

BEATITUDES OF OUR LORD SCHOOL

FROM THE SECOND WATERCOOLER IN THE OFFICE THAT NO ONE USES



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MUCH, MUCH, MORE!

St. Joseph, A Feast to be Remembered

BY MR. VILLEGAS

Church, food, and great company. Three awesome ingredients that made our feast day one to remember! The day started off with a prayer service with Fr. Tony explaining the man himself, St. Joseph. He mentioned that St. Joseph was a simple man, but a very important one to Jesus' faith and upbringing. With faith and knowledge filling our hearts, it was time to fill our tummies. The students along with their family members enjoyed the wonderful food, our generous Beatitudes parents brought for all to share and enjoy. It was a buffet line of epic proportions. Foods ranged from spaghetti, lumpia, Grandma Galante's famous St. Joseph soup, and some of my personal favorites, Ube Cake and Portos Flan (hint...hint). At the end of the day, the tremendous amount of participation from families made it possible for Beatitudes to donate the rest of the food to the homeless and those in need.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and to the parents who donated; your contributions made for a fantastic feast day! May St. Joseph smile upon you!

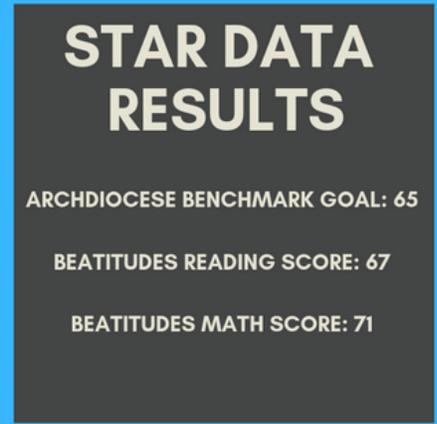
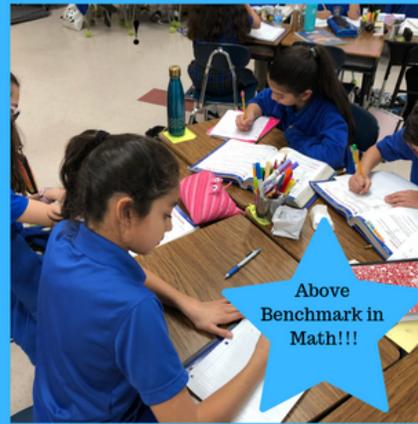


Beatitudes is STAR bound!

BY MR. VILLEGAS

Our February STAR testing results came with great success! Taking the words out of our very own Instagram post (@beatitudes_bobcats), the “STAR test adapts and adjusts to each answer your child provides, so it’s a method for teachers to pinpoint what students already know and what they are ready to learn next! It’s a great way to monitor growth, and a way to guide each student on his or her unique path to mastery.” The goal for every school in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (ADLA) is to achieve a benchmark score of 65 and above.

It is with great pride that we announce that Beatitudes surpassed that score! We accomplished ABOVE ADLA BENCHMARKS in both Reading and Math! “So kudos to you Bobcats! Onwards and upwards!”



Mission: Infrastructure

BY MR. VILLEGAS

In recent weeks, Beatitudes has been busy with some new additions. The school prides itself in providing the best for its students and families. Working with ADLA, Beatitudes has vastly improved its infrastructure. The school’s internet infrastructure has been outdated for many years. It was time to install a new system that would support numerous devices and “get with the times.” To put it in layman’s terms, the school’s wifi will be faster, stronger, and without interruptions. It will now include all of the school buildings, the Ministry Center, and Marron Hall. The turnover to the new system will occur in the coming weeks.

Even though the infrastructure’s upgrade is not easily noticeable like other improvements we’ve managed (new A/C units in the small hall), this was a big project in terms of installation and finance. With the financial grant the school applied for this year and the generosity of Fr. Tony, the dream of making our school “technologically savvy” is coming into fruition. Imagine the possibilities ahead!



