

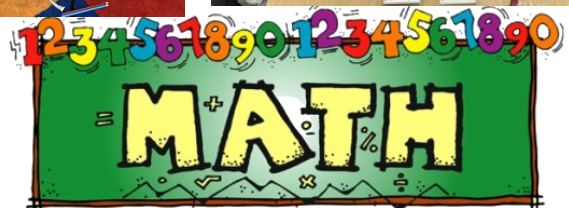
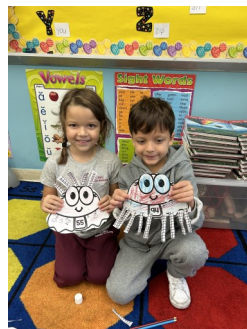
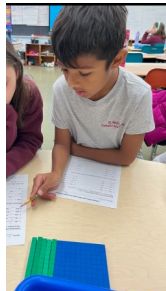
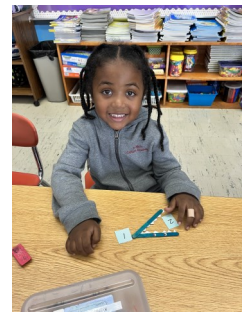
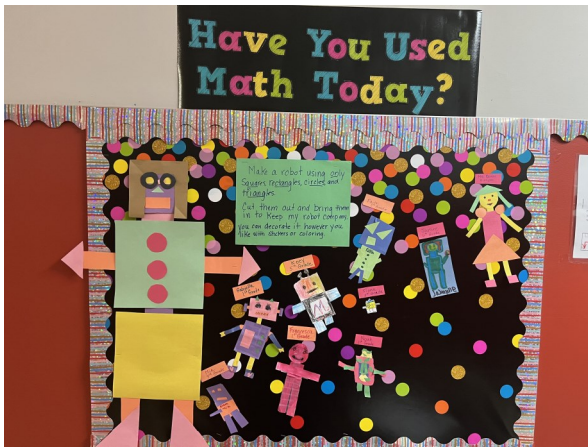


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Math Matters

We don't always think about it, but often use math in our everyday lives, from cooking and shopping to sports and art., Here at St. Mel's, we strive to make math more meaningful for our students. Ms. Tuturro has set up an interactive math bulletin board where she posts a new challenge each month This month's challenge was to to build a robot using only circles, rectangles and triangles. Whether they are exploring the concepts of greater and less than, practicing their multiplication skills, or figuring out if fractions are equivalent, they are honing their critical thinking and problem solving skills at the same time. Calculus....here we come!





Looking Ahead

- Monday 10/23—\$3/NUT dress down
- Tuesday 10/24—Virtus workshop @ 6pm (must register in advance)
- Friday 10/27—Night of the Jack-O-Lantern 5-6:30 pm (all grades) and Halloween Dance 7-8:30 (grades 3-6)
- Tuesday 10/31—Halloween— Students can dress in costume and participate in Halloween parade.
- Wednesday 11/1—All Saint’s Day SCHOOL IS OPEN—children may dress as a saint they admire Grades 1-6 will attend 9am mass
- Thursday 11/2—Original Works orders due
- Friday 11/3—Cascon cheesecake orders due
- Tuesday 11/7—Election Day SCHOOL CLOSED for faculty professional development day.

Mario’s Pizza Night

Thank you Mario’s Pizzio for supporting our school hosting a pizza night. Mario’s donated back 15% of proceeds last Tuesday night. Many of our families and parishoners took advantage of the offer and were grateful not to have to cook for the evening. Some of our sixth graders and their siblings had an impromptu dinner outing, enjoying delicious pizza and pasta.



Alumni Spotlight

Bridget Jiang—Class of 2020



Recent St. Mel’s Catholic Academy Alumna, and current senior at Archbishop Molloy HS, Bridget Jiang (’20) was recently invited to participate in a conference in Oxford, England as a result of the essay she submitted for the John Locke Institute annual essay competition. As an avid writer, beginning during her time at St. Mel’s, Bridget wrote her essay to respond to the theology prompt: *If you cannot persuade your intelligent, sympathetic friends to embrace your religious belief system, do you have enough reason to believe that you believe?* Within her essay, she argued that “The validity of one’s own religious beliefs rests on internal coherence and personal conviction”. During her time at Oxford, Bridget had the opportunity to attend academic conferences on philosophy and theology, and to debate students from around the world. It is clear that Bridget not only possess strong writing and persuasive skills, but she is also a young woman grounded in her faith. Bridget credits the contest for strengthening her persuasive writing skills and helping to prepare her for the writing she will be doing in college. After graduation, Bridget hopes to continue her education at Columbia University.