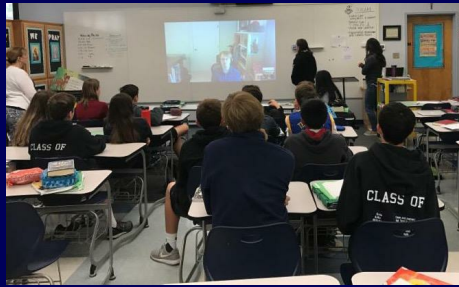


St. Mary Catholic School

"Where Christ's Light Shines"



Message From The Principal

Dear Members of the St. Mary Family:

As I have shared, one of the goals for our 21st Century Learning Initiative is to enhance and increase our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) program. This past trimester we have been full STEAM ahead and I wanted to share some of the fabulous and innovative projects that our students have engaged in.

Students made glider planes inspired by DaVinci's flying machines out of styrofoam and flew them outside on the playground. Students had to problem solve to address various structure and weight issues with tape and pennies to make the planes fly successfully. Eighth grade then used these same Da Vinci planes and took a video of the trajectory movement of the plane thrown up in a parabolic arch. They then graphed a best fit line and wrote an equation modeling their plane's path.

Additionally, thanks to a collaboration between Khan Academy and Pixar, the 8th grade students have heard from animators, engineers, color scientists, etc. and participated in activities that illustrate the connection between the STEAM subjects in a real-world application. For example, they learned about Hooke's Law and how animators use it to make hair bounce realistically like a spring. They also learned how color scientists use the 3-dimensional coordinate plane to visualize the thousands of colors they use in their movies.

We are very excited about these cross curricular connections and look forward to continuing to grow our STEAM program to inspire our students to be innovators and leaders of tomorrow.

God Bless,
Mrs. Tracey Schmidt

Mary Our Mother...Pray for Us!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE DATES...

Don't forget to mark your calendar with these dates you will want to remember...

June 5th - Free Hot Dog Lunch sponsored by Parents Club - you don't need to order or pack a lunch!

June 6th and 7th - Minimum Days and NO KIDS' CLUB

June 8th - "Dress Up to Move Up" and 10am Dismissal



LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is *OVERFLOWING!* Please make a point to come check it out - there are **LOTS** of sweatshirts, uniform items and even bags full of clothes! All leftover items will be donated on **May 26th**. Thank you!



VOTE ST. MARY AS "BEST OF THE BEST"

Help us get the word out that St. Mary School is the **Best Of The Best** in the Bay! Click [HERE](#) to go to BayAreaParent and vote now for St. Mary's PK and elementary school - what a great way to show the Bay Area what a GREAT school St. Mary is! **Polls close at midnight on May 21st.**

AUCTION NEWS

One more week to donate and still qualify for the donation raffle! If you submit your 2017 auction donation by **Thursday, May 24th** you could win passes to Disneyland or the highly coveted Ultimate Free Dress Pass! Your family auction donation is a click away at the **Anchors Away online donation registry - it doesn't get any easier than this!** <https://www.myregistry.com/public/stmaryschoolanchorsaway>
Don't miss out on raffle prizes!

Auction T-Shirts still for sale at <https://smschool.itemorder.com/sale>

LIBRARY NEWS

ALL books and magazines are due back tomorrow, **Thursday, May 18th**. Any lost items will need to be paid for.

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 18th at lunch times (11:30-1:30) is the final day for the 2017 Book Swap. For more information, click [HERE](#) or visit the library page on the school website.

Please Note: We ask that you bring only books suitable for other St. Mary students. Thank you!

2017-18 SPIRIT WEAR SCHOOL APPAREL!

You've seen, you want it and NOW you can purchase it! Available for parents only is the "Family" apparel you've seen on faculty and staff this year. With other Spirit Wear, samples will be displayed in the office through the end of the school year. And don't forget to order your new uniform approved sweatshirts and 2017 Auction t-shirts (PK-8), as well as PE uniforms (5-8) for the 2017-2018 school year.



Sale is open NOW and closes July 10th - ALL ordered apparel will be available for pick-up at our annual Back to School Picnic or on campus the first day of school. Click this link <https://smschool.itemorder.com/sale> to order today! Please direct any questions to Jaime Stewart at jastewart@cstdo.org.



ST. MARY CHURCH SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Registration for St. Mary Church's annual summer Vacation Bible School, *Passport To Peru*, is now open! Click [HERE](#) for details and registration.

JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 26, 2017 - June 30, 2017

Incoming 7th and 8th grade students can volunteer to be a junior counselor at St. Mary Parish Vacation Bible School. Please click [here](#) to sign up.



DOWNLOADS

[2017-18 School Calendar of Events](#)

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[Partners in Faith May](#)

[SCRIP Order Form](#)

Thank You To...

Mrs. Gallagher for facilitating our first "Mom's Book Swap"!

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IMPORTANT DATES

May is **THOUGHTFUL CATHOLIC LEADER** Month

May 18th

11:30 Book Swap
All Library Books Due

May 19th

8:15 Mass Gr. 3-5
5:00 Poetry Night Gr. 1

SPIRIT WEEK

May 22nd

School Spirit Day: Blue, white or grey top with uniform bottoms
12:40 Talent Show Rehearsal
3:00 Tech/Robotics Club

May 23rd

Spring Concert: Nice spring attire
1:30 Spring Concert

May 24th

Authentic Fan Day: Wear your favorite high school, college, professional, or recreational team shirt with uniform bottoms
8:30 Talent Show
10:30 Field Trip Gr. K&8

May 25th

Shine Bright: Wear your neon or colorful attire - socks, shoes - athletic bottoms ok!
Fundraiser Hot Lunch
8:30 Student Council Elections
7:00 Graduation Dance

May 26th

Field Day: Ultimate Free Dress!
11:15 Minimum Day PK
11:45 Minimum Day K-8

****Please follow the Non-Uniform Dress guidelines**

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