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8th Grade Religious Retreat- Trip to Catalina

By Danielle Ortiz 4th grade



St. Mary School's very own 8th grade class took an overnight religious retreat trip to Catalina Island.

Their whole trip was organized and hosted by the 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Wilkins, and one of our 8th grade parents, Mrs. Ortiz. Another parent, Mr. Walsh, and Fr. Scott joined them on this fun trip. They attended a Mass at Saint Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church. After the Mass, they went to confession and earned a Jubilee Indulgence which was then explained to them by Father Roberto, the pastor. And, of course, they did fun activities. They went snorkeling, parasailing, kayaking, and went on a fun scavenger hunt. The students and Mrs. Wilkins were grateful Father Scott was able to meet with them and assist Father Roberto on this special event.

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Extracurricular Activities

March Madness is not just about basketball. Miss Silady's 4th & 5th grade class used the bracket system to learn about new books and compete to find students' favorite books. Students wrote summaries, made book covers and, created and acted out skits to share their books. Students are in the final stretch of this competition and the final students Meredith Carey and Danielle Ortiz are creating movie previews. The final two books?

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson & *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling with *Old Yeller* as the winner.

Catholic Trivia-

A brief note on The Divine Mercy
By Namie Adriano 5th Grade

What is the Divine Mercy, you may ask? It is a Roman Catholic devotion to Jesus Christ that tells us about the message of Mercy. The website www.TheDivineMercy.org describes it as:

"The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us-- all of us. And He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy."



That's Pretty Interesting!

Fun Facts about Our School & Teachers
By Natalie Wilkins 4th grade

Mr. Bonica has worked at our beloved school for eight years. At St. Mary School, Mr. Bonica enjoys teaching the kids how to use a computer. But, before he was a teacher, he led a very fascinating life. He got to meet Steven Spielberg (super cool director), Edward Deming (a pretty big deal in Japan) & Jim Henson (Muppets- need I say more?!). He worked for Panasonic for ten years, and for 20 years he trained people who work for NBC Television in New York, London, Hong Kong, and France. One of Mr. Bonica's favorite things to do was rebuild technology systems. With all his experience and expertise, we are lucky to have him. This year will be his last though, as it is time for him to retire to a world without alarm clocks and endless doughnuts. Thank you Mr. Bonica for teaching us at St. Mary School!

Upcoming Events

APRIL

- * 30th (Sat) 2nd Graders First Communion 10 AM

MAY

- * Every Thursday- 9:10 AM All School Rosary (in church)
- * 2nd -6th Teacher Appreciation Week
- * 3rd (Tues) May Crowning 7 PM
- * 9th -13th Sixth Grade Camp
- * 20th (Fri) Spring Musical

JUNE

- * 1st (Wed) 8th Grade Portfolios from 9-Noon
- * 15th (Wed) 3PM Graduation Mass & Ceremony
- * 17th (Fri) Last day of school

Bible Riddles

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson, he brought the house down.

Q: Who was the first person in the Bible to have the aspirin?

A: Moses, he had two tablets

Q: Who was the fastest runner in history?

A: Adam, because he was first in the human race

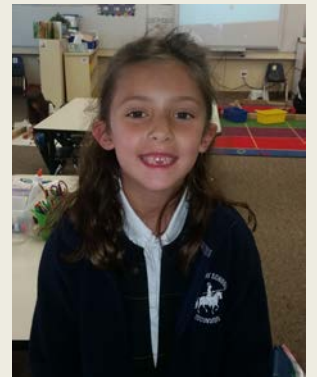
Cool Christian

By Ardy Burnette 5th grade

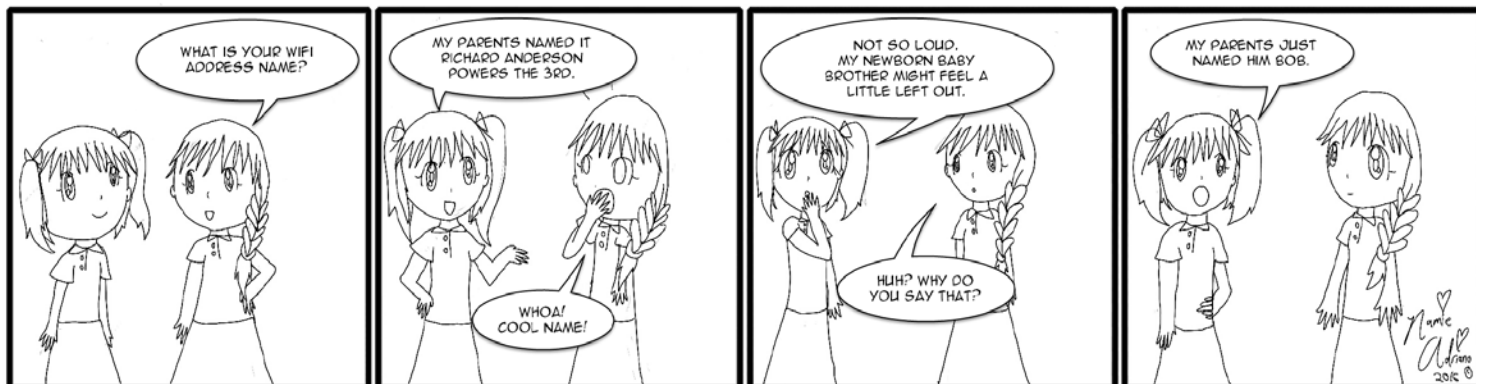
A Cool Christian is someone on our campus who shows extra care in participating in our School Learning Expectations. Emma Calhoun was recently spotted as a St. Mary Cool Christian.

Emma is a beautiful Kindergarten girl who loves the color pink. She also loves to help others which is why she got a Cool Christian.

Her birthday is February 2, and she is 6 years old. Emma is a kind- hearted kid who loves animals, especially pigs. She has one older brother. He is sixteen years old.



PLAIDS AND PENCIL By Namie



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