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ST. JAMES MISSION CARNIVAL

Ask any alumni from St. James School and they can probably tell you about their memories of the annual mission carnival. This favorite school tradition takes place on All Hallow's Eve (October 31), the day before All Saint's Day (November 1). Each year the 5th and 6th grade students promote and run the mission carnival for the rest of the students. The week prior, students bring in money to donate to a charity.

mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger

This year, Mary's Meals was chosen for the charity (www.marysmealsusa.org). Students attended a presentation by a Mary's Meals

regional spokesperson and learned about the mission of Mary's Meals to provide a daily meal for children in their place of education in countries where children would not otherwise go to school because of their need to find food. Around 64,000,000 of the world's hungriest children do not attend school because they have to work or beg. It costs just \$21 for Mary's Meals to feed a child for a whole school year. Mary's Meals serves more than 2.2 million children in 20 countries every school day as of July 2022. They rely on the local community to get involved in the school feeding program. Mary's Meals provides the food, local volunteers to cook and serve the meals and, whenever possible, the food is purchased from local farmers.

St. James students raised over \$2,150—



5th and 6th grade students are pictured with their teachers, Sister Mary Faustina, Sister Mary Ruth, and Sister Mary Guadalupe and a check for \$2,151.71 to donate to Mary's Meals.

enough to feed as many children as enrolled at St. James for a whole school year! The main motivation was to help children who don't have the basic necessity of food. The mission carnival was a celebration of their successful collection. 5th and 6th graders worked with partners to present information about several of the 20 countries where Mary's Meals are served. At their carnival booths they prayed for the children from their representative country, shared information, and provided a game and prizes for the younger students.



Oscar DonJuan Mendoza and August Eberhardt were enthusiastic about Niger and their game of mini basketball.



Bryan Jaimes and Kaylee Domingo Aguilar shared about Romania with Kimberlyn Rueda before she played a mini golf game.



Fr. Phan observed as Jaquelynn Rodriguez Lopez and Allisson Rios Murillo blew bubbles to attract kindergarteners to their booth about Haiti, which included an Oreo toss game.



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Ranae Ward and Marleenn Rodriguez Romero studied how Mary's Meals helped children in Ecuador. At their booth students had to pick which cup had the hidden ball.



Ahniyah Godel and Edmond Watts shared about Syria before offering a bean bag toss game or face painting.

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