



# FRIDAY FACTS

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## Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

2nd Grade Winter MAP

Wednesday, February 14

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by 4th Grade

Friday, February 16

Progress Reports Issued on Rediker/Teacher Inservice—No School  
Hallsiey Basketball Tournament through Sunday

## Upcoming Events

Monday, February 19

NO SCHOOL-President's Day

Tuesday, February 20

Class Photos

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass Presented by 2nd Bernstein

Friday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday  
\$1.00 Optional Spirit Day  
**4:00-7:00 CAMP LIONS**

Saturday, February 24

6:30-9 p.m. Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance in the Gym

## A Letter From Our Pastor

Father Ben, Father Reggie and all of the St. Mark's clergy and staff offer our prayers for those who have been impacted by the recent news of Fr. Faucher's arrest. We invite you to join us in prayer for all victims of child abuse and exploitation.

Please see the attached [statement from Bishop Peter Christensen](#) and if you need to speak to someone regarding this unfortunate circumstance, feel free to contact the parish office, [208-375-6651](tel:208-375-6651)

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Ben, Pastor

## A Letter From Our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

It is hard to believe that next week marks the half-way point of the third quarter! Please be sure to check your child's progress regularly on PlusPortals, and email or contact your child's teachers with any questions or concerns.

Next week the students will enjoy a week of dress-up days for the upcoming Hallsiey tournament, Ash Wednesday Mass, a school-wide Lenten retreat and a Hallsiey assembly on Thursday afternoon. There will be no school on Friday for the students. Our teachers will enjoy an inservice day collaborating with area Treasure Valley Catholic School teachers.

### Upcoming Lenten Activities -

**Almsgiving** -this year we will once again participate in the **Knights of Columbus's 40 Cans for Lent Drive**. If you would like to bring in canned food goods we will have collection boxes in each classroom. We will also be having a school-wide Penny War throughout Lent to collect money for an amazing organization called the **Unstoppable Foundation**. The [Unstoppable Foundation](#) is a non-profit humanitarian organization bringing sustainable education to children and communities in developing countries thereby creating a safer and more just world for everyone. Their Mission: To ensure EVERY child has access to the life-long gift of an education.

**Prayer** - We will start Lent with an Ash Wednesday (2/14) retreat that will lead the students through a hands-on Stations of the Cross experience. We will also participate in adoration in the auditorium at the end of the day. We will join the parish's call to pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet at the end of each school day. If you would like to join the school and the parish, you may tune into Salt & Light Radio (1140AM) every day at 3:00 and pray a Divine Chaplet as well.

**Fasting** - The students will spend time during the retreat reflecting on their own personal Lenten promises. They will write them down on a paper heart that will be placed on a cross in the auditorium during adoration.

Please be sure to read the information regarding the **special guest speaker** coming to Bishop Kelly High School. Rob Hackenson will speak with parents about **social media safety** on February 26<sup>th</sup>. He will then speak to St. Mark's middle school students the following day in our auditorium. We have invited St. Paul's and St. Mary's students to join us as well. We are blessed to be able to host this special event.

Have a blessed weekend!

Donna Gordon



### NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (12)—Gilman  
Tuesday (13)—Huskinson  
Wednesday (14)—Schindele  
Thursday (15)—Huskinson, Valuet  
Friday (16)—NO SCHOOL

**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); 11:45 (3-5); 12:00 (6-8)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Hallsissey Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**8:30 am -12:00 noon - BK Cafeteria**

Parent and Student Volunteers - all are welcome!  
Each year during the Catholic Schools Jr. High Hallsissey Basketball Tournament hosted at BK, the BKPA (Parent's Association) hosts a PANCAKE BREAKFAST. All Bishop Kelly friends and family are invited to attend.

Click this link to volunteer through Signup Genius. If you have any questions please contact Brian Losness (208) 870-3022, [nitrophoto@yahoo.com](mailto:nitrophoto@yahoo.com)

**SUPPORT OUR TEAMS BY VOLUNTEERING AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

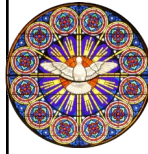
BoxTop\$ for Education are due by Friday, Feb 23rd. We



are not doing a class contest this time, please put the BoxTop\$ in the box by the front office.