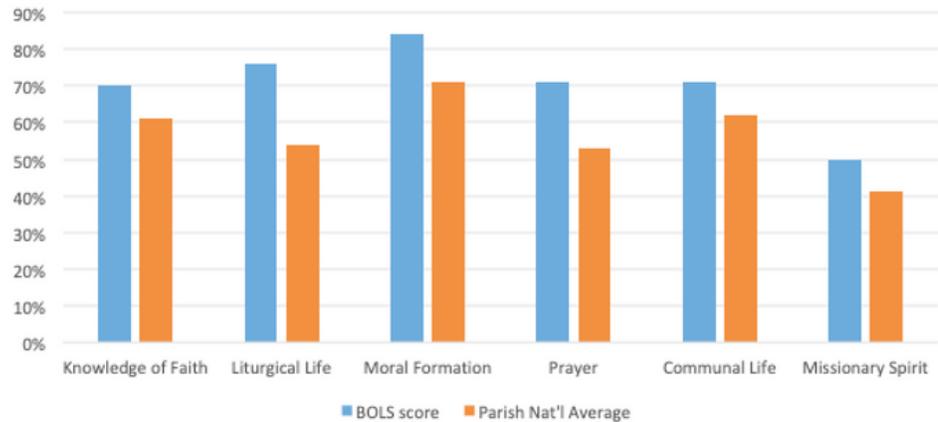
We are Green for ACRE!

BY MRS. WILLIS

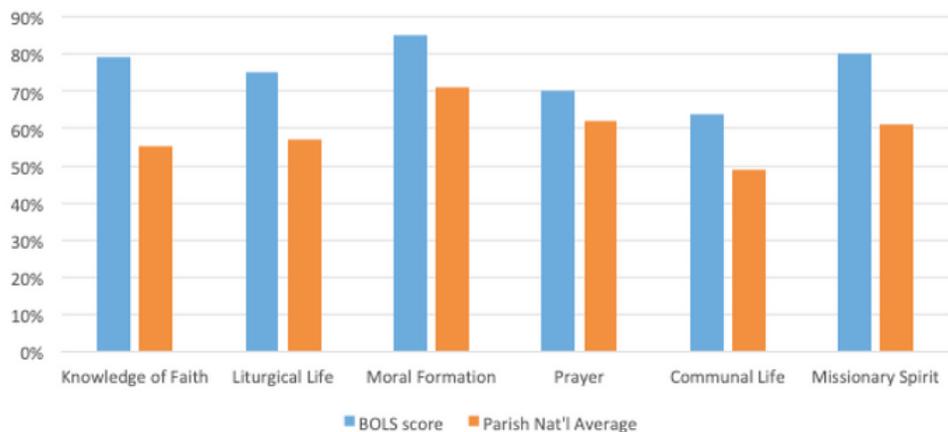
What is ACRE you ask? The Assessment of Children Religious Education (ACRE) is a tool that is used for assessing the effectiveness of religious education programs. Even though the yearly test is given to only 5th and 8th graders, it summarizes how well students in those grades have learned the basic teachings of the Catholic Church in the preceding years. In other words, these scores are a reflection of what the students have learned over the course of their time at Beatitudes. As an integrated assessment tool, ACRE provides faith knowledge questions and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions.

So now that we got that out of the way, how did Beatitudes do? We are very pleased to announce that we scored ABOVE the national average! 5th grade students scored an average of 71.7%, while the national parish average is 58.4%! 8th grade students scored an average of 76.9%, while the national parish average is 59.5%! Great job to all the teachers and staff of Beatitudes! Most of all, great job to our primary teachers of our faith, you, the parents.

5th Grade Scores by Domain



8th Grade Scores by Domain



C3: Catholic. Communication, Collaboration

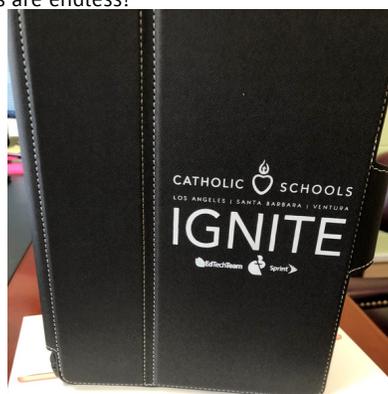
BY MR. VILLEGAS

With kids as young as two learning how to use devices such as iPads, the challenge of getting the student's attention in the classroom setting is becoming more pertinent. Rather than fight it, Beatitudes has decided to use it for good.

With the new and improved infrastructure, Beatitudes applied for an additional grant this year that will be bringing in numerous devices for the students and teachers to use.

