



## St. Catherine Catholic School (SCCS)

The Mission of St. Catherine Catholic School is to provide a Christ-centered education and a strong Catholic foundation where children can strengthen their relationship with God and prepare for life's challenges and their service to others.

MAY 2022

## Class of 2022 – *Congratulations!*

Fourteen young men and women received their diplomas at our Graduation Mass on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are so proud of the third graduating class of St. Catherine Catholic School. Our Valedictorian, Raquel Rodriguez Martinez, with a cumulative GPA of 97.909, and our Salutatorian, Eileen Morales, with a cumulative GPA of 97.455, shared their words of wisdom with classmates, parents, faculty & staff, and parishioners. The graduates also had an Awards Ceremony and Reception on May 20<sup>th</sup> where many of the students were recognized for their academic achievements, service, and leadership. It is inspiring to see how much the Class of 2022 has accomplished!





## ***High School...Ready!***

Seven 8<sup>th</sup> graders have successfully completed their Honors Algebra I course; all 8<sup>th</sup> graders took High School Spanish I and three 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were also able to successfully complete their High School Spanish II Course. So many of our graduates are beginning high school in August with several credits completed! Our "Seniors" are also required to complete community service hours before their graduation. I am proud to say that, together, this Class has finished over 300 hours of community service this past year.



## ***Butterfly Project***

This May, our Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students had the opportunity to observe caterpillars grow and transform into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies! Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade learned in detail about each stage of the butterfly's life cycle, recorded observations, and created a presentation that reflected what they had learned from the experience. Most importantly they learned how the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly is a miracle of God and symbolizes the spiritual transformation that we can experience through Christ. At the end of the project, many of the classes were able to enjoy the release of the butterflies. It is always such a memorable and beautiful experience!

*Mrs. Berryman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher*





## Experts in Space

Our 3rd graders have been studying about Space and the different experts who have helped advance our Space Program. Their final assessment, an expository essay, "Why We Need Experts in Space" discussed the importance of learning and hard work. "James Lovell had to go to space training and not only needed to know math, science, and technology to be an astronaut, he also had to be able to work with a team of experts." *Destiny Jeanjaquet 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*

3<sup>rd</sup> graders are also wrapping up their math curriculum with learning how to calculate the area of irregular shapes...

## May Crowning

During the month of May, we honor our Blessed Mother. Our Rosary Club leads us in a decade of the rosary before each Children's Mass on Fridays in May. Isabella Mier (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Sergio Zamora (4<sup>th</sup> grade) were chosen to crown Mary and students brought flowers for the procession.



## Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan has been finalized and we have shared a copy on our website under "About Us". We are excited about the growth and direction that the Strategic Plan will provide for us for the next three years. Thank you to Fr. Belmonte, Dr. Milot, Fr. Jose, parents, teachers, and community members who assisted with this project.

## Bee Amazing...

A collaborative STREAM project between music, art, and science helped students learn about the bumble bee's flight patterns to find nectar and how bees communicate. Students learned the "Flight of the Bumble Bee" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov in music class and combined their knowledge to create a piece of artwork.



## Chihuly Artwork

Every year, Mrs. Alexander shares the glass artwork of artist Dale Chihuly with 4<sup>th</sup> grade. After learning about this distinctive artwork, they create their own work of art by adding their individual pieces that have been "melted" into one piece that is always unique and special in its own way. Great job, students!



# Getting ready for another great year!

***St. Catherine Catholic School is preparing for Summer and the next school year!***

- We have partnered with Catapult Learning for a 3-week Summer Camp of fun and learning.
- Our "Summer Packets" for continued learning for each grade level are almost ready to go home.
- Through a grant, we have received new iPads for grades 3 – 8 that will be ready for August.
- Our Summer checklist of painting, cleaning, and sanitizing is ready.

***Thank You for your support and prayers during this school year.***

**The Faculty & Staff wish you a safe and happy Summer!**



## **Congratulations to our Students!**

The Highlands News Sun featured their "Kids Design the ADS" contest and we are proud of several students' artwork. Congratulations to: Emily Berryman, Madeline Domisiw, Emily Gomez, Zuleyma Olguin Martinez, and Charli Carrero (3<sup>rd</sup> place winner!). Also, thank you to our art teacher, Mrs. Alexander!

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