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Letter from the Pastor

Please continue to pray for the recovery of
Father Ben.



Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

If you haven't heard the great news, St. Mark's was voted the best private elementary school for the second year in a row by the Idaho Business Review. Thank you so much for your support and to everyone that nominated our school and voted. As my second year at St. Mark's is drawing to a close, there is no doubt in my mind that St. Mark's is truly the best! The dedication of our teachers and staff, the incredible support from families and our parish is remarkable. With Christ at the center of all we do I know we will be able to continuously improve our school and strive to be the best we can be every year.

The Micron STEM crew and bus visited our school on Thursday and what a visit it was! It was fantastic to see the entire student body engaged in science, technology, engineering and math throughout the day. I want to sincerely thank the Home and School Association and Mrs. Bernstein for coordinating this event. It is through your generous

support of the dinner auction that we were able to host this educational, interactive, fun day.

You are all invited to attend our Spring Music Concert featuring our 3rd - 5th graders, the school choir and the orchestra Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. I have been listening to the rehearsals in awe of how much the students have grown this year and how beautiful they sound. Thank you Mrs. Cooper!

Please be sure to check our May calendar to see the many activities we have scheduled for the remainder of the year. I am very excited about our school Mass on May 16th. We will have a Crowning of Mary ceremony at the beginning of Mass, we have invited grandparents to attend this Mass to be honored in a special way AND the first communicants will be wearing their beautiful communion outfits and receive a special blessing. 8th grade graduation, Field Day, and the 2nd annual Sending Forth Ceremony celebrated on the last school Mass of the year (5/31) are just a few other exciting events on our calendar. I pray you will be able to attend as many of these activities as your schedule will allow.

Have a blessed weekend!

Peace,
Donna Gordon



Happy Teacher
Appreciation Week
to our all teachers
and staff



St. Mark's School has 14 students on our t-ball team this year from preschool-3rd grade. Thanks to our players, parents and coaches for playing and representing us. Go Lions!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 6

Mother-Son Bowling Event
National Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
National PE & Sports Week

Monday, May 7

Talent Show Permission Slips Due

Tuesday, May 8

7:00 p.m. Spring Music Program featuring Grades 3-5, Choir and Orchestra

Wednesday, May 9

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Jankowski's 1st grade
4th Grade Field Trip to Idaho State Historical Penitentiary

Thursday, May 10

2:00 p.m. 2nd grade Mother's Day Tea

Friday, May 11

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday
7:00-9:00 p.m. 7/8th grade TVCS Dance @ St. Ignatius
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 7W DA Ditch Day @ Wahooz

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 13

Ascension of Jesus (moved from May 10)

Monday, May 14

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

Wednesday, May 16

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass - presented by Mrs. Souza's 8th grade
May Crowning @ Mass & Grandparents Mass

Thursday, May 17

1:30 p.m. Kindergarten Mother Goose Play

Friday, May 18

7:45 a.m. Talent Show Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday

\$1.00 Optional Spirit Day

Home and School



St. Mark's Catholic School- Boise FUNDays!

\$2.00 from every ticket sold goes to your school!

\$21.99+tax Full Day Admission (\$9.00 off)

Tickets are valid from May 12-July 4, 2018

After July 4th, tickets are still valid with a \$5.00+tax upgrade at the ticket booth

Optional lunch for just \$6.99 each

*Your choice of a cheeseburger, popcorn chicken, taco,
pizza, hot dog, sub sandwich, or garden salad meal*

Buy tickets online at www.roaringsprings.com

*Click the "Groups" tab at the top of the page and
then the "School Fun Days" tab. Click **BUY NOW!**
and log in using the following information:*

Group Name: STMARKS and Password: FUNDAY2018

NOTICE: School FUNDays tickets are for the private, exclusive use of a school and its families.

The user name and password are NOT TO BE SHARED with anyone who does not attend the school.