The grant, known as the C3 Ignite Device Grant, has allotted 172 brand new Apple iPads to the school! The iPads will facilitate in-class research and will allow the use of educational apps to develop student's engagement and understanding. Apps such as Chatterpix and SeeSaw that can change the way lessons and presentations are made.

Along with the grant we were awarded professional development courses that will provide more ideas to utilize the devices to their full potential. Needless to say, the possibilities are endless!



Stations of the Cross

BY MRS. MARY

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. In keeping with Beatitudes tradition, our 7th and 8th grade students acted out the stations in a mini pilgrimage for parents and the rest of the students. Each person moved from station to station. At each station, the students watched and listened to the rendering of Jesus' last moments on Earth as a man. A small reflection was read at each station too. It ended at the resurrection-the 15th station, which happened 3 days later!





A Bishop's Visit

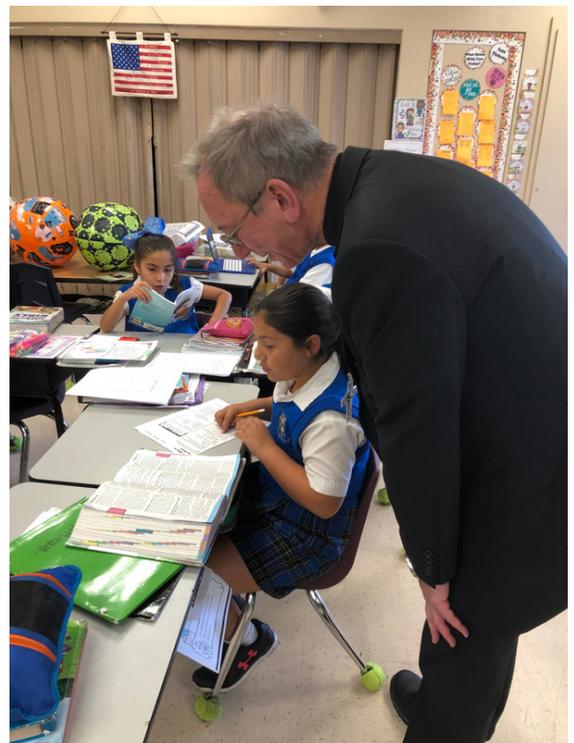
BY MR. VILLEGAS

It was a pleasure and honor to have Bishop Marc Trudeau visit Beatitudes on April 10. He was the celebrant in our Wednesday school mass. He gave a very important homily on the three pillars of Lent, a topic our students are very familiar with and have been practicing this Lenten season. Before the final blessing, Beatitudes invited Bishop Trudeau for breakfast and presented him a canvas picture with all of the students' fingerprints.

“Every Bishop is an ordinary worker: “A man with a boat,’like Simon Peter in the Gospel,” Archbishop Gomez said.

During breakfast, our world renowned choir, directed by Mr. Kocal, entertained us with music from the upcoming Spring concert (Yes! There will be a Spring concert this year! Save the date: June 5th). On a side note, if this was their “practice run”, I can only imagine how awesome they are going to sound come showtime.

Afterwards, he toured our wonderful school and talked to each and every class. He was very pleased with our students. So much so that he blessed us with a “Bishop Holiday” (school will be closed) on Tuesday, May 28!

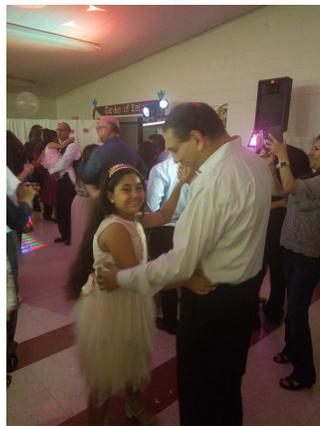




Father-Daughter Dance

BY MRS. VALENCIA

The event all Beatitudes' father figures have been waiting for is just around the corner. Get your dancing shoes ready to dance all night with your beautiful daughter(s). This is a memorable evening where daughters and dads dress up, and have the best time ever. Come celebrate your Father Daughter Mass at 5:30pm and then walk alongside your daughter(s) to Marron Hall at 6:30pm for a delicious dinner, sweet desserts and treats, father daughter photos, and a night full of dancing. Invites have been sent out, so don't forget to turn in your RSVP and payment before May 7th. You will be receiving a ticket stub once payment is received, which you must bring on the day of the dance to use for raffles! Remember \$40/couple and \$15 additional daughters.