### LION CUB REPORT-NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL

We think our class prediction of Spring coming was much more accurate than the Groundhog's! This week we have been enjoying this BEAUTIFUL weather!



### Church Connection

**THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS—Two options for this 6 week study! Wednesday morning or evening beginning Feb 28th - March 4th**

The Bible and the Virgin Mary will be offered on Sundays (4/8-4/29) between our two morning Masses! It will be led by Chris Privon.

National Marriage week Feb 7-14. Exciting news... check out the USCCB's new For Your Marriage Link (below)! It covers Dating & Engaged, Married Life and Family Life and Parenting.

<http://thecatholicsun.com/2018/02/08/usccb-launches-new-mobile-responsive-foryourmarriage-org-website/>

Ash Wednesday Services, February 14th:

Distribution of Ashes, 7:00am

Mass, 8:30am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm

Reconciliation at St. Mark's:

*Go deeper with your understanding of Reconciliation this Lent, check out "Forgiven" on FORMED:*

*FORMED.ORG, parish code: KFR83M*

Every Tuesday at 8:30am, beginning February 20th,

Exception: Tuesday, March 6th, 7:00pm, Communal Penance Service at St. John's Cathedral,

Every Wednesday at 5:00pm, beginning February 21st

Exception: Wednesday, March 14th, Chrism Mass at St. John's Cathedral

Wednesday, March 21st, Communal Penance Service at St. Mark's, 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday at 12:00pm, beginning February 16th

Every Friday at 6:00pm, beginning February 16th

Living Stations presented by St. Mark's School: March 16th at 1:00pm and 6:00pm

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches,

Every Wednesday at noon, beginning February 21st

Meager Meals, made possible by the Knights of Columbus:

Every Friday after the evening Stations, beginning February 16th

Exception: March 2nd (Evangelization Retreat)

Further Opportunities for growth in your faith this Lent at St. Mark's:

Ignatian Retreat, presented by Fr. Tom Lankenau, February 24th, 9:00am-4:00pm

Evangelization Retreat, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Holy Week 2018

Holy Thursday, Mass, 7:00pm

Good Friday, March 30th, Stations of the Cross, 12:00pm

Veneration, 3:00pm, 7:00pm

**HOT LUNCH CHANGE—BECAUSE OF ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 14, THE LUNCHES ON FEBRUARY 13 AND 14 WILL BE FLIPPED. LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 13 WILL NOW BE CHICKEN SANDWICH, AND LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 14 IS TOMATO RAVIOLI SOUP.**

Parker Portraits will be taking Class Photos on Tuesday, February 20. Picture Order Packets were sent home in Friday Folders or you can click on the link to print the form. Students must be in uniform for the Class Photos.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Tonight's 4a BK freshman sophomore division basketball champs  
Undeclared season, champions!

St Marks alumni, all freshman on the team!

Anna Ranieri

Rachelle Johnson

Molly Connor

Mallory Knell

Emma Sammartino, former St. Mark's student and current BK Junior, was selected as BK Student of the Month—Emma's Coach had this to say about her: "Emma suffered a torn ACL last basketball season, which ended her season and prevented her from participating in soccer this summer and fall; however, she did not give up! She attended our summer basketball camp and traveled to Gonzaga just to be with the team. She has stuck with it and played in her first game at Ridgeview on January 5th, marking a year since her injury. Emma has persevered through adversity and has been an inspiration to our program and a living symbol of GRIT!"



## Scout Sunday



St. Mark's School students pictured: Josh Mitra, Abigail Bibbens, Daniel Ochoa, LJ Rowles, Jake Webster, Amber Rowles, Julia Baerlocher, Terra Rowles, Maitane Lete, Lilian Brady, Adabelle Hauck, Bailey Baltazar, Paige Thiel and Chloe Whelan



St. Mark's is in need of a head coach to organize our T-Ball program this year.