Posting the user name and password to any form of social media is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

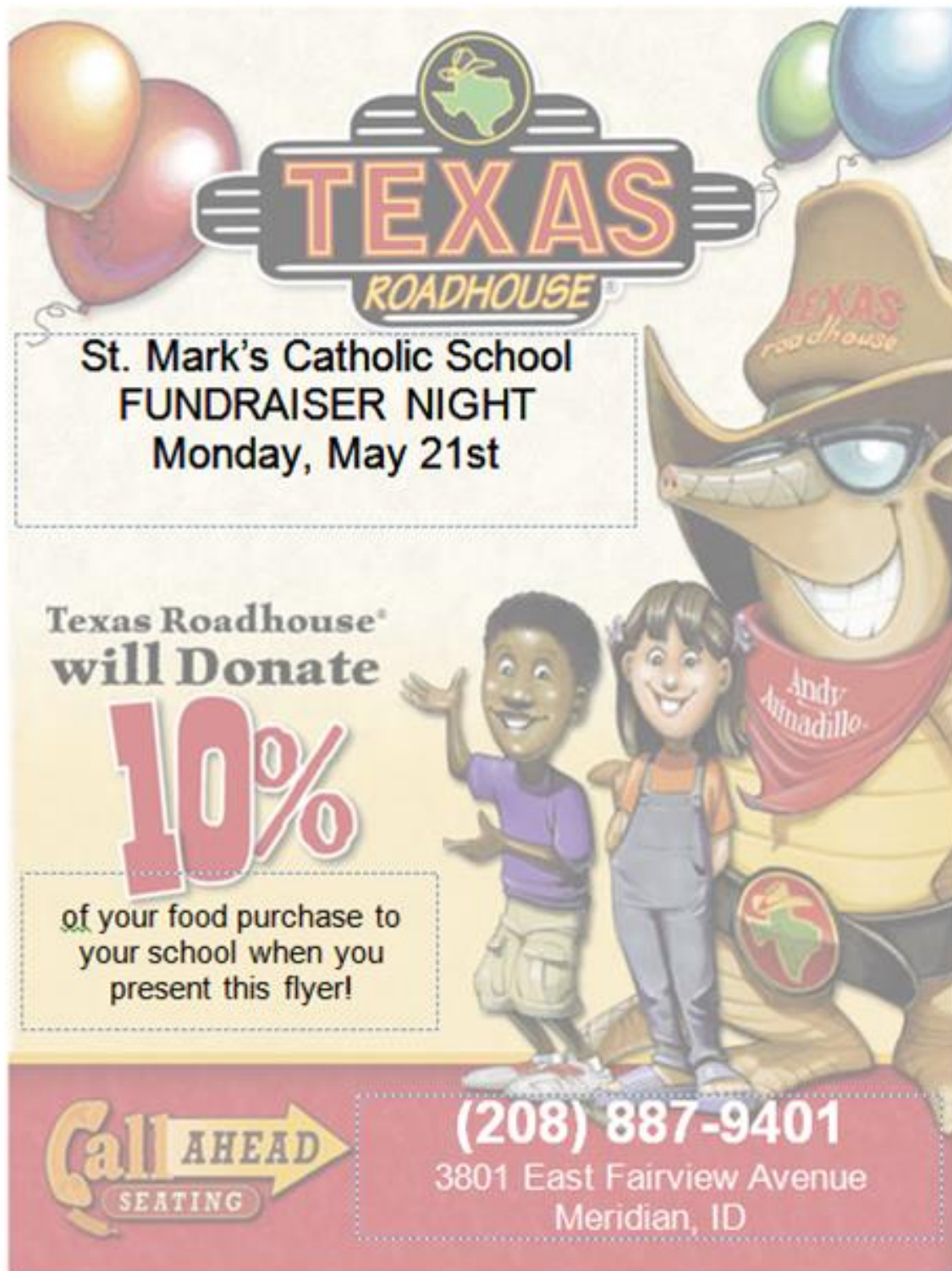
We will immediately revoke your school's FUNDay ticket privileges if the user name and password are shared outside of your school.

No outside food, drink, or glass items allowed into the park.