"It was a very fun dance last year and one that my daughter always looks forward to!"

-Mr. Villegas

9th Annual Golf Dinner and Auction

BY MRS. WILLIS



Our 9th annual Golf Tournament is on Friday, May 10th! So get ready to tread that green course and boogie the night away! We still have space for some golfers, so if you want to have a little fun while supporting our school, head down to the office to sign up or do it online. Not a golfer? That's okay! We're sure you enjoy a good meal, so join us at the banquet dinner! Your 2018-2019 registration fees included two tickets for dinner at the golf tournament! It's essentially a pre-paid meal so you can't miss out! If you haven't RSVP'd yet, we have extended the RSVP date to Wednesday, May 1st! The night will include dinner, dancing, raffles and auctions. You'll have a chance to bid on an outing with your favorite teacher, take home a one-of-a-kind class project, or win one of the many, many prizes! Our Golf Tournaments are a blast (our DJ gets down)! Don't miss out! Contact Mrs. Willis at awillis@bolschool.org if you have any questions or would

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9TH ANNUAL FUTURES GOLF CLASSIC CHARITY TOURNAMENT & BANQUET DINNER

Sponsored by Alumni Manos Family & Domino's Pizza

Friday May 10, 2019
4 Person Scramble

La Mirada Golf Course
15501 Alicante Rd
La Mirada, CA 90638

Schedule of Events
Player Check-in: 11:00 am
Lunch: 12:00 pm
Shotgun Tee Off: 1:00 pm
Banquet Check-in: 5:00 pm
Dinner Served: 6:00 pm
Live Auction/Raffle: 7:00 pm
Dancing to Follow!

Registration
Golfer: \$125
Parent Rate: \$55
Dinner Only (Guests): \$50

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For online registration, visit: www.BOLFUTURESANDGOLFCLASSIC.com

NOT A GOLFER?
You can join the fun
at the Banquet Dinner!

DID YOU KNOW?
Your 2018-19 school registration includes two pre-paid parents' tickets to the banquet dinner!



Family Night Out

BY MS. FARIA

In March, the Parent Advisory Board hosted the 2nd Beatitudes Family Night Out at Chipotle. Thirty-three percent of the sales went back to Beatitudes of Our Lord School. So many of you braved the March rains to share in a meal. That night we raised \$434.81. Thank you Mrs. Estanislao for putting together this event for all the families to enjoy. It's always fun breaking bread together. We can't wait for our next family outing!



"It's always nice to eat together as a school family"

Welcome Mrs. Honeycutt!

BY MS. FARIA

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Laura Honeycutt to the Beatitudes office staff. She will be taking over as the new receptionist. For those of you who don't already know Mrs. Honeycutt, she previously worked in our after school Bobcat program. Two of her three daughters have already graduated from Beatitudes: Alexis is currently enrolled in college, Alyssa in high school and Alena is in our 4th grade class. We are so happy to have her on our team.



WELCOME

Assemblyman Calderon

BY MR. VILLEGAS

Ian Calderon visited Beatitudes and spoke to our 6th-8th graders. Taking an excerpt from his biography, he was elected in November 2012, to represent California's 57th Assembly District, becoming the first millennial elected to the State Legislature. In March 2016, Calderon became the youngest Majority Leader in the history of the state of California.

The students were very intrigued with the position he holds at such a young age.

One student asked him what was one of the most important bills he started. He considers the bill that requires patrons to ask for straws in restaurants his most important bill. He's responsible for that! We were so surprised! He, thoroughly, explained that the bill was for the benefit of the environment. He encouraged the students to "take a stand for what you believe is right" and "to make a conscience choice on how they affect their environment."



"Take a stand for what you believe is right"
- Ian Calderon



Family Mass Fun

BY MRS. GUERRERO

Our Fascinating Firsties attended the family mass on April 6th. It was nice to see the First Graders come together with their families to celebrate Holy Mass. It shows a strong support of their Catholic faith formation! As an added bonus, the families who attended Mass went out to dinner together! Everyone had a great time!



