



Dear Parents,

It's the last Wednesday bulletin of the year. It's graduation time. This week we celebrate with our 8th graders their commencement into high school. Monday we celebrate with our Kindergarten students their movement into the First Grade. With them, we celebrate with joy, pride, and a feeling of deep gratitude.

With Joyce Rupp (in a prayer of transition), we can say about our 8th graders:

You have received mercy, kindness, and unconditional love from our God.

You have many physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual abilities that can be used to better the lives of others.

You have people in your life who have believed in you when you did not believe in yourself, people who stood by you in your difficult times.

You have a heart capable of great compassion, empathy, and tenderness.

You have inner strength, the grace of conversion, the gift of hope, and the desire for good.

You have food on your table, clothes in your closet, and a roof over your head.

You have access to medical care, good education, music, and the arts, and numerous sources of communication.

You have religious freedom, the power of free speech, and structures for promoting justice and protecting citizens.

You have a marvelous planet on which to live, with beautiful forests, rich soil for growing food, priceless minerals, precious creatures of all kinds.

You have the opportunity for spiritual renewal and faith development.

You have been given much, now you will be asked to share as much.

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Graduating Class of 2008:

Gabriella Alnas
Katie Burns
Francesca Comin
Bailey Fiorio
Rachel Gipson
Patrick Hughes
Ysenia Masner
Melia Morales
Rebecca Parshall
Jorge Ramos
Sara Saucedo
Cameron Vaca

James Benson
Elizabeth Callen
Christopher Delgado
Kathryn Funkhouser
Marissa Gomez
Monique Kerstens
Ashley McDermott
Brian Nguyen
Katrina Pasao
John Riffle
Amanda Taylor
A.J. Zekanoski

Louis Bonesio
Melanie Celis
Claudia Ferreira
Mykal Gaeta
Austin Guerrero
Patrick Mank
Megan McRae
Christopher Nojadera
Kristin Purvis
Ashley Ronsse
Stephanie Toves



And with our graduates are some "graduating families." We bid a fond farewell to these wonderful families: Ernest and Melly Alnas (although Melly will stay on as our Spanish teacher), Mike and Lesley Benson, Tonya Bonesio, Frank and Linda Comin, Doris Kramer (Ferreira), Danny and Dina Fiorio, David and Dorie Funkhouser, Pieter and Anja Kerstens, Jim

and Kathleen Masner (although Jim is still on our school advisory council), David and Trish McRae, Norman and Van Nguyen, Bernie and Lynn Nojadera, Steve and Lori Parshall, Efren and Gena Pasao, Don and Linda Purvis, Ed and Gwyneth Saucedo, John and Shireen Zekanoski. *Thanks for the memories!*

Congratulations to the Kindergarten Class of 2008:

Kaitlyn Cruzal Amado
Blake Martin Anderson
Anthony Jacob Barrios
Morgan Lizabeth Blundo
Caitlin Amber Boja
Matthew Donald Boxwell
Audrey Laura Burke
Madeline Alison Clarke
Shane Patrick Conlon



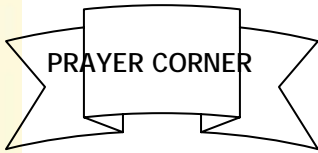
Cole Thomas Lucido
Joshua Trent Marshall
Patrick Joseph McCarthy
Grace Audrey Middleton
Michael Giuseppe Nardone
Lawson Christopher Orradre
Kaitlyn Joanne Pappas
Dominic William Cruz Pe Benito
Mark Wentworth Robinson

Kaylee Ann Cooper
 Shannon Marie Doyle
 Sean Dominic Fernald
 Madison Leigh Hammer
 Gannon Thomas Janisch
 Katherina Lynn Magtangob Javier
 Presley William Lara
 Maria Thanh Thanh Le



Camryn Grace Ryan
 Thomas Bryant Schuh
 Alexander William Shipman
 Adam Bishop Capa Tarlit
 Sydney Dell Webb
 Michelle Lauren Weiby
 Kyle Nicholas White
 Lorelai Emily Wierzba

We also say good luck to a few families who are moving or changing schools, and we wait in anticipation for all our new families and students. May all of you have a safe, fun, and rejuvenating summer time. Happy Father's Day to all Dads, too!



Pray for Cristina Vaca's great uncle who died this past week; for Trish Nardone's friend Maureen who has breast cancer and for her husband's cousin who has cancer; Haleigh Nino's papa; Mrs. Mikrut's brother; Mrs. Mikrut's niece who had little twin girls; Shirley Lampkin's dad; and for all those people and intentions we have praying for, as well as for all our donors and benefactors.

**THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ENVELOPE
 OF THE 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Be sure to keep an eye out for your child's **SUMMER READING PACKET AND MATH MINUTES WORKBOOK** that will come home with your child prior to the last day of school.

We **DO NOT** have extra copies of the Math workbook at the school, so please keep it in a safe place when it comes home.

ALL FAMILIES:
Return your envelope to the school before summer; these are kept for SRO validation.

Coming up!

TODAY: Your 2008-09 **SPIRIT SHIRT** order was **DUE!** Forms *must* be returned to ensure proper sizing for your child. Please be prompt and return the form so that we may process this order and have it back to your child with time to spare next year.

THU, JUN 5: 6th Graders will walk to Tasso's Old House Restaurant during lunch hour today for a study of Old World cultures. Dressed in garb from

Christa Hanson

Roman, Greek or any historical period time, they will savor Greek foods to enhance their experience.

7th and 8th graders will enjoy the **GRADUATION DANCE** tonight in the gym.

REMEMBER: lunch is no longer served at the school Please make sure your child has a **SNACK AND LUNCH** each day. There will no calls home for forgotten lunches.

FRI, JUN 6: 7/8th graders come to school at 9:30AM; **STUDENTS WEAR FULL UNIFORM (NO SHORTS)** for the 10:30AM Graduation Liturgy in the Church (all are welcome and invited to attend!).

The movie in Extended Care today will be *E. T.*

6PM, Graduation Ceremony takes place in the church, followed by a Reception in the gym, sponsored by their First Grade Buddy Class. *Congratulations to Tonya Bonesio who will be seated in the Front Row at Graduation; she was the highest bidder at April's Auction.* Employees of St. Mary School, including teachers, former teachers, aides, and staff members will enjoy reserved seating behind the graduates for themselves and two other family members during this evening ceremony.

SAT, JUN 7: Mothers' Guild welcomes New Moms today at a Brunch at the home of Tammi Blundo, New Family Liaison.

MON, JUN 8: End of the year activities are on tap for Grades 5-7: 5th and 6th graders will travel to Golfland; 7th Graders will enjoy a day at LogiTech Ice Rink.



6:30PM, Kinders and their families will enjoy their "graduation" in the gym followed by a Reception hosted by Mothers' Guild. This is the last day of school for our Kinder students. *Congratulations to Susan Hellwig who will enjoy her granddaughter Camryn's graduation along with mom and dad, Kristina and Greg in the front row! She was high bidder at the Auction, too!*

END OF THE YEAR GAME DAY, GR. 1-4
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 12:30 DISMISSAL
PLAYGROUND



Room Mom Coordinator Karen Skahill and her wonderful team of Room Moms has put together one exciting and fun day for our students! Make sure your child's PERMISSION SLIP has been returned to the teacher. Thank you to those parents who signed up to help!

Students should wear SPIRIT SHIRT, TENNIS SHOES and SWIMMING SUITS. Make sure all towels and clothing your child wears/brings is clearly marked with his/her name!

The SCHOOL OFFICE will close at 1PM on Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY IS OUR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:

•PRAYER SERVICE, 8:45AM IN THE CHURCH; students will be dismissed to a short recess followed by •AWARDS ASSEMBLY (approximately 9:30AM) in the gym. Children will return to class to receive their REPORT CARDS; DISMISSAL IS AT 10:30AM!

SCHOOL OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 11AM
EXTENDED CARE WILL CLOSE AT NOON

*Important Uniform Reminder for Friday:
Students are to wear NON-UNIFORM, DRESSY DRESS—no jeans, no short, no t-shirts or sweats. "Dress up" clothes (girls, watch skirt length!) should be worn.*

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 12-July 31 (Monday thru Thursday), 9AM-1PM;
Closed Fridays
August 4-20 (Monday thru Thursday), 9AM-3PM;
Fridays, 9AM-Noon
CLOSED: August 21 and 22

ENCLOSED TODAY, you will find a very important response to a very alarming issue, CYBER BULLYING. Though the letter is addressed to Junior High parents, consequences will pertain to all students. Please read this letter carefully.

What's going on?

•PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY: Over the weekend, parents received a short survey hosted by CTN (Catholic Telemedia Network) and emailed to you by our Communications Specialist Scott Higgins.

To date, we have received 65 responses. We are encouraged and hopeful that more of you will take a few minutes—right now—and give us your feedback.

If you do not have computer access and would like a hard copy of this survey to complete, you may pick it up at the Front Desk.