I-84, Meridian exit

www.roaringsprings.com

(208) 884-8842



Community Night Out at Texas Roadhouse, May 21 from 4-10 pm. Enjoy a great night out with our community and a night off from cooking. Some of the St. Mark's staff will be showing us their line dancing skills, every 30 minutes from 5-7:30pm! Show the attached flyer and 10% of the proceeds will come back to St. Mark's School. **Earn even more money for the school by buying a Scrip gift card to pay for your evening out at Texas Roadhouse (earn 18% - 10% with the flier + 8% Scrip rebate!).** urn your gift card order in for Texas Roadhouse by next Friday (5/11) and we'll have your gift cards available the following Friday. Or you can purchase ScripNow online up until the evening of the event. Just print your gift card and go.

Mother-Son Bowling is Sunday, May 6 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. @

Emerald Lanes Bowling Alley.

Think SCRIP for your shopping and dining and for gifts for **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**. Don't know what gift card your teacher would like? Don't worry, we've created Scrip Gift Certificates which are available in the school office for purchase. Scrip orders placed by noon Friday will be available in the school office the following Friday afternoon. Any questions, please let Natosha Walsh know at stmarksschoolscrip@outlook.com or 515-360-6912.

Volunteer Opportunities

Field Day has been scheduled for the 29th of May. If you would like to volunteer email Coach Schaffeld at dschaffeld@stmarksboise.org.

Do you need to take a LIVE Child Safe Environment Class to be able to volunteer at School or the Church? The following classes are being offered this summer:

Monday, May 21st 12-1pm Faith Formation Room (just in time if you would like to volunteer for Field Day but haven't taken a live class)

Monday, June 4th 5:30-7pm Faith Formation room

Monday, July 16th (primarily for VBS volunteers) 2 sessions: 2-3 pm and 7-8pm

Thursday, August 30th 5:30-7:00PM St Marks SCHOOL Jr High Building
Click on [Child Safe Environment Training](#) for directions on how to register.

We need 2 adult volunteers to chaperone the 7th/8th Grade TVCS Dance at St. Ignatius School on Friday, May 11 from 7:00-:00 p.m. Contact the School Office to volunteer.

St. Mark's Church needs people to bring bottles home, to fill with water, which will then be blessed for Holy Water. Please stop by the parish office if you can help. They are packaged and ready to go! Thank you! Audrey Weiss, *Adult Ministry Coordinator/Office Manager*

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (7)—Anderson, Gilman

Tuesday (8)—Smith, Irvin, Schwehr

Wednesday (9)—Schindele, Reaves

Thursday (10)—Reaves

Friday (11)—Elzie, Reaves

St. Mark's offers a healthy, delicious hot lunch to students and staff EVERY FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!

3 LUNCHROOM HELPERS ARE NEEDED EACH DAY to make the lunchroom experience enjoyable for all. Volunteers work from 11:10-12:45 and are given a free lunch. SIGN UP in the BLUE BINDER in the School Office.

Daily Lunch Schedule: 11:20 (K-2); 11:40 (3-5); 12:00 (6-8)

News

Our Spring Program is **Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm** at St. Mark's School.

- **3rd - 5th grade**
- Call time is 6:45.
- 3rd grade will wear scruffy clothes (scene from Annie)
- 4th - **Girls**, nice dresses; **Boys**, nice long sleeve shirt and tie & dress pants
- 5th – **Boys** dress as either Burt from Mary Poppins or just mass dress (white long sleeve shirt, tie, dark pants) **Girls** wear nice dresses.
- **Choir and Before school orchestra** (*this includes a few 5th graders*)
- Call time is 6:30
- Since there is so much cross-over between 5th grade, choir & orchestra, just dress as you would for your grade. 6th 7th & 8th grade choir will wear their choir t-shirt and dark pants. 6th & 7th grade orchestra boys will wear white long sleeve shirts, tie, black slacks, nice shoes, black socks; girls can wear black skirts - below knee and black stockings/leggings, white long sleeve dress shirt.
- **Choir & Before school orchestra only** will also be performing with Bishop Kelly High School at their concert on Tuesday, May 15th. It will be at 7pm in the REG. *Call time is 6pm.* For this event, choir will wear their choir t-shirt, black pants, nice shoes. Orchestra will wear white long sleeve shirts, tie, pants/skirt, black socks/leggings & nice black shoes.
- If you have any questions, please contact me at lcooper@bk.org.

