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Principal's Corner

Thank you to those who attended our Veterans Day Assembly. It was so nice to have you there. We had our highest audience attendance for this event! The children were well prepared, and you can tell that they had fun! It was extra special because it was our first event hosted in our brand new gym. Isn't our gym beautiful? I am so excited for the future events that we will hold in this gym including sporting events, assemblies, pep rallies, and more!

There has been a lot of change occurring over the last four months. Some of it has been obvious- the completion of the new parish hall and gym, the repaved playground, and our new school logo are just a few examples of the visible changes that occurred. The overall feel on campus is different this year. As I walk around campus, I see happy children engaged in learning. I must give credit to our amazing teachers who work hard each day to ensure the academic success of your children. I consistently see

your children living their faith through their actions and words. The pride in our school is at an all-time high and rightfully so. We have a lot to be proud of. These changes have all had a positive impact on the children and their learning. Our STAR Assessment scores show us above the Diocesan average in both English/language arts and math! We keep improving, and I am so excited for the future of our school!

We are already beginning to ramp up for enrollment season/registration for the next school year. Parents often ask what they can do to help. The best thing you can do is go out into the community and tell others about the amazing things happening here at St. Mary. That is truly the best marketing! Bring up our school to as many people as you can, and encourage them to come look at St. Mary for themselves! They can call to schedule a tour at any time, or they can attend our annual Open House on Sunday, January 29th.

Acknowledgments

I'd like to acknowledge:

- Our sixth and seventh grade students and our school choir for doing a great job leading us in Mass today.
- The family who kicked off our first ever hospitality event after Mass
- Our gala committee who has been working nonstop to raise money for our school
- All the parents who volunteered their time at the Book Fair
- Francisco for keeping our school clean and always greeting our families with a smile on his face

Upcoming Events

- November 16 – Bake Sale
- November 17 – Team Day/School Families
- November 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 1 – Team Day/School Families
- December 2 – November Student of the Month Assembly
- December 3 – First Reconciliation
- December 7 – Reconciliation (Grades 3-8)

Stay Connected

Text 81010 with message @amandajo for text message alerts from the school & follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!



Announcements

Conferences

We wrapped up conferences this past week. If you missed your conference or did not sign up for a conference yet, please be sure to reach out to the teachers to schedule a make-up conference. You will not receive your child's report card until you do so. Your child's Gradelink account will also remain locked.

Gala

Gala tickets are now on sale. To purchase your tickets, please [click here](#), print out your form, and turn in your ticket order form ASAP. The Gala is expected to sell out... do not miss out! If you are interested in helping with the Gala, please contact Megan Handy at gala@stmesc.org.

Reusable Bags

We are going green. With the passing of Proposition 67, we have decided to offer reusable bags for sale with our school logo. Stay tuned for more information!

Canned Food Drive

We set a goal of donating 1,000 cans to families in need

here in San Diego County. So far, we have collected 462 cans. Please consider donating cans to this wonderful cause. Cans are due this Friday, November 18th.

Dinner Nights Out

We will be starting Dinner Nights Out to support our school. Our first one will be with Chipotle. Stay tuned for more information! We will be selling SCRIP for Chipotle, which will give the school an additional 10% back!

Christmas Cards

Please consider purchasing your Christmas cards using the following link: [click here](#) to see the cards that both Shutterfly and Tiny Prints offer. If you use the special link, 13% comes back to the school. It is an excellent way to support the school with no extra cost to you! Be sure to purchase Shutterfly SCRIP if you go with Shutterfly. They currently have a special running until 12/2 that will give 11% (regularly 9%) back to the school. This can total 24% back to the school. Shutterfly SCRIP will not work with Tiny Prints.

Classroom Spotlight



Our Kindergarteners enjoyed learning about Native Americans during their traveling field trip that came to the school.

Prayers and Special Intentions

- As always, we ask that you keep both our school and the parish in your prayers.
- Please pray for a student of Mrs. Johnston's sister who is battling brain cancer. He is in second grade.
- Keep the eighth graders in your prayers as they fill out applications for high school!
- Pray for safe travels over Thanksgiving break.

If you have any prayer requests or special intentions, please e-mail office@stmesc.org, and let us know. We will include them in our weekly newsletter.