



Saint Mary's Newsletter

Wednesday, February 3, 2010



Dear Parents,

Our Catholic Schools Week has ended. Many wonderful events took place and it proved to be a successful week. Many thanks to each of you for all that you do to make this happen.

In the children's behalf, we want to thank you for the top-notch chef hot dog lunch provided for all the students and faculty on Monday. What a good way to start Catholic Schools Week---by proclaiming the first day as "Student Appreciation Day."

The same day offered us an opportunity to attend a very interesting baseball game. What fun everyone had! Math facts of every type served as a ball---some considered to be "Hard Ball" and some a little more like a "Softball---that is a little easier". However, they were challenging at the appropriate grade level and fair ball was played.

My favorite saying of "Best Ever" has been put to the test many times. The most coincidental part is that every time I say it, it turns out to be true. By this time, I think we are convinced that everything we do is always the BEST EVER. The lunch for the priest and teachers was not only delicious but it proved to be a most enjoyable lunch time. Consensus ruled "BEST EVER." Many thanks to the Home-School Members for such a lovely event. Mrs. Elaine Gallegos and her splendid crew deserve much kudos.

Sunday's Mass was the official closing of our Catholic Week. The children and families who attended WITNESSED an inspirational ceremony and represented our school family very well. I know that it took time and effort to come to the 9:00am Mass. I want you to know that I truly appreciated it. Thank you. It is things like this that children will recall as they get older. May the spirit of Catholic Schools Week live on and may the dividends of Catholic Educations be reaped to the fullest by all of our school families.

As an incentive, we had the children, either, by art or written word, be it poetry, essay, portray "What Saint Mary's Means to Me." It was amazing and inspiring to read what some of our students thoughts pertaining to this subject. We offered three prizes---one of each of the three divisions Pre-School through Second, Third through Fifth, and Mid-Schoolers. Each of these divisions had a \$50 gift certificates to the book fair. Winners are:

First Section:
Lauren Hilton

Second Section:
Jordan Padilla

Third Section:
Emily Silva

We also offered the over-all winner the \$300 registration fee for 2010-2011. This over all winner was Ryan Provencio. His essay was sincere, meaningful, enjoyable, and well written. Congratulations to Ryan Provencio Grade 7th.

Many, Many thanks. This past month has been busy for these Home-Room Members as they sponsored the Mother-Son event, organized the wonderful luncheon for teachers and priest, are now in the process of finalizing plans for the Father-Daughter Dance. So, I say a very heartfelt "thanks" to each of these hardworking members.

During this past week we heard much concerning Catholic Education. We are very proud of our school and of each of our "love doves." We do thank each and every one of you who registered for next year. We are so happy to see that so many of our students will be returning. We started to call new students on Monday. In the event that you did not register, may I ask that you let us hear from you by tomorrow. Please, help us plan and prepare for next year. We want all of you to be part of this. Thank you.

You will be receiving the Microphone next week. With everything going on, there just wasn't enough time to adhere to 1st week of the month.

There will be early dismissal this Wednesday, February 3rd. Thank you for picking up your child/children on time.

Don't forget the Father-Daughter Dance. Promises are made to have a wonderful night.

The Financial Aid Applications are now ready for distribution. If you are interested in Financial Aid, you may pick up an application in the Finance Office in the mid school starting February 16, 2010. This application is used for the Phil Maloof Scholarship as well as for the St. Mary's Financial Aid.

Please make sure that you follow all the instructions on the application and that it reaches the FACTS Management Company by April 15, 2010. It has to be in their office by this date, not just postmarked. This deadline is firm. Applicants will not be considered for the Phil Maloof scholarships if this deadline is not met.

You may apply with a paper application or you may also apply on-line through their website (www.factstuitionaid.com).

If you have any questions, please call Diana Contreras at 243-5470.

St. Mary's Middle School "Receive the Power" award. Monica Torres is nominated by Alayna Holcomb. She is always so nice to me and always makes sure I have all the books I need for class. She also makes sure new students feel welcomed to St. Mary's. Thank you for being such a nice friend to me.

Student Service Council

Last week... Last week... Last week...

Valentine "Kiss" Sale ends this week: 1 "kiss rose"=50¢, bunch of 3=\$1.50, *order at lunch time by the cafeteria, or order before school or after school in Mrs. Thorson's room. Flowers will be delivered on Friday, February 12th.

Hot Chocolate: M-W-F 7:30am-8:00am 25¢, Mrs. Thorson's room. Hot Chocolate ends February 15th.

Ink Cartridges: Someone dropped off a bunch of cartridges!!! Thank you so much! They build up points to buy paper for the school. Large office ink cartridges are able to be recycled, too.

Eyeglasses: We will recycle your old eyeglasses to the Lion's Club.

Box tops: We will be sending in a package of General Mills box tops this month. Keep collecting all year as we collect all year and summer, too --- and send the in as needed.

Thank you and God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Marianella, S.C." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sister Marianella, S.C., Principal