May Crowning & Grandparents Day

- Wednesday, May 16th we will crown a statue of Mary at the beginning of our Student Body Mass.
- Students will be invited to make or bring in a real flower for the procession that will begin before Mass starts.
- The statue will be place in front of the altar with several vases for students to place their flowers.
- Students will line up outside and process in to music.
- Students who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion may wear their special outfits.
- **Grandparents are invited to this Mass. Students may sit with their grandparents after they bring in their flowers. Doughnuts and refreshments for students with their grandparents will happen in Donoghue Hall immediately following Mass.**
- Students who do not have a grandparent in attendance will be able to have their photo taken during lunch time to send to their grandparents.

Since we are in the warm weather season and it is important for students to stay hydrated, please send a water bottle with your student so they can drink water during the day. We see many students in the Nurse's Office each day who are overheated or not feeling well but perk up with water.

The [May Calendar](#) has been updated to include new events.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We have exciting news about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at St. Mark's. Currently, this hands-on liturgy and scripture-based faith formation program is serving over 100 children in our parish and school and we are growing! We are in the process of building a second atrium at the school and we are in need of more catechists. Learning this catechesis will change your life! St. Mark's will offer a training for catechists this summer, August 6th- 10th, and one week in the summer of 2019. (Training for Level 1 Catechists requires 90 hours of training.) If you or someone you know is interested in this training, or in finding out more about this program, please contact Ginger Mortensen 208-375-6651 or gmortensen@stmarksboise.org or Katie Stroschein kstroschein@stmarksboise.org.

BSU STEM event - a continuation of the event held at Boise State on February 3 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. This is a free event, and open to ages 7-14 for

build, ages 5-18 for free Lego kit only. You may choose to help build the Saturn V Moon Rocket Build for 30 minutes (Ages 7-14) and get a FREE LEGO Micro Saturn V Kit to take home and build

OR

You may choose to just pick up a FREE LEGO Micro Saturn V Kit (Ages 5-18) to take home and build

Register by emailing laburusa@boisestate.edu with preferred shift time, Parent name, email, child name, age of child.

Saturday, May 12

Build Shifts are scheduled 11:30am- 3 pm (every 15 minutes)

Pick up only – scheduled 11:30am- 3:30pm (every 30 minutes)

Sunday, May 13

Build Shifts are scheduled 12:15pm- 3 pm (every 15 minutes)

Pick up only – scheduled 12noon- 3:00pm (every 30 minutes)

The SCHOOL STORE will be open on Late Start Fridays through the end of the school year before school and during lunch. All items are \$1.00.

The last day to check out library books will be Wednesday, May 2nd; with all books being returned by Monday, May 7th.

Monday May 7th – All books need to be returned.

May 7-11th – collect all overdue books and bill.

May 16-25th – Inventory, cleaning and maintenance.

Summer Skills Books are available for purchase to continue learning during the summer months. Due date to order these books is Monday, May 7. Samples are available for preview in the School Office.

STEM Revolution is holding STEM SUMMER CAMPS for Grades 1-9 this summer at St. Mark's School. There are several different classes to be held the week of June 11-15 and June 18-22 at our school, and 3 other schools are hosting classes on different dates. Visit stemrevolution.org for more details.

The 2018-2019 School Year Calendar is attached.

Parker Portraits Open Studio Day

When: Tuesday, May 15th 9 am-4:30 pm

Where: Parker Portraits Studio

2620 W. Bannock Street

Boise, ID 83702

208-345-0807

School Picture Re-Takes for 2017-2018 School year

NO appointment needed.

Looking for a carpool in the Eagle Road/Victory area. School family with 2 boys moving to the area this summer. Please contact the School Office if you live in the area and can help with carpooling.

Voted Best Private Elementary School!



EDUCATION



1. Saint Mark's Catholic School
2. Riverstone International School
3. Challenger School - Meridian



Sports

May

5 Tennis Tournament @ Ridge View and Sage Valley

8-9 Track District Meet @ Middleton High School

To all families with current 7th Grade students:

My name is Lee Lizama and I am the Head football coach for the 8th Grade TVCS Black Knights football team.