Training is available from last year's coach.

Contact the School Office for details.

Dr. Joe & Ms. Jen are presenting **PARENTING THE LOVE AND LOGIC WAY**

beginning Thursday, February 22 through April 5 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Church. Cost for the class is \$45. Click the link to [register](#) for the class.



## Partner School Knights!

**BK 2018 REGISTRATION**—This year the application for new students will be **entirely online**. The 8th grade students will be given instructions on how to apply and how to select courses when they visit in January. Instructions will also be on our website. If you have families that struggle with technology, please have them contact us at Bishop Kelly.

One big change for your parents is that they will **need to upload a copy of their students first semester report card when they apply**. Many of your parents are used to the school providing this. If possible, when you send those report cards this year, please tell parents that they will need to keep a copy of this to submit as part of their BK application..

Lastly, please help us to apprise your parents that we have had more interest for this incoming freshman class than ever before and are expecting a very large number of applications. To ensure acceptance at Bishop Kelly, it is **advised that applications are submitted early**.

### Important Dates:

- **February 23rd, Early Application Deadline** (save \$25 on application fee)
- **March 9th, Application Deadline**

## Home & School Happenings

### St. Mark's Camp Lions!

**WHEN:** 4:00pm - 7:00pm Friday, February 23, 2018. Homework club from 3:00pm - 4:00pm is included in this package....that's 4 hours of amazing care for your children!

**LOCATION:** St. Mark's School

**COST:** \$50.00.

• **SUPER HEROES IN TRAINING**—Sponsored by Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Jankowski—Do you love Super Heroes? Then this is the camp for you! Join us as we create various art projects and complete Super Hero agility training all inspired by Super Heroes! (grades K-2)

• **MAD SCIENTIST**—Sponsored by Mrs. Behrend and Mrs. Brennan—Want to experience wacky science experiments that involve all your senses? Chemical reactions, science magic, and of course, dry ice! You will even end the evening with some supplies to practice your experiments at home! (grades K-5)

• **LEGO CAMP**—Sponsored by Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Boesiger—Do you live for Legos? Get ready to build the night away as you spend time being creative and building anything you want with great friends! (grades 2-8)

• **CAKE POP CAMP**—Sponsored by Mrs. Rivas, Mrs. Van and Mrs. Brinegar—Join our Awesome Office Ladies, as they share their talents for creating and decorating fabulous cake pops! Good chefs know you have to taste your creations to make sure they are delicious and of course to share with all the other campers! (grades 3-8)

• **\*NEW\* MIDDLE SCHOOL SPA NIGHT**—Sponsored by Mrs. Wolbach and BK girls—Enjoy an evening of being pampered. Relax and enjoy having your nails painted and other spa treatments! Campers will leave with a bag of fabulous spa goodies! (grades 6-8)

**February St. Mark's School SCRIP Promotion**—  
Get \$5 applied to your **FAMILY LUNCH ACCOUNT** when you **PURCHASE \$100 OF SCRIP** in one transaction in the month of February.  
Click on the link to learn all about SCRIP—how to set up an account and place an order. Time to think about Valentine's Day and the Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance for gifts or dinners.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