The original plan was to provide an incentive gas card, but because of the computerized anonymous format, we are unable to do this. Results will be gathered, studied, analyzed, shared and discussed with the faculty, at Leadership Training and in our parent groups. Thank you for your assistance!

•TUITION PAYMENTS AND FINANCE INFORMATION: (from Mollie Botill, Finance Manager)
•Statements will be sent to families who have not completed their SRO's. (If you have outstanding hours because you are not turning in your Wednesday envelope, please do so!)
•Tuition for Payment Plan I & II is due July 1 and that the amount due was included in their Tuition Agreement this year. Payment Plan III FACTS users will begin July 5 or 20.
•There are still ten families who haven't turned in their tuition agreement—please return the blue form and keep the white for reference.

•UPDATE ON BUS TO SALINAS HIGH SCHOOLS: Kris Mangano did some information gathering and asked us to pass it on: *Notre Dame High School, Salinas is in the final stages of signing a contract with a bus company that will provide transportation from Gilroy, Hollister and San Juan Bautista. The cost is still not confirmed, but they believe somewhere around \$2000/year. (SMP currently charges \$1500). Once the t's are crossed and the i's dotted, they will send a notice to all surrounding parishes. In the mean time, the school asked that we pass the message along to anyone that may be interested, as word of mouth is their best advertisement.*



•PARENT CLUB UPDATES:
Mothers' Guild: At a recent Executive Board meeting, the financial obligations of the year were finalized: The annual \$7,000 commitment has been paid to the school. \$1,000 was given to the School's



Endowment Fund. A computer, printer and scanner was given to the Art Program to be used in conjunction with the Art Card fundraiser planned for next year. Four \$250 scholarships for graduating 8th graders were funded. Teachers will be asked to develop a Wish List that will be posted online under Development. The Mothers' Guild CD will be added to bring the total to \$16,000. Congratulations, Vicki Goicovich and Board for an outstanding year.

Men's Club: Officers for the 2008-09 school year were elected at the May meeting: President—Lance Longaker; Vice-President—Luis Vaca; Secretary—Richard Azevedo; Sports Liaison—Joe Zertuche; Treasurer—Emmet McCarthy; Membership—Scott Higgins; Sargent at Arms—Mark Sanchez; SAC Liaison, Michael Dowd.

Men's Club will be completing their remaining \$5,500 commitment to the school (\$11,000 total); they have funded 2-\$500 scholarships for graduating 8th graders; they will be making a \$3,000 donation to the Endowment Fund and are hoping to open a CD to begin a contingency fund as recommended by the Finance Committee of the SAC. Congratulations, John Doyle and Board for an outstanding year.

•Have you had a chance to take a look at your child's 2007-08 YEARBOOK? It's another very impressive chronicle highlighting the school's theme , *Building a Community of Faith*. Once again, Mrs. Mantecon and her Yearbook Crew have given us a publication with memories to last a lifetime. *Thank you for this outstanding effort.*



on Wednesday. Members of the Track Team and Girls Softball teams were recognized, too. Thanks to Athletic Director, Mr. Sanchez for another great year of After School Sports and St. Mary School!



Bits and Pieces

•Look for Lara Orradre in the parking lot on Thursday and Friday after school and again on Tuesday at the Game Day. She'll be giving our families an opportunity to purchase a brand new publication, Bay Area MAMA Handbook, Specific to Silicon Valley, it contains 23 chapters chock full of information for young families. St. Mary School is a proud advertiser. Copies are available for \$20 with proceeds benefiting the Endowment Fund. *Only 32 copies are available for sale, so HURRY!*

•DC TRIP 2009 netted \$251 from the two Ice Cream sales. They will hold a BLOW OUT SALE of soda and ice cream after school on Tuesday, June 10.

•The school received another electronic deposit of \$658 from Raley's/Nob Hill benefiting the Scrip Program. Since July 1, we have received \$2,116 thanks to your use of the Nob Hill Quality of Life card each time you shop.

•Students entering Grades 4-8 may take part in a FREE VOLLEYBALL CAMP, July 7-9 in our gym. Students brought home forms on Tuesday; additional copies are at the Front Desk

•YEARBOOK WORKSHOP, open to ALL parents and students entering grades 6-8, August 5-7. RSVP to Cecile Mantecon, mantecon@stmaryilroy.org by June 5.

•SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS with Sheryl Cathers. Forms are on the webpage or in the office.

•*SUMMER WEBPAGE UPDATES:* Stay in tune with St. Mary School throughout the summer for postings on the homepage, including requests for help, coming events and updates. There will be some important policy changes taking place next year and we'll be keeping you posted!

