



## St. Mary's Catholic School

As we come together as a Catholic School Community we send Prayers, Hope & Love to the victims of Hurricane Harvey...  
 "Lord, we come to you with a heavy heart for Houston and all those communities affected by this storm.  
 Grant safety to the men, women, and little children navigating the dangerous flood waters.  
 Strengthen local clergy and communities as they provide shelter and aid. Give wisdom and resources to those who have lost homes, precious belongings, and are possibly separated from their loved ones." By: Chelsen Vicari

### SCHOOL NEWS



#### Spirit of Giving Jean Day next Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey

Students may demonstrate their Catholic service/spirit of giving by donating \$2.00 - as we share our treasure with those in need.

### Historic Solar Eclipse Experience at SMS – UPDATE



August 21<sup>st</sup> was the Great Eclipse, and students in Mrs. Simrell's fifth grade class participated in several activities. The class was enrolled through NASA as "Citizen Scientists," allowing us to post pictures and data on the NASA "Globe Observer" website. On the Friday before the eclipse, we all built "cereal box eclipse projectors" which worked with varying degrees of success. We used a light meter to observe the difference in light intensity before, at the height of, and after the eclipse. We could even tell without our thermometers that the air temperature felt cooler than before the eclipse started. Since it was a rather cloudy day, we watched a couple of YouTube videos about types of clouds and then checked our knowledge outside. Mrs. Simrell put on the very stylish viewing glasses and then put another pair over her camera lens, and was able to get one pretty good shot of the sun before the clouds covered it again. Success? Of course. Anytime we learn something, it is a successful endeavor. Now we are all looking forward to April 8, 2024 for the next Great Eclipse.

### Promise for Our Future PEP RALLY

Mr. Turcotte, from St. Pius X High School visited our campus - building excitement for the 5K run with our students. Father Marc CHALLENGED all our students and faculty to participate and RUN with him.

**The school with the highest percent of participants will earn a PIZZA PARTY for the entire school!**

Flyer for this amazing event were sent home yesterday!

Registration forms are also available at [www.asfcatholicschools.org](http://www.asfcatholicschools.org)



### SMS SPORTS UPDATE

**Volleyball:**


- **Varsity 1 is 2-0** Currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the APIAL league!
  - Next Game is scheduled for Friday evening at 6:00 at St. Charles.
- **Varsity 2 is 1-1** Playing strong and working well together, as they share their St. Mary's SPIRIT!
  - Next Game is tonight at Sandia Prep at 6:30.
- **Junior Varsity is 2-0** Currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the league as well!
  - Next Game is scheduled for Friday evening at 5:00 at St. Charles.
- **C Team is 0-2** Developing their skills, playing as a team and growing.
  - Next Game is scheduled for Friday at 4:00 at St. Charles.

**Flag Football**

- St. Mary's will be fielding 2 Varsity teams for the flag football season.
  - **Meeting will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup>** and schedules will come out by Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Cross Country**

- Cross Country is in full swing as practice kicked off this week.
  - Below is the schedule of meets this season...

		Elementary 4:00 Start Mid-School JV Run 4:30 Start Mid-School Varsity 5:15 Start	
		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Meet 1	9/13	4:00 PM	St. Pius X HS
Meet 2	9/20	4:00 PM	Location TBD
Meet 3	9/27	4:00 PM	Bosque School
Meet 4	10/4	4:00 PM	Bosque School
Meet 5	10/11	4:00 PM	St. Pius X HS
APIAL Finals	10/18	4:00 PM	St. Pius X

**Archbishop School Fund Dinner Basket**

We are looking for SPORT themed items which may include: DUE BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>!

- Tickets to sport events
- Jerseys (example - Dallas Cowboys)
- Sport books
- Gift cards
- Sports gear
- Sports memorabilia

Your participation is a great way to show your SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Service hours may be earned with your donation – so let's join the fun and give to this wonderful event!

**IMPORTANT NEWS & EVENTS**

*“Baseball with the Bishop” 5 Isotopes Suite Level Tickets on Sale NOW*

*\*\*Please see Ms. Silva in the front office to purchase tickets*

*Labor Day/NO SCHOOL                      Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>                      Monday*

*Progress Reports                              Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>                      Friday*

*Archbishop's School Fund Dinner        Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>                      Friday*

*Promise for Our Future                      Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>                      Sunday*

*(Beginning with Mass – and YES you may wear your “running clothes” to church)*