



Dear St. Margaret Mary School Families,

Happy May! I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying our beautiful California weather.

Lots of wonderful things have been happening at St. Margaret Mary School. I am so grateful to all our teachers, staff and parent volunteers for making our students' school experience fun and rewarding.

1. Our school competition to find the 'best class at SMMS' was a complete SUCCESS. The students brought in a record number of gift cards earning class prizes which benefited the school!! Thank you Katie Lopez for organizing the super event.
2. Last week, it was wonderful to see our 4th graders, dress up in costumes to reflect the early days of California. Throughout the morning, they participated in an interactive program where they were quizzed on California history. Thank you Ms. Leyva for organizing this special event.
3. **On Thursday, April 21st**, the Mom's Club passed out free '**Earth Day Treats**' to all our students! These treats, were cups filled with crushed Oreos, chocolate pudding and gummi worms. Thank you 'Moms Club' for creating a yummy awareness of Earth Day!
4. **On April 22th** Mrs. Hines gathered her Student Council team together to produce the Saint Margaret Mary School Talent Show! The show featured the awesome talents of our very own students from kindergarten to 8th grade!! It was so fun to watch our talented students perform!!
5. Also on Friday, Mrs. Rosato and her wonderful first graders, ventured off to the Science Center in Los Angeles for a fun-filled field trip.
6. **On Friday, April 15th** Ms. Leyva and her fabulous 4th graders presented the 'Mass of Creation.' Please believe me when I tell you that there are no words to describe the 4th grade presentation of this Mass. I was in absolute awe. 'Fantastic' doesn't even begin to describe the music, choir, dancers and reverence to our Lord. The Mass was planned with meticulous detail to the theme of Creation. Thank you Ms. Leyva and your fabulous 4th graders for a spectacular job!
7. **On April 20th** the 8th graders treated the entire school to '**MISSION FAIR!**' Fun game booths, jumpys, face painting, book sales, tricycle races, snacks and drink booths were all a part of the fun on this beautiful Wednesday. All profits and proceeds generated from the event will go to the organization - Migrant Farm workers of Central California.
8. **On Saturday, April 24th** Mrs. Vicelja opened up her kindergarten doors to host our KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE. Throughout the morning, she welcomed interested families for the Fall.
9. **On April 27th** I had the sincere pleasure to award our Junior High Academic scholars a certificate for their academic achievements in the 3rd quarter.
10. **On April 29th The Moms Club** served up 'strawberry short cakes' for a dollar to our students during recess. Thank you Moms Club for this very delicious treat.
11. **April 29th** was also the day that our SMMS students participated in an event planned and prepared by Fr. Marinello...VOCATION DAY! The event began with an 'All School Mass' and

ended with a musical rally where our children sang and danced. Over 15 Religious, comprised of nuns, priests and deacons, came to our school to speak about their calling to pursue a religious vocation. Thank you Fr. Marinello, Fr. Paul and the many wonderful priests, nuns and deacons who generously donated their time for our students.

12. **Yet, the highlight of the week** was on Saturday morning at the church for the 2nd grade FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. The students, dressed elegantly, received the Eucharist with excitement and reverence. Thank you Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Hegedus for your diligence and patience in preparing our 2nd graders for this very special Sacrament. Thank you Fr. Paul for presiding the Mass. Thank you 'Mom's Club' for your efforts in setting up the reception. A special 'shout out' goes out to our fifth graders for their joyous singing during the ceremony.

Next week - Thursday and Friday, represent exciting events for our students.

13. Thursday is **CINCO DE MAYO!** Ms. Leyva and her crew of volunteers have planned special Cinco de Mayo activities for all the students to enjoy. If you have not turned in a 'Cinco de Mayo' lunch order form, please do so a.s.a.p. Churros will also be sold on that day.
14. On Friday, The entire student body of SMMS will attend morning May Crowning Mass. "May Crowning" is a special devotion honoring our Mother Mary. Mrs. Rosato and her little first graders will host this very special Mass.
15. Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea – May 6th
16. **On Friday evening, SMMS's biggest fundraiser will take place – TAILGATE PARTY.** Come join the SMMS community for food, drink and plenty of fun! Silent auction, Live auction and casino tables are just a few of the many exciting events planned for the evening. If you haven't bought a ticket yet would like to join in on the fun, please call the office a.s.a.p!!! See you there!!!

A FEW REMINDERS...

17. **8TH graders! Scholarship applications** are due May 13th
18. **SPRING SING** May 19th at 6:00 p.m. – V.I.P seats will be auctioned off on Monday May 16th
19. **MOTHER/SON DANCE** – May 20th 6:00 p.m.
20. **SPRING SPORTS BANQUET** – MAY 25TH We will be honoring SMMS athletes who participated in volleyball, softball and soccer.
21. **KNOTTS BERRY FARM ALL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP** – May 26th – All chaperones must be Virtus Trained and fingerprinted. School buses leave at 9:00 a.m

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs. Zimmerman

Principal