On Thursday, May 17th, I will be conducting a registration meeting for the upcoming football season for all families with current 7th grade student, that are interested in participating this Fall. I will share with you the registration process, as well as general information regarding Black Knights Football.

Attached is the flyer for the meeting with details. Please feel free to share with other families whose child will be attending one of our Parochial schools next Fall as an eighth grade student.

If you have any immediate questions prior to the meeting, my email address can be found on the flyer, or you can email Brock Carpenter or Angela Calovich, TVCS Co-Athletic Directors.

I look forward to seeing you on May 17th.

Regards,

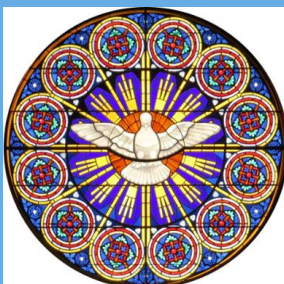
Lee Lizama

Preschool Happenings

Picnic, parachutes, and water paint! Enjoying fun Friday outdoor motor play!



Church Connection



St. Mark's Parish Council and St. Mark's School Board are accepting nominations for the following positions:

Parish Council member at-large, 2 year term

St. Marks School Board member, 2 year term

Positions are open to parishioners with or without children at our parish school. Father Ben will make appointments to these positions in June. For more information, to submit a nomination , or for a complete description of responsibilities, please contact Richard Kulleck at the Parish Office, rkulleck1@stmarksboise.org.

At the recent Parish Council meeting, it was decided that the nominations for Parish and School Board openings will

Confirmation Mass : May 12th at 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and help celebrate this important Sacramental celebration!

Please join us in saying the Holy Spirit Novena this Saturday, May 12th, as our youth are receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit and we will conclude on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th

Holy Spirit Novena:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. " Acts 2:1-4

Flores de Mayo. Our Filipino community invites you to join them in a procession on Sunday, May 13th at 10:00am for Flores de Mayo. First Communicants: you are invited to wear your dresses/shirts and ties! Please bring a flower for the Blessed Mother and plan to join in the procession to the altar.

Jesus is knocking, will you answer? The St. Mark's Evangelization Retreat is June 22-24

- All meals are provided.
- Participants will return home each evening.
- Attendance at all sessions is required.
- There is no cost, but free-will offerings will be accepted.

This three day spiritual event held in Donoghue Hall is a great way to discover your strength in Jesus. Bring an open heart and we will provide the rest. Contact Janet Clark for more information, 208-377-4789

Respect Life

Plant Sale Pick Up - If you pre-ordered plants, pick up is Sat, May 12th near the Faith Formation Room 10am-2pm

Miscarriage Mass - Monday, May 17th Respect Life will be hosting a Mass in honor of babies that died during pregnancy. Everyone is welcome. Mass is at 6:30pm, reception to follow.

Do you want to get to know yourself better, experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ and become part of a loving and caring Christian community? If so, Cursillo is for you.


Catholics, 18 years of age and older, are able to attend. Cursillo means "short course in Christianity." The women's Cursillo is scheduled from June 21-24, 2018 at Our Lady of the Rosary. Interested women should contact Barb Dauner at 208-859-5971 or barbdauner@msn.com.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Saint Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho District Council Summerfest and car Raffle, to be held June 23rd at Holy Apostles Hall. The 2018 Subaru Forester will be on display at St. Mark's the weekend of May 5th and 6th. Raffle Tickets are \$100. There will be only 500 tickets sold throughout the entire district, so buy yours early!

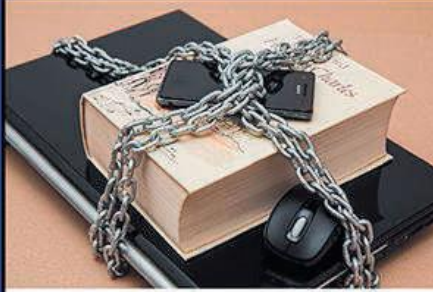
The Summerfest theme this year is "Rockin' with Vinnies". Catered by Goodwood, meal tickets are \$65.00. Cost of a full table is \$750. Dance to the music of RETREADS. Oral auction, silent auction and many prizes will be awarded. All proceeds are used to further the work of all of the councils in the District, including, of course, our



own St. Mark's Council. A good cause.... and a great time will be enjoyed by all.



