On February 22nd, Ms. Sohaila Lucero, St. Mary’s Technology Coordinator and oth-
er St. Mary’s teachers attended the 2019 Stemy Awards at the Convention Center
in Albuquerque to receive the 2019 Excellence in STEM Education School of the
Year. This award was presented to SMB because of the recent strides in science,
technology and engineering. Students are being exposed to coding, computer pro-
gramming, design-build activities and many other technology based learning strate-
gies. With the start of our Makerspace classes last year and the purchase of our
3D printer, St. Mary’s has been able to offer students opportunities to learn about
the world of STEM and the areas of opportunity for employment in their future.
St. Mary’s also hosted a STEM Saturday Adventure last September for all county
residents—young and old—to engage in the latest technology experiences from hy-
drogen cars to producing music from arcs of Tesla Coils. Another Adventure is be-
ing planned for the fall with even more vendors. St. Mary’s was featured on KOB
TV after an interview with KOB’s weatherman, Eddie Garcia.
**Lent**

At Saint Mary's School, we are committed to the growth of our Catholic identity, academic potential, and community involvement.

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**3rd GRADE**

Third graders are currently reading two books by Caldecott award winning author, Allen Say. His books describe his family's experiences immigrating to both the United States and Japan. They are using these two stories, online interviews, and audio recordings to compare and contrast immigrant experiences. In math, they have been learning to identify fractions of a whole and fractions on a number line. Additionally, they are now covering the structure of our government by identifying the three levels and the three branches of government. Third grade is wrapping up their science unit on the solar system with a trip to the planetarium at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History.

**ART**

Elementary students have been honing their drawing and painting skill, learning how to care for their art supplies, and use creativity in all their work. Students studied Georgia O'Keefe’s art work and replicated “The Shanty” with chalk pastels. They also made many beautiful design as they learned the basics of print making. Middle School students learned how to give their art work " form" when they drew and shaded a snowman using chalk pastels. They have also learned about the historic New Mexico art form called "Tin Work Art". They made a metal frame for their favorite saint by cutting frames from aluminum sheets, punching a design into them and then "scoring" a sunburst to finish the frame.

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**OLB LENTEN MISSION BEGINS MARCH 11TH-14TH AT 7PM WITH MSGR. RAUN**

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**LENTEN RETREAT**

The whole school will have a Lenten retreat on Ash Wednesday. The regular schedule will be canceled. Instead, students will have only Lenten workshops and prayer time.

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**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parents can sign up on Sign Up Genius to schedule a conference with teachers. All parents will receive an invitation to get on and select a spot on March 6th or 7th.