# Hallissey Week

## Dress Up Days:

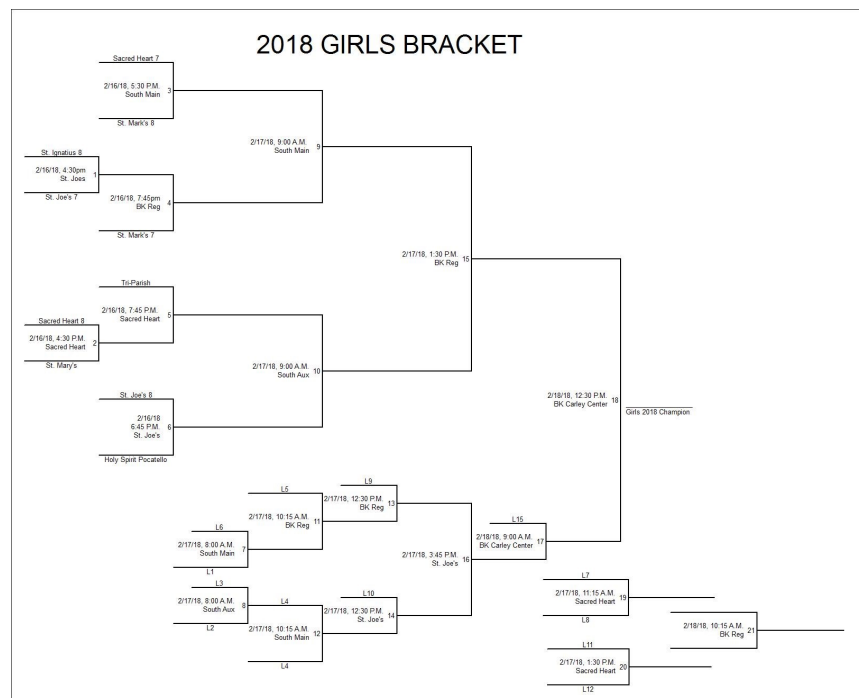
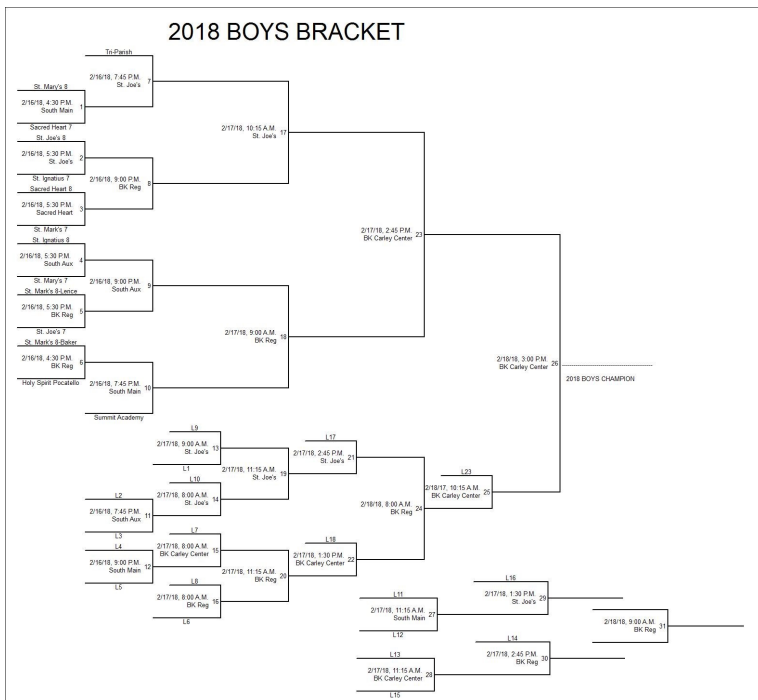
Monday: Monochromatic Monday (wear one color from head to toe—no hair coloring, jeans are allowed)

Tuesday: Fat Tuesday Crazy Day (crazy socks, crazy hats, mismatched clothing, jeans are allowed) and Mardis Gras Beads & masks

Wednesday: Uniform Mass Dress

Thursday: Lazy, lounge Day (sweats, lounge wear) NO slippers, camis, sleeveless or inappropriate tops  
1:30 p.m. Hallissey Assembly in gym

**\*\*REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL IN WINTER DRESS CODE,  
SHORTS ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING THE WEEK\*\***



## **SPORTS NEWS**

- 12 7BB @ Nampa West  
8BB v. Nampa West
- 15 **7BB @ Kuna DATE CHANGED**  
**8BB v. Kuna DATE CHANGED**
- 20 7BB @ Sage Valley  
8BB v. Sage Valley
- 22 7BB v. East Valley  
8BB @ East Valley
- 26 7BB v. Mountain Home  
8BB @ Mountain Home
- 28 7BB @ Lonestar  
8BB v. Lonestar

### March

- 5-7 7BB Tournament @ East Valley  
8BB Tournament @ Nampa West

BISHOP KELLY IS INVITING ALL PARENTS TO ATTEND A [PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT ON YOUTH SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY](#) ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 @ 6:30 P.M. IN THE BISHOP KELLY LIBRARY. [INFORMATION](#) TO BE PRESENTED IS INCLUDED IN THE LINK. OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE ATTENDING THE YOUTH PRESENTATION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.



