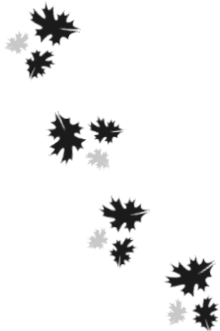


# THE GUARDIAN

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Teaching Our Children to Love and Respect

To start off the year, our Student Council spearheaded an anti-bully movement to promote a loving and embracing learning environment at San Miguel School.



*"The end of bullying begins with me."*





## From the Principal's Office

It is an honor to return to San Miguel School as principal for the sixth year. I have grown both professionally and spiritually through the interactions with such wonderful parents, dedicated teachers, and delightful children. We are growing together.

I am happy to report that our technology program is in the initial stages of implementing 30 Chromebooks and 30 laptops during instruction.

In addition, San Miguel School was one of four schools chosen to participate in Onward Readers, a reading pilot program for grades kindergarten through three. The program is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and designed using research-based strategies that are modified by data-driven decisions. Onward Readers, which is sponsored by the John H. and Cindy Lee Smet Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Catholic Schools, supplies all resources, offers professional development for our teachers, and provides support from a program director and reading specialist.



Our school is blessed with board members, foundations that support Catholic education, friends, and "guardian angels" who support us in prayer, scholarships, and kind donations. We are committed to our mission and excited for what's to come.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

*Maryann Reynoso Davis, M.Ed.*  
*Principal*

## Message from the School Board



It is my great privilege to serve on the San Miguel Board. I stumbled upon this opportunity 2 years ago when I heard our Board President, Tom Beck, speak at Mass at St. Phillips in Pasadena. He spoke of the dedication and determination of the school and of his own personal

joy in working with the school. After Mass, I met a few of the students. I knew immediately that I wanted to participate.

San Miguel is a magical place. In addition to an excellent education, it offers all its students guidance and encouragement in a safe and nurturing environment. It also has a spirit of fun. The administration, teachers, and staff are dedicated to the success of all the students. Clearly, they are guided by their faith in God and their love of children.

The results speak for themselves. The students are happy, polite, and respectful. They are proud of their school, as they should be. As the San Miguel motto says: "Start here, go anywhere."

I have gained way more than I have given in this experience. I hope to continue to learn ways to contribute to your special community.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of San Miguel.

*Ellen F. Driscoll, Esq.*



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### Technology Update: San Miguel School is Moving Forward



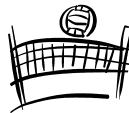
With the help of our School Advisory Board, which purchased 30 Chromebooks for students in grades 6-8 to share, and Bishop Montgomery High School, which donated 30 used laptops for grades 3-5 to share, San Miguel School is utilizing technology during instruction. The teachers are guiding students in using the computers as tools to research, collaborate, and experience learning in a student-centered environment. In accordance with the Common Core State Standards, the computers allow students to access the Internet to produce and publish writing; evaluate content presented in the media; and present information using innovative formats. The students are enjoying their new learning tools and having fun exploring their capabilities.



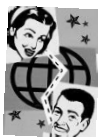
### Student Stars



Under the guidance of our new Athletic Director and volleyball coach, Mr. Gonzalez, our girls' volleyball team has earned the title of 2013 CYO Girls Volleyball Conference Champions. We are proud of their hard work and efforts!



Our flag football team did a wonderful job as well. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to next season.



## Alumni and Friends Corner

### Calling All Alumni

#### *San Miguel School Needs Your Help*

Our School Advisory Board is in need of an alumni representative to serve on our Board. We need someone who can help with outreach to alumni and meet with the Board 5 to 6 times a year. If interested, please contact Maryann Reynoso Davis, Principal, at [info@sanmiguelcatholicchool.com](mailto:info@sanmiguelcatholicchool.com)

### Alumni Spotlight: Wendy Caroline Monteon, MCHS, PA-C

Wendy graduated from San Miguel School in 1996. She attended Jordan High School and upon graduation attended Santa Monica College and then UCLA where she received a bachelor's in psychology.



She later was accepted into the University of Washington School of Medicine and graduated. She now works as a family practice Physician Assistant at the To Help Everyone Wellness Center. In February of 2013 she was married in the beautiful beach city of Marina Chacala, Nayarit.



We are proud of Wendy and wish her and her husband much love and future success. ***Congratulations!***

*(Alumni, we would love to share your story! Please contact the principal if you or someone you know would like to be featured in our next newsletter.)*



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The mission of San Miguel School is to provide a quality education in a safe, nurturing, and Christ-centered environment for students in preschool through 8th grade. We believe that each child has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. In partnership with parents who are the primary educators, we are dedicated to instilling a sense of pride and self-worth in our students as they increase the faith-promise to live and teach as Jesus did.