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**FINE ARTS IS MISSION BASED
AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL ~ VINELAND**

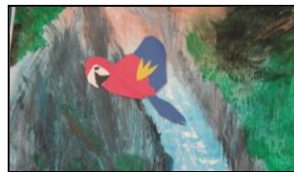
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The Mission of St. Mary's School is to develop well rounded students. Educating our students about Fine Arts is a key element in total development. Students widen their creative skills using many different mediums and methods in art class, music, computers as well as in core subject areas. St. Mary's art and music curriculums focus on a genre of artists and musicians known throughout history that have made an impact on society.

Through cross-curriculum, St. Mary's teachers have found a unique way to pique children's interest. For example, seventh and eighth grade classes have integrated Social Studies, Art, Music and Reading to learn about the Civil War. These lessons tie together and teach more than just history, they teach about society, time-period music and dance. All of this culminates with a formal Civil War Ball complete with reenactments, dinner and ballroom dancing. The Civil War Ball has become a tradition that is well received by the children, parents and the community.

For those children who aspire to be on stage, love music and dance, St. Mary's School provides state-of-the art programs that give children many opportunities. To name a few, St. Mary's most recent performances were Peter Pan, Pirates the Musical, a Living Rosary, The Little Donkey and Bethlehem City. Jungle Book is planned for March 4th and 5th as this year's performance.

St. Mary's School's Music and Arts programs prepare our young children for the future. We provide a stepping stone for public speaking, confidence building, creativity, and art appreciation.



For More Information Contact:
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Photos L-R (Top)

The Little Donkey: Luke Henry & Chase Bisignaro
Nubian Egyptian Art: by Ryan Bassi grade 6
Living Rosary: 2010 Student Assembly
Peter Pan: Patrick Ireland & Mr. Grussenmeyer
Photos L-F (Bottom)
Civil War Ball 2010 – Sarah Buchanan, Gabrielle Horvath, Victoria Battelini, Samantha Fiocchi
Batik (Wax/Water) Artwork Kaitlen Henry, 2nd Gr
Wet on Wet Art – Juliana Merighi – 8th Gr.