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Letter from the Pastor

Please continue to pray for the recovery of
Father Ben.



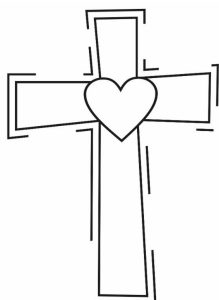
Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

I am excited to announce registration for the 2018-2019 school year! I am even more excited to announce that registration will be online. For returning families, most of the registration forms will already be populated with your information. You will only have to carefully verify your information and update where necessary. Please look for an email with a link to begin your online registration next week.

You will notice a three percent increase in tuition for next year. This increase will help us with salary increases for our incredible teachers and staff, expected increases to computer based programs such as MAPs testing, Renaissance Learning, STAR Testing, etc.

Recently, we have had a lot of interest in the school from families that have heard about us through you, our current families. Thank you so much for sharing your positive stories about St. Mark's! You are definitely the best marketers our



school has.

If you haven't already voted for our school in the Idaho Business Review Reader Rankings poll, I hope you will consider clicking the link and voting. You are able to vote once per IP address and the voting ends on Tuesday. Please click [here](#) to vote.

Have a blessed weekend and thank you so much for sending your amazing children to St. Mark's.

God bless,
Donna Gordon

Student Spotlight

CAMP LIONS WAS A BLAST





Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, March 7

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by 5Baker
10:00 a.m. Reconciliation Service

Friday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday
1:30 and 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Living Stations @ the Church

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Monday, March 12

First Day of Practice for Tennis & Track
5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

Wednesday, March 14

NO STUDENT BODY MASS due to Evening Chrism Mass @ St. John's Cathedral

Friday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday
9:00 a.m. Irish Dancers

\$2.00 Wear GREEN Day in Honor of St. Patrick's Day (if you paid in advance for all the Optional Spirit Days for the year, please send in an extra \$1.00 for this special day, money will be donated to our Lenten charity)

Holy Spirit Basketball Tournament Begins through Sunday



Home and School



**FOR SALE
IN THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**

Thank you to Joe and Nicole Egbert who has stepped forward as next year's Dinner Auction

Chairs. Many Volunteer Hour activities will be starting soon. Remember every family needs to complete 6 hours of volunteer time dedicated to the Dinner Auction.

A huge thank you to the teachers and staff for hosting a wonderful Camp Lions last Friday. The kids had a blast. A special thanks to Mrs. Risch, Mrs. Jankowski, and Mrs. Jensen for planning and coordinating this fun event and auction fundraiser. We would also like to thank the support of Panache, Winco, and Dart Wars for their generous donations to the event and to the parish for use of the van and Chuck Nelson for driving. Thank you parents for your support.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for 2 adults who have taken the Safe Environment Workshop to babysit at the Church for the next 4 weeks on Thursday night from 6:00-8:30 p.m. This is during the Love & Logic class caring for the attendee's children from infants to preteens. Contact Juliet Jones @ 208-375-6651. **TIME VOLUNTEERED COUNTS TOWARD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!**

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (5)—Gilman, Glodowski, Glasgow

Tuesday (6)—Smith, Schwehr, Irvine

Wednesday (7)—Glasgow

Thursday (8)—Cepek

Friday (9)—Baltazar

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

Students in Grades 2-8 will participate in a Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, March 7 after Student Body Mass.

The BK baseball program invites up and coming baseball athletes to an event to view their new hitting facility/field and facilities upgrades, along with what their future plans are. It's a

pretty casual fund raiser and allows exposure to the younger kids/families to the BK baseball program. Bishop Kelly Baseball Banquet and Auction –Saturday, March 10, 2018. We will begin with a “Happy Hour” and tour of the new hitting facility at 5:00pm, and the banquet at 6:00pm at the Carley Center on the BK campus. This is always a fun event and our primary fundraising for the baseball program at Bishop Kelly. Click on the link for more information.

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a contest at the school during Lent. Forty Cans of Food will help our Food Bank serve those in need. Bring your canned food items to school and the Knights will be picking them up each Monday.

If you want to use the Rediker app on your phone, St. Mark's School code is XPD8FQ.

School dismisses on Friday, March 23 @ Noon and Spring Break is March 26-30, which is also Holy Week. Easter is April 1 and there is No School on Monday, April 2 for Easter Monday.

Idaho Rush Soccer Club's Spring Recreational Soccer is now open. Click on the link to learn more.

House Bill H590 - the GEM Scholarship Act. This bill is up for a vote in the Idaho House of Representatives on Monday and we would love your support. Our superintendent, Sarah Quilici, and the founder of Education for All, and Blake Yoede have asked all Catholic school principals to reach out to their parents to email their state representative and ask them to vote yes on the bill.

Unstoppable Foundation Update – \$804 was raised in our very first week of our school wide penny war! The girls are in the lead with -14,577 points. The boys have -15,700 points. There was only an \$8.23 difference between the amount of money the girls and boys brought in. Please be sure to ask your child how the penny war works. We are having a great time with this friendly competition, and 100% of all of the money raised goes to building communities in developing countries.



Our 8th graders will have their Graduation Cap & Gown Photos taken on Wednesday, April 4 after Student Body Mass. An order form will be coming home soon for group and individual photos.



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.



On Friday, March 9 at 1:30 and 6:00 p.m., Our 8th Graders will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross at the

Church. Our students will be attending the 1:30 p.m. presentation. All are welcome to attend either or both performances.

Sports

March

5-