USA National Team vs Serbia National Team.  
February 11th beginning at 3pm at Bishop Kelly High School.  
Adults \$10, Students \$5

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1 that you want to enroll in Kindergarten at St. Mark's School? Make sure you have an Application for Enrollment completed and on file with the School Office. Kindergarten Screening will take place on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.



## **NOTES FROM THE NURSE**—Important Vaccine/Immunization information updates on PERTUSSIS, INFLUENZA and SHINGLES **PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough)**



Both Canyon and Ada Counties are reporting an increased number of PERTUSSIS this year.

### **Why worry about pertussis if you or your children have been vaccinated?**

Even though you or your child may have been vaccinated, protection from the vaccine weakens or disappears over a period of time. Very few pre-teens, adolescents or adults have any protection. Pertussis can be deadly to infants. The best way to protect yourself and others is by getting vaccinated.

### **What should you do?**

Watch for signs of whooping cough and keep anyone at home who has symptoms until they have seen a healthcare provider or are not contagious. Symptoms include a cough that is persistent, comes in "fits," is so forceful it causes vomiting, or it may cause a noise as the person breathes in. Consult your health care provider for specific recommendations.

### **Where can people get their Tdap vaccine?**

CDHD offers vaccines to children through age 18. Call 208-327-7400 to make an appointment.

Call your child's or your health care provider to schedule a vaccine.

Vaccines are available through most medical clinics, walk-in clinics and some pharmacies.

For more information about pertussis or the vaccine, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html> or contact a medical provider such as your doctor, nurse, or Central District Health Department's (CDHD) Communicable Disease Program (208-327-8625).

### **SHINGLES**

1 in 3 people will get shingles in their lifetime, so it is recommended that anyone who is 50 and older receive a vaccination. The vaccine is especially important because as people age, their immune system weakens, leaving them more susceptible to shingles. Even healthy, active people can get shingles. A new and more effective herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine, is now available. Shingrix® was recently approved by the FDA and released to the public as a more effective vaccine. Shingrix® is over 93% effective. Those ages 50 and up are asked to speak with their pharmacist or healthcare professional about this vaccine.

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**—Ideas For Connecting:

Every child and parent craves and responds to connection in different ways, so it's important to find what works for your family. Connection can look different for each [child](#), and for each parent. It depends on the day, the time of day, and what else is going on around you. It can be [scheduled](#) or spontaneous. Maybe you surprise them with a trip to the park. Play an impromptu game of tag. Or simply sit silently together on the couch. Maybe you ask about something specific that happened that day — and actually [listen](#) to their response! Sometimes, connections happen through difficult, challenging situations: Making up after an argument, crying together after hearing about what the [mean girls](#) said at school, consoling them after a last-minute loss in the game. Here are a few more ideas on ways to connect:

- Schedule a regular hang out time (play a game, read a book, go to the park, something you both enjoy)
- Come up with a special goodbye ritual (handshake, song, certain words, etc.)
- Offer a hug, high five, fist bump, something that requires touch!
- Play in their world – get down on their level, use their toys with them, be silly, use your imagination!
- Share your favorite game, toy or movie from when you were a kid
- Ask about their day and just listen
- Recognize their feelings and just be with them while they are sad/angry/scared/excited

There are many more ways to connect. Take a few moments to brainstorm and try something new this week with your kid(s).

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

Dr. Joe Lipetzky, our school psychologist, is at St. Mark's on Monday and Friday mornings