INTERNET SAFETY CLASS



IN THIS TWO HOUR CLASS YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO:

- Protect yourself and your family online.
- Recognize spam and malicious attacks.
- What is social engineering and how to protect from it.
- Password security best practices.
- Virus protection is it really important or not?
- Browse and shop online safely.
- And much more.

WHEN AND WHERE


We will be offering two to classes:

April 30 at 10:30AM in the Faith Formation Room

April 30 at 6PM in the Faith Formation Room

Visit

<http://www.stmarksboise.org/netsafe/> to register or for more information. Classes will be limited to 24 people.



Notes from the Nurse

Affordable sports physicals are being offered by BK Sports Physical Clinic on May 6th. Spaces are filling up quickly. Instructions for sign up are attached. BK athletes are required to have physicals annually to participate in sports, cheerleading and dance.

TVCS (Middle School Sports) athletes are required to have a physical one time during middle school athletic participation.

Physical Appointment Sign Up Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/qYSbTFhRFxmUcC353>

BK Athletics Physical Form: <http://www.bkathletics.org/forms>

Kim O'Sullivan, RN
Saint Alphonsus School Health Program



Through the St. Alphonsus School Health Program, Mrs. O'Sullivan, our school nurse, is at St. Mark's on Wednesdays and Mrs. Placido, CNA, SASHP Assistant is here on Tuesdays.

Notes from the Counselor

Tantrum Free Shopping With Your Kids Starts Early

By Dr. Charles Fay

Has your child ever had a "melt down" in the grocery store, and you've found yourself thinking, "There's got to be a better way?" Don't worry if you've answered "yes" to this question, it's normal. The good news

is Love and Logic parenting is that better way, bringing happiness and fun back into parenting, while allowing you to raise happy, responsible kids.

The weekly trip to the grocery store does not have to be grueling. With Love and Logic you can be giggling instead. Is this truly possible? Absolutely! Here are two "happiness solutions" you can try the next time you make a trip to the store with your kids.

Happiness Solution #1: Replace warnings and lectures with loving actions.

For making the grocery store fun instead of frantic, actions speak louder than words. That's right! The happiest parents who raise the most responsible kids say very little when their kids act-up. Instead, they allow logical consequences... or loving actions... to do the teaching.

Little Randy is toddling along with his mommy in the grocery store. Soon he has stopped and is now playing with items on the shelves. Randy's wise mommy doesn't waste precious energy by warning, "Don't touch those things. Hurry up. Keep up with me. You're going to get in trouble. Stop it." Instead, she glances at him out of the corner of her eye, keeps walking, and finds a place just out of sight where she can watch him. He can't see her, but she can see him. Giggling, she watches him as he suddenly realizes he might be "lost." He looks around, doesn't see her, panics a bit, and begins to run down the aisle. As he turns the corner and sees her, she smiles and says, "Oh, good to see you," and continues walking. As she moves along, Randy starts to learn, "I'd better keep up with Mommy."

Happiness Solution #2: When tantrums erupt, don't be afraid to be silly.

Some parents follow a sure-fire strategy for making themselves miserable and ensuring that tantrums become a grocery store tradition for their kids. How? They get angry, frustrated, and say things like, "Stop acting that way! When we get home, you are really going to get it. I mean it." Love and Logic parents aren't afraid to have some fun instead.

Samantha wants candy and she wants it now. In front of scores of shoppers, she hits the floor and begins to scream, "I want it! I want it! I want it." How does dad respond? He smiles and says, "Nice tantrum, but I think you are losing your touch. Let me show you how it's done." Her eyes get huge as dad begins to jump up and down and yell, "I want it! I want it!" How does Samantha respond? She stops yelling, stands up, and begs, "Daddy. Stop it."

Parenting can be fun and easy, using these simple techniques. Why not give Love and Logic a try?

Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.
Ms. Jen Boehm. LCPC

Dr. Joe Lipetzky, our school psychologist, is at St. Mark's on Monday and Friday mornings.
Mrs. Jen Boehm, our school counselor, is at St. Mark's on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.