2nd Grade Retreat

BY MRS. BARBA

On March 26th the Second Grade class and their parents attended a retreat at The Heart of Jesus Retreat Center in preparation for their First Holy Communion. The students had a great time learning, listening to stories, singing, and doing crafts. Students and their parents also enjoyed playing basketball and volleyball together. We were also very happy to have Fr. Tony and Deacon Mike join us to lead us in celebrating mass.

Beatitudes: Family

BY MAGGIE MADIGAN

Beatitudes School has been a family tradition for nearly 50 years! My parents, Kelly and Fran Madigan, became part of Beatitudes Parish from the very beginning. They moved to La Mirada from Los Angeles in 1966. Catholic School had been both of their family traditions. So it was only fitting that they send me and my 2 siblings to Beatitudes of Our Lord School. I graduated in the class of 1979. My experience at Beatitudes School was wonderful. I made life-long friends that I still see today. I played sports, participated in cheerleading and student council. At the time we had mostly nuns, who lived in what is now the Ministry Center. One memory that sticks with me is how my 8th grade teacher, Sister Euphrosine, inspired me to write a play, which our 8th grade class performed. Going to school together from 1st through 8th Grade builds an amazing bond. So close that friends become family. And so, the tradition continued. I had children. I also sent them to Beatitudes School. My daughter Mollie Duff graduated in 2003. She was active in cheerleading, religious events and was the May Queen (I say with pride). Recently, she came back to substitute teach at Beatitudes. William Duff graduated in 2005. He was very active in sports. Basketball was his favorite, but he played every one and excelled as the Quarterback in Flag Football. One of his mentors was our beloved Coach Bernie Edwards, who taught him much about sports but more about life. Both Mollie and Willie made lifelong friends and look back fondly on their experience at Beatitudes. All three of my children had Mrs. Harbaugh for a first grade teacher. Some traditions they remember are The Mission Project experience and Science Fairs. They watch with pride as their younger brother Charlie Noonan plays sports, excels in academics, and makes friends that are sure to be lifelong, and are graduates this year (Class of 2019!). It seems to be the end of an era.... that is, until God-willing, I have grandchildren!



“(They) made lifelong friends and look back fondly on their experience at Beatitudes”

Alumni News

Thank you Mrs. Madigan for sharing that wonderful story. Beatitudes is always looking to hear more from our alumni. The article does not need to be long. It can be a short excerpt. Please share with us your children's or your success after graduating from Beatitudes of Our Lord School.

Email: avillegas@la-archdiocese.org

Missionary Childhood Association

BY MS. FARIA

Lent is a time of prayer, almsgiving and repentance. Each year Beatitudes of Our Lord School students raise money to donate to Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). MCA collects money to help 3.5 million children all over the world. Their motto is "Children Helping Children". This year our generous students brought in \$3789.07. Yes, we did make it a fun little competition. Each week, students competed for extra recess and the class with the most money raised at the end of our collection period, was promised a pizza party.

Students from our 8th grade class volunteered to be MCA representatives for TK-8. Every week these fabulous 8th Graders collected and counted donations, and colored each class's themed thermostat to chart progress. It was hard work, but they persevered and diligently counted buckets full of pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters.

The top three classes who raised the most money were TK, K and 8th Grade. Congratulations to all who participated. We did a phenomenal job!!



The idea of kids helping other kids is such a great way to introduce children to being involved in charitable causes and volunteer work, setting them on the path to doing good for others throughout their lives.

-Brandy Norwood

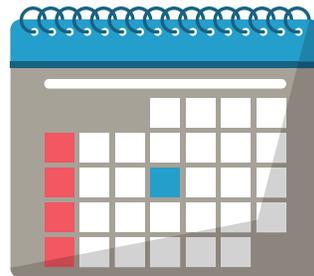




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Big Event Reminders

(Check school calendar for additional events and times)

- April 19-26: Easter Break
- May 4: 2nd Grade First Communion (10am)
- May 7: 8th Grade May Crowning (8am)
- May 8: Mother's Day Mass (8:30am)
- May 10: Annual Golf Auction and Dinner
- May 11: Registration
Day/Fingerprinting/Uniforms (8am-12pm)
- May 11: Kindergarten Family Mass (5:30pm)
- May 18: Father-Daughter Mass and Dance
(5:30pm)
- May 28: Bishop's Holiday (No School)