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NEWSLETTER



We are happy to welcome our new sister and school president, Sister Maria Estela. She has 45 years of experience as a teacher working in different schools in Mexico and the United States. Before coming to our school she was the president at Instituto America. She has received awards and recognition for all of her years of teaching.She loves working with students, especially children, she enjoys music, dancing, singing, and playing guitar with them. Her goal is to help students believe in themselves, reach their dreams, and achieve their goals. We are excited to have her join our school and look forward to everything she will bring to us. Welcome Sister Maria Estela!

By: Leah Valenzuela and Fernanda Gamino

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 4 facility and staff retreat students NO SCHOOL
Sep 7 labor day
Sep 8 Patagonia lake clean up seniors
Sep 9 level rosary
Sep 10 Adoration of the blessed sacrament
Sep 11 ELEM mass
Sep 17 picture day for elementary
Sep 18 HS mass and MS & HS picture day
Sep 21 NAU visits juniors and seniors
Sep 23 MS conference “The power of Empathy”
Sep 24 Bake sale Cancer Awareness #8 Diego stay strong!
Sep 25 MS mass

## UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

Sep 2 HS girls volleyball Warriors vs Lobos 4:00 PM AWAY
Sep 4 HS girls volleyball Warriors vs Tigers 4:00 PM HOME
Sep 9 MS boys flag football Warriors vs Sacred Heart 3:30 PM AWAY
MS girls volleyball Warriors vs Patagonia AWAY
Sep 11 HS girls volleyball Warriors vs Blue Devils 4:00 PM HOME
Sep 14 MS boy flag football Warriors vs Patagonia 3:30 PM HOME
MS girls volleyball Warriors vs Little Red HOME
Sep 16 MS boy flag football Warriors vs Elgin 3:30 PM HOME
MS girls volleyball Warriors va Elgin 3:30 PM HOME
Sep 17 HS girls volleyball Warriors vs Miners 4:00 PM AWAY
Sep 22 MS boy flag football Warriors vs Patagonia 3:30 PM HOME
MS girls volleyball Warriors vs Patagonia 3:30 PM HOME
Sep 23 MS girls volleyball Warriors vs Sacred Heart 3:30 PM HOME
Sep 24 MS boy flag football Warriors vs Elgin 3:30 PM AWAY
MS girls volleyball Warriors vs Elgin 3:30 PM AWAY
Sep 28 Playoffs Flag football
Playoffs MS Volleyball
Sep 29 HS girls volleyball Warriors vs Lobos 4:00 PM HOME
Sep 30 Championship Flag football
Champions MS Volleyball

# CLASS OF THE MONTH

## -Business Elective-

For the beginning of this successful year, we are delighted to introduce the new elective Business which will be taught by Ms. Melendrez. This elective has been arranged to prepare our students for their college experience in their future careers. The course they will be following is one provided by PIMA Community College, where they will be using their website, books, and lesson plans. Afterwards, the students will earn 3 college credits that will contribute to the major they will be studying. In this class, they will learn strategies, how to create a business, commercials, permits, marketing and economy.







# ALUMNI: JESUS INDALECIO GARCÍA RAMÍREZ



Jesús Indalecio García Ramírez graduated in 2008. He studied Mechatronics Engineering and now works as a Project Engineer at Amazon. He works on projects involving the installation and automation of new distribution centers in the United States and Canada. He remembers his teachers as an important part of his school experience. The school's "Beyond the Ordinary" spirit continues to inspire him to improve and always give his best.

By: Daisy Flores, Diana Sofia Burgos, and Emma Gonzalez

# First All SCHOOL MASS



On August 14, we celebrated the Assumption of Mary, a special feast that honors Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her being taken up into heaven body and soul at the end of her earthly life. Father Abundio officiated the celebration and explained the importance of this feast and Mary's special role in the Church. He also gave a blessing to the Sisters as part of the celebration. The Mass reminded us of the importance of our faith and staying close to God.





We also welcomed our new school president Sister Estela. Sister Estela shared that she is very happy to have been assigned to a good school where all the students are polite. She was excited to meet everyone and begin her time with our school community. We are happy to welcome her and we look forward to everything she will bring to our school.

