

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

School Starts August 17th

Registration continues for new students

Summer Office Hours:
are 9 to 1 M-Thurs.
Closed Fridays in June
Open July 7th 9-3 M-F
for the rest of the summer.



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SUMMER 2020

CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARY'S 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2020



With mask on and social distancing in place, 17 eighth graders said good-bye to St. Mary's. Father Clement celebrated Mass and handed out their completion certificates from the Archdiocese. Samantha Padilla, JoFrank Ortiz and Danielle Woelber received Presidential awards for outstanding academics and service. Xavier Olivares received recognition for being the St. Mary's Distinguished disciple for 2020. Despite the restrictions, the Mass was beautiful.

MRS. HARVILLE LEAVES-MRS. GOOD RETURNS

San Francisco was calling to Mrs. Andrea Harville. Principal for one year at St. Mary's, Mrs. Harville, got the nod to take over the Immaculate Heart School in Belmont, California, a suburb of San Francisco. While her stay was short, Mrs. Harville enjoyed getting to know the St. Mary's families and wishes them good luck in finding a new Principal to love and nurture the school. Until that time, former principal, Melodie Good, will be returning to help get school off to a strong start and allow Father Clement and the search committee to take their time in finding the right fit for a principal to lead St. Mary's into the future.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Although we are all uncertain about what school will look like this fall, St. Mary's is making plans to provide students and teachers with the safest possible environment. Thanks to the CARES Act, the school has received help in purchasing extra materials for personal protective equipment. This means handwashing will be more accessible to students and teachers and cleaning surfaces will be top priority in our upcoming school year. Because of our smaller environment, mitigation for disease control will be easier than if we had large class sizes. We still have openings in some of our classes although we are being careful to make sure each classroom maintains ample room for distancing as recommended by the CDC. Once we are advised by the Archdiocese, we will be planning for as normal a school year as possible and everyone will be notified immediately of our plans. School starts August 17th and we can't wait to see our students.



WANTED
 St. Mary's needs two Office /Reception area chairs. If anyone has two attractive matching chairs that would work for us,

Parents: Keep your eyes open for a good deal on a chromebook for your student. St. Mary's will be asking for all students to have Chromebooks of no bigger than 14". More information to follow.



Please keep Father Clement and the Fiala family in your prayers as they say good-bye to Father's sister Kerri. She passed away this past week. She leaves behind her husband Joel, a daughter and a son. Father Clement lost his father only a short time ago. St. Mary's extends their heart felt condolences to Father and the family.



SCHOOL ENDS AMID PANDEMIC

St. Mary's teachers did the best they could in an awful situation. Since Spring Break, with no warning, school went into shut down and students have been home for the past three months. Our teachers kicked into gear and began teaching online. Because St. Mary's teachers have already been using much of the technology that helped get us through the shut down, the transition to total on line teaching and learning wasn't as difficult for most students. Most teachers have been using Google classroom for years to assign work and for students to submit work. This spring it wasn't an option. When teachers were surveyed at the end of the year, they all agreed they missed their students and did not want to be on line teachers ever again for any length of time. Although we are uncertain at this time what special circumstances will prevail in the fall, we are planning full speed ahead to be ready to open our doors on August 17th.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



On May 26th, Father Clement conferred the sacrament of First Holy Communion on St. Mary's third graders. Joining with the Faith Formation classes, third graders donned their masks and observed social distancing rules to be able to receive their first sacrament of Holy Communion. Ms. Heather Sanchez prepared these third graders in the classroom and then completed the classes through on line learning for this special event.

List of 8th Graders Receiving Completion Certificates

Rihanna Bustillos
 Robert Leo Castillo
 Sarah Rose Foster
 Jazmin Franco Rodriguez
 Samantha Jaramillo
 Maxim Jayden Moya
 Xavier Olivares
 JoFrank Ortiz
 Matias Padilla
 Martin Parra



Kaitlyn Romero
 Jocelyn Sanchez
 Mayce Tellez
 Mia Valenzuela
 Danielle Woelber
 Ella Michelle Zamora
 Ethan Zamora

