



**ST. SYMPHOROSA  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
*Building their Future, Celebrating Faith,  
Family, and Academic Excellence.*

# ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL NEWS

*Quarterly Newsletter*



## WE BELIEVE

All things are possible with God

A community of love, kindness,  
and support = success

Our children are stewards of  
God's gifts

## ST. SYMS RETURNS TO IN PERSON LEARNING

St. Syms resumes in person learning for the start of the 2020-2021 Academic school year. Although there were many changes put into place to ensure the safety of the students and staff, everyone was very excited and eager to return to school to see their teachers and friends.

Students enter the building each morning from different assigned entrances, and must maintain social distancing while waiting to enter, to avoid large

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## STUDENTS CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Students at St. Symphorosa celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month both inside and outside the classroom.

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15-October 15, paying tribute to the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic countries. At St. Syms, students were encouraged to share activities they did at home with their families. Several families cooked special meals, read books, or shared stories of their families' history.

Teachers also engaged students. Music teacher Frederick Jackson spent each week focusing

on sharing music from a different Hispanic country. Syms teacher Camila Moya showed her students the film "Pachamama", which teaches students about the traditions, food, and animals of the Incan civilization.

"We are so pleased that our students have had the opportunity to learn about so many different cultures," said Principal Kathy Berry.



*Pre-K student Aaliyah learns about Puerto Rico at home.*



## ST. SYMS HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS

St. Symphorosa School has taken the Feast Day of St. Michael as an opportunity to honor the men and women who serve, protect, and heal us each and every day. Local police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs were invited to attend a drive thru parade to thank them for their sacrifice and service.

Students and staff of St. Symphorosa School lined the streets around the school on the morning of September 29th. Students made signs and banners expressing their gratitude. The parade kicked off with a multitude of police cars parading around the school, being cheered on by St. Symphorosa students.

In previous years, a special mass has been held on this day to honor first responders. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the mass was unable to be held. "It was exciting to see the great turnout and appreciation from the St. Syms School students, teachers and staff at the First Responder's Parade," said Police Officer and St. Syms Parent John DalPonte. "During this turbulent time, and being unable to have a First Responder's Mass, the parade was an uplifting moment for me."



*St. Syms students get a workout on Fitness Friday*

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groups of students congregating at the entrance. Staff members give temperature checks at the door for each students, and masks are required for all students and staff when they are in the building.

"The option for in person learning is so valuable for the education and social well being of our students," said Principal Kathy Berry. "I am also very happy that we have been able to offer a rigorous remote learning option for families who prefer this." St. Syms is very pleased that our staff, students, and parents have cooperated and worked together to ensure our reopening was successful.

## FITNESS FRIDAY" IS A HIT AT SYMS!

St. Symphorosa partnered with Vaunt Fitness for the second year in a row to give our students "Fitness Friday".

Fitness Friday was held on October 2nd. Students of all grade levels were given time throughout the day to experience a high energy workout from the fitness instructors at Vaunt.

Fitness Friday was also made available to St. Syms students who are learning remotely. "Fitness Friday was so much fun! We appreciated having the option to participate remotely," said parent Kathy Burke. "The kids were able to experience the energy and excitement coming from the parking lot while getting in a great workout."