

# St. Mary's School



October 2022

## Integrity

### Virtue of the Month

This month's virtue is integrity. Integrity comes from a Latin word meaning whole or intact.

How do we show that we are whole people? We show that by not pretending to be what we are

not. I suppose that all of us from time to time are worried about what other people think. We want to make a good impression or to try and get people to have a good opinion of us thinking we are cool. That is not a good way to get people to like us. If people come to like us when we are acting in this way, they are not liking the real me but a character that I am acting out. Having integrity means not being afraid to tell the truth. Occasionally, people do not tell the truth because they are ashamed of what they have done, or they might be afraid of being punished. The trouble with not telling the truth is that it can become a habit and then nobody knows whether they can trust us or not. Trust is important in every human relationship. If there is no real trust, then there can be no real friendships.

What are good ways of aiming to be people of integrity?

- Expressing gratitude for others.
- Valuing honesty and openness.
- Taking responsibility and accountability for your actions, good and bad.
- Respecting yourself and others around you no matter where you are.
- Demonstrating reliability and trustworthiness.



## Schoolwide Learning Expectations

Active Catholics who

**P**ray  
**R**ejoice  
**A**dore  
**I**nclude  
**S**hare  
**E**mbody Christ

Life-Long Learners Who Are:

**E**nthusiastic  
**A**rticulate  
**G**enuine  
**E**ducated  
**R**esilient

Active Community Members Who:

**S**upport  
**E**ncourage  
**R**espect  
**V**alue  
**E**mbrace

Integrated Individuals Who Are:

**M**ulticultural  
**O**rganized  
**R**esponsible  
**A**ccountable  
**L**eaders

# Upcoming Events

**School Mass @ 8:30 am**- All students must wear complete uniform including tie.

- October 7
- October 14
- October 28

**Early Dismissal @ 1:00 pm**

- October 5
- October 12
- October 19

**Early Dismissal @ 12:00 pm**

- October 28- Halloween Carnival

**No School**

- October 21- PLD
- October 26- PLD

**Meetings**

First Communion Parent Meeting

Parents of students who will make their First Communion must attend this meeting

- October 13 @ 6:00 pm via zoom (link will be provided before the meeting)

**Halloween Carnival**

The Halloween Carnival will take place on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00 pm at the Parish Center. We remind families that all parents must work at least 2-hour shifts during the carnival. The Halloween Carnival committee will send the work shift in the weeks to come. Any questions or comments about the schedule please contact the committee through your room parent.



**October 3- Monthly Awards @ 8:00 am**

Teachers will recognize Student of the Month and Christian in Action for each grade level. Parents are welcome to attend

**October 4- Blessings of the Pets**- In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, we are inviting parents to bring their pets to St. Mary's School on Tuesday October 4 at 8:00 am. We will celebrate the blessing of the pets in the amphitheatre. Please ensure to bring pets on a leash or in a cage. Parents must keep their pets with them and not let them roam free. Students are not allowed to bring pets to school. Parents must be in charge of the pets and take them home immediately following the blessing.

**October 12- Living Rosary** -All families are invited to pray the Living Rosary at 11:30 am with our students. Location to be determined.

**October 19** - Mission Mass @ VMCHS. St. Mary's School. Some of our students will participate in the MCA mission mass. Details have been provided to those that participate.

**October 25- Red Ribbon Day**- Students will celebrate Drug Awareness day. More details will be announced.

**After School Sports**

First Quarter Sports

Co-ed Soccer  
Girl's Volleyball



October 7 De Anza @ St. Mary's  
October 14 St. Mary's @ Seeley



**End of  
Quarter I  
Thursday  
October 20**