



December Edition
2016



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Saint Mary's Catholic School Belen, NM

At Saint Mary's School, we are committed to the growth of our Catholic identity, academic potential, and community involvement.

Save the Date for Our 90th Birthday Party!

IMPORTANT EVENTS	
Adoration	8th
Early Release	9th
Christmas Program	15th
Christmas Shop	16th
7 -8 to Joy Junction	17th
Archbishop Visit	21st
Early Release	21st
Christmas Vacation	21-Jan 4
Return to school on	the 5th of January

Everyone mark your calendar for February 11th. Isleta Ballroom will be rocking with Saint Mary's friends, families, and alumni celebrating a big milestone for our school. The theme is the Roaring 20's in honor of the 1927 opening of Saint Mary's School. You'll be the bees knees if you put on the Ritz with your flapper dress or your zoot suit! So get dolled up! You don't have to be an egg or a flapper to get your wiggle on at this fun event. Let's commemorate the 90th birthday of Saint Mary's in a big way. Besides dancing and great music, silent and live auctions are planned. Alumni and former teachers will be recognized and honored throughout the event. The event committee is selling tables and sponsorships as well as individual reservations. The proceeds of this birthday party will kick off our facility fund to help keep Saint Mary's young and vibrant for ninety more years. If you know of alumni who would like to be a part of our birthday celebration, but might be living far away, please have them contact St. Mary's through the website or by contacting the school directly. You may also contact the committee for more information at julies@raksmail.com.



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ARCHBISHOP JOHN WESTER TO VISIT

Besides being the last day before our Christmas break, we will be hosting the Archbishop. He will celebrate Mass at 9 AM and visit the classrooms. He has also scheduled a time to meet with all school personnel.

Catholic Schools Week
January 29-Feb. 3rd

Annual Christmas Program December 15th

Don't miss St. Mary's annual Christmas story pageant beginning at 6 PM on the 15th. Relive your childhood when Christmas carols were allowed and the real story of Christmas could be told. A mixture of old and new will delight the audience.



Students Excel in Oratorical Contest and Spelling Bee



Spelling Bee winners are Natalie Martinez 1st, Ella Zamora 2nd and Kaitlyn Romero 3rd.



Other participants in oratorical contest included Selina Fresquez, Taeya Padilla, Roisin Shaughnessy, John Dieterichs, Guinivere Mayse and Nicolas Chavez

The Sunport Optimists recently hosted their annual Oratorical contest. Nine students competed in the event. Sofia Castillo took first place again this year with Natalie Martinez placing second and Adan McKnight placing third.

Roadrunner 4-H Club

At the recent Valencia County 4-H Awards, Ms. Isabella Baldonado and Ms. Maria Lucero graduated from Clover Buds into the 4-H program. Also honored was the leader Ms. Brenda Lujan. Four-H meets every Monday after school.



Roadrunner Robotics

The students in Robotics club have completed their first robots and are trying them out in the hallway. Students will be competing in competitions in February.



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Christmas Shop Dec. 16th

The Parent Association is hard at work collecting items for the annual Christmas shop. Students will be able to purchase gifts for the whole family and have them wrapped to take home for Christmas. Watch for Sign Up Genius to volunteer on the 16th.



ADVENT ADORATION



Deacon Michael will be offering a time for adoration on December 8th at 6:30 PM following the Mass for the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. Families can go to Mass and stay for a time of praying and meditation. Advent is a good time to take care of your spiritual needs. This is an opportunity for all parishioners to prepare for Christmas.

