

LION'S LETTER

ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

“Alleluia, He Is Risen!” This phrase will be echoed in churches throughout the world while we are on Easter break. What a wonderful thing for us to experience as Christians and as we reflect on this statement, we can truly understand the reason as to why our school exists.

March blew in and out of Vegas, literally! I can't believe that we were subject to 85 mph winds! That did not deter our students from shining once again. In the diocesan Geography Bee, our team tied for second place and 8th grader Julian Lopez came in 3rd place overall. In Forensics, 8th grader Allen Morones took third place in the Speech category and 6th grader Ashley Lopez took third place in the category of Monologue. The UNLV Science Fair saw more medal winners from our school. Sixth graders Kalia Ronan, Ashley Lopez, Hannia Morales won a third place medal for the invention category and 6th grader Aleksei Esau won 2nd place for his Earth Science project. Our second grade class was awarded honorable mention for their grade level.

Our St. Chris Varsity volleyball team had another successful season winning 2nd place in the diocesan volleyball tournament. As we enter April, I want to wish our track and softball teams the best of luck as we close out the sports year.

This month of April brings some very exciting events. April 6th at 4:30PM has our track team at Bishop Gorman for the diocesan track meet. The diocesan softball tournament will take place the week of April 24, 2017. Softball will take place at St. Francis de Sales, times are still to be announced. Spring Pictures will be Wednesday, April 19 for all students and our Kindergarten students will take their graduation pictures as well. I have a special treat for our students on Thursday April 27th. UNLV Head Football Coach, Tony Sanchez, will be here to address our students. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our children to hear about the importance of staying the course and where a solid Catholic Education can take them. Prior to his appointment to head football coach at UNLV, Coach Sanchez spent many years in Catholic Education at the high school level, including his time at Bishop Gorman High School.

With Easter Break right around the corner, I have tried to emphasize to our students that this is a great time for us to take a break and recharge before the end of the school year. But my message is that the school year is not over. We need to make sure that our students know that they have to put in the effort from bell to bell all the up to June 1. I want to thank all of you for your efforts and support this year.

I would like to add that the Educational Fund of Northern Nevada is still open. This tuition assistance program is part of Assembly Bill 165. We are awaiting notification as to when the Dinosaurs and Roses scholarship will open. As of right now we know that it is opening in May, however, we do not have an exact date. Please see my earlier mailing about AB165 and the benefits of applying for these scholarships. When you complete the packet, please bring it to the school office. We will check that all the information is complete and the parish will mail out the application.

This school year is moving so fast. I am in awe of all the support I have received this year. It was around this time last year when I met with our superintendent, Mrs. Thompson, about the possibility of going into administration. From the moment I was hired at St. Christopher's, I was welcomed like a family member. Thank you once again for everything you do for our school and for entrusting your children's educational development with St. Christopher Catholic School. Please continue to tell your children that Mr. Zunno said "I love you all, and I always will."

Christopher Zunno, Principal
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