By:Emma Gonzales and Sophia Rivera

# A New Journey for Father Abundio

Father Abundio Collaso Lopez has faithfully served the Nogales community for the past two years. After three years of priesthood, he is now beginning a new chapter as he transfers to St. Francis of Assisi in Yuma, Arizona. He leaves us with the words from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." Father Abundio shared, "I am super grateful for all the love, prayers, and support as I prepare to embark on this new adventure. You all have been a beautiful and amazing part of my journey while in Nogales. God bless you all abundantly!" We are grateful for his service, kindness, and faith. He will truly be missed, and we pray that God blesses him on his new journey!



By: Fernanda Gamino

# PRE-K AND KINDER FIRST DAY!



## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING !

Pre-K students had a fun and exciting first day as they met their classmates, explored their classroom, and enjoyed free play. Throughout the year, they will learn to recognize and pronounce letters, identify shapes and colors, and develop early learning skills through engaging activities. With a Toy Story theme, the teacher's goal is to create a positive and interactive environment where students can learn, play, and build a strong foundation for future success.







Kindergarten students had an exciting first day as they met their new teacher, explored their classroom, and got to know their classmates. They also enjoyed some free time to play, helping them feel comfortable and excited for the school year ahead.

Throughout the year, students will develop their fine motor skills, learn how to read, and improve their writing skills. These activities will help them build a strong academic foundation while gaining confidence and independence in the classroom.

By: Nicol Mendoza and Sophia Rivera

# SENIOR KINDERGARTEN CLASS BLESSING !!










On Tuesday , August 27, Lourdes Catholic School held a special Senior Kindergarten Blessing. The celebration began with a prayer, followed by the seniors singing a song to God for the kindergartners. The seniors and Ms.Mayer presented a beautiful presentation for the students. The seniors gave the kindergartners a special blessing, and the kindergartners also gave the seniors a blessing in return. Each senior made a special card for a kindergartner and spent time reading it with them. They reminded the kindergartners to keep going, follow their dreams, and never give up as they begin new chapters in their lives. The celebration ended with cupcakes and water for the students who wanted them. It was a meaningful and special way for the seniors and kindergartners to encourage and support each other.










By: Ivanna Hernandez

# WELCOMING OUR NEW STAFF!

## Mrs.Robles



Mrs. Biviana Robles wants her kindergartners to thrive, learn social skills, and become good readers. She has been teaching for 12 years, including kindergarten, 5th, and 6th grade, and has even been a K-8 coordinator. When she's not teaching, she loves hanging out with her family, being in nature, and dancing. She really likes enjoying the little things with people she loves, and as a teacher, she loves watching her students grow and make progress all year.

## Mrs.Asencio

Mrs. Lourdes Ascencio teaches 6th grade math and is also a video production teacher. She has been teaching for 15 years and enjoys helping her students grow, improve, and learn skills they can use in everyday life. Outside of school, she enjoys taking walks with her husband, serving in her parish, spending time in prayer, and having good conversations with others.



## Andres Cardenas



Andres Cardenas is a new shadow at our school who works in therapy and focuses on helping his student become more independent. His main goal is to help his student keep improving and moving forward. During his day, he provides help and supports his student as they work toward their goals.

## Karla Maldonado



Karla Maldonado is a new shadow at our school who focuses on helping her student with his schoolwork and personal development. She provides him with strategies to help her student succeed and continue growing. During the day, she carefully observes what may trigger certain behaviors and looks for ways to help him.

## Timothy Martinez

Timothy Martinez is a new shadow at our school who wants to help his student achieve his own goals and successfully move to the next grade. This is his first year as a shadow, but he has previous experience working with kids and supporting them. Outside of school, Timothy enjoys playing soccer, playing guitar, and hanging out with his friends.




By: Amaya Leon

# STUCO HIGH SCHOOL









The high school held a student council election assembly where students learned about the candidates running for different positions. The candidates had the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their ideas for the upcoming school year. Students listened to the candidates and learned about what each person hoped to accomplish if elected. Ms. Dueñas, the student council coordinator, helped organize and lead the assembly. The assembly gave everyone a chance to become more informed before voting. The election was an exciting opportunity for students to have a voice and choose the representatives they wanted for the school year.

By:Sophia Zepeda

# STUCO MIDDLE SCHOOL

On August 27, Lourdes Catholic School held the Middle School Student Council elections. The candidates worked really hard on their speeches and shared their ideas with their classmates. They also made posters to encourage students to vote for them and show what they could bring to the student council. Mrs. Flores, the Student Council Coordinator, helped organize the election and supported the students throughout the process. Everyone put a lot of effort into their speeches and posters, making the election a fun and exciting experience for the middle school students.









By: Amaya Leon, Ivanna Hernandez, and Sophia Zepda