |
| No school             | Sept. 18 |
| Consultative Cncl     | Sept. 22 |
| ATV Tickets due       | Sept. 23 |
| Fall Fest tickets due | Oct. 2   |
| Fall Fest virtual     | Oct.17   |
| Return to school 100% | 10/19    |

Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel  
Interim Principal: Melodie Good



**BACK TO SCHOOL  
SEPT. 2020**

## ST. MARY'S RETURNS TO SCHOOL IN PERSON

**St. Mary's families have \$100 tickets for sale for a chance to win \$10,000 and they also have tickets for sale for \$5 for a chance to win a side by side Kawasaki.**



Roque getting his temperature taken before heading off to class.

School looks a little different this year—for awhile anyway. Everyone goes just a half day and they are surrounded by all kinds of PPE. Aristech provided table dividers for two of our classrooms. Then we purchased large sheets of acrylic and Sisneros Brothers transformed them into 3-sided sneeze guards for every desk. We hope to be back 100% in October. The staff is so happy to be teaching in person.



St. Mary's  
Burger  
Fundraiser!  
**\$10**

Pre-order by Sept. 10th your choice of  
\*Green chile cheeseburger meal  
\*Cheeseburger meal  
\*Hamburger meal

For pick up  
Sept 12th at  
19388 NM-314,  
Belen, NM 87002

<https://stmarysbelen.square.site/>



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## 35TH ANNUAL FALL FEST GOES VIRTUAL

St. Mary's largest fundraiser, Fall Fest, will take place on October 17th. This year everything will be conducted on our own special website with the bidding done on-line. Murad Auctions will be assisting St. Mary's with this important fundraiser so that we don't lose any opportunities to shore up this year's funds that help keep tuition lower and help our school purchase the necessary things that students need. This year, after our operational budget has been made, we would like any extra money to go to enhancing our playground to make it safer and more fun for our students. Free Fall Fest dinners (with the purchase of a ticket) will need to be ordered ahead of time and picked up the night of the event. All Fall Fest ticket holders will get updating text messages regarding all the items to be auctioned off on line a week before the actual drawing. The final ten names will be auctioned off live that evening and the drawing for the ATV will occur just before the final drawing. **WATCH FOR OUR FLYERS ON HOW YOU CAN BID ON THE CLASS BASKETS AND ORDER YOUR DINNER!**

**WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR VIRTUAL FALL FEST**

**NEW TEACHERS**



**Ms. Melissa Jaramillo Fleming**  
2nd grade



**Ms. Carmen Chavez**  
3rd Grade

**Ms. Merita Wilson**  
5th grade



**SUPPORT ST. MARY'S ON SEPT. 12TH**

Thanks to the generosity of a Belen business, St. Mary's will benefit from the sale of hamburgers at Big Mike's. Between 3PM and 6PM on Sept. 12th, you can get a green chile cheese burger, cheese burger or plain burger with fries and a drink for \$10.00 at Big Mike's. Half the price goes to St. Mary's. So help us recoup some of our loss of not having a Fiesta Burger Booth this year and buy a hamburger on the 12th. To order your burger, click on this link fill out the order and pay right on line. You can then go to Big Mike's with your number and pick up your burger. You can look up the OLB bulletin on line and click from that link or you can go to stmarysbelen.com for the link. Order and pay for your burger by 6 PM Thursday evening on the 10th.

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**NEW TEACHERS**

We are so excited to have three new teachers on our staff this year. Ms. Jaramillo is coming to us from New Mexico Tech. Ms Carmen Chavez is from Sundance in Los Lunas and we coaxed Ms. Merita Wilson out of retirement after many years teaching elementary school. These teachers have brought with them some awesome ideas and their love for children. See their bios on our website.



**SCHOOL PICTURES  
SEPTEMBER 17TH**



**Navigating School through Covid 19**

St. Mary's is one of the lucky schools. We are going face to face every day— if only for half a day. Our elementary students are getting all of their subjects at school with no on-line learning. The middle school gets all their subjects every day and live math and language arts three times a week. The full day is available on line when they are not in school. Although we are not livestreaming specials, our technology coordinator is putting Makerspace activities on line for all and some art classes will also be posted for students to participate in though not required. Distance learners will be expected to come into the school to test every two weeks to make sure they are keeping up. Our technology has been user friendly and things are moving smoothly. We have 25 distance learners and 125 in school.