•SCRIP SALES DURING THE SUMMER: Don't hesitate to stop in during school summer hours and "shop the box" for shopping or gift giving needs. We will happily place a special order for you in amounts over \$2,000 for summer renovations or special purchases—a new TV or fridge? Special orders will be placed on June 26 and July 24 for orders in any amount.

With Fathers Day gift giving, graduations and weddings galore over the next few months, make your life easier! *SHOP SCRIP!*

•Gross proceeds from the 2008 Auction are reported at \$82,673. A full report on how Auction funds were spent at the school will be available in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following student athletes were recognized during Wednesday morning's SPORTS AWARDS presentation:

ST. MARY SCHOOL TRACK TEAM

Coaches: Shawn Chizanskos, Andrew Lanier, Joe Zertuche

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| <i>Austin Reichert</i> | <i>Diego Celis</i> |
| <i>Matisse Miller</i> | <i>Brigid Lowney</i> |
| <i>Malia Bumanlag</i> | <i>Anna Reeves</i> |
| <i>Jasmine Fernandez</i> | <i>Bryan Pipkin</i> |
| <i>Brad Speno</i> | <i>Brook Oneto</i> |
| <i>A.J. Zekanoski</i> | <i>Patrick Hughes</i> |
| <i>Callie Camacho-Light</i> | <i>Jessica Chizanskos</i> |
| <i>Sarah Warner</i> | <i>Raquel Roberts</i> |
| <i>Victoria Vasquez</i> | <i>Lucas Miller</i> |
| <i>PJ Reichert</i> | <i>Julia Chizanskos</i> |

Congratulations to Jasmine Fernandez, Patrick Hughes and Julia Chizanskos as they qualified for the Hershey Nor-Cal Meet on June 14th.

A GIRLS SOFTBALL

Coach: Trish McRae

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| Team Player Award | Megan McRae |
| Most Improved | Kaitlin Ramirez |
| Offense Award | Rachel Gipson |
| Defense Award | Kristen Dennis |
- Congratulations, Girls, on your Undefeated Season!*

C GIRLS SOFTBALL

Coach: Lorenzo Nino

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| Team Player Award | Hannah Ronsse |
| Most Improved | Matisse Miller |
| Offense Award | Callie Camacho-Light |
| Defense Award | Melanie Tanaka |

A BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Tonya Bonesio

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| Team Player Award | Wyatt Rocheleau |
| Most Improved | Brian Nguyen |
| Offense Award | Chris Nojadera |
| Defense Award | Louis Bonesio |



- to Mary Sanchez for providing lunch hour relief for Mrs. Morris.
- to our School Advisory Council members, Club officers, Auction Committee members, Development Advisory Council , fundraising chairs, and to all who have labored for St. Mary School this year. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure leave an imprint on the pages of our SMS history book.
- to our Head Room Mom, Karen Skahill and all Room Moms for all they do throughout the year, but especially for the energy they expend during our End of the Year Game Day and activities.

Thank you, Mr. Nguyen!

- to our ever-faithful smiling face at the front of the morning Drop-Off line, Mr. Nguyen, is "graduating" and WILL HE BE MISSED! We are so very grateful to the other volunteer parents who are there each day to help (Mr. Hartman, Mrs. Deaver, Mrs. Rosalie Russo and Mr. Benson). And we look forward to next year—many of the same faces, we hope, and some new ones, too. THANK YOU for helping to keep our children safe!
- to our paid Yard Duty personnel, Mrs. Bariteau, Mrs. Giacalone and Mrs. Bettencourt, and to our volunteers, thank you.
- to our faithful attendance moms, Wednesday envelope stuffers, tardy/absence moms, Scrip volunteers who inventory, sell and order, Campbell labels and Box Top trimmers and counters, THANK YOU.
- to our Committee Chairs: Lunch Program, Amy Tripoli and Suzanne McCarthy; Health, Stefani Wheat; Library, Chantal Adams; Yearbook, Cecile Mantecon; Garlic Festival, Shannon Souza, Ed Saucedo and Sonya Dennis; Spaghetti Dinner, Mike DiPietro; Book Fair, MaryBeth Macedo; Share Care, Erika DellaMaggiore—WE ARE GRATEFUL!
- and, finally, to you....our faithful readers: thank you for READING what I write, for your editorial comments, for responding to our questions, for keeping the stories and pictures coming. You, our parents, are the BEST Public Relations agents we could ask for! Don't ever stop caring, don't ever stop helping, don't EVER stop being an important part in the legacy of St. Mary School. I hope you enjoy a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable summer and I look forward to "chatting" with you again in the fall!

-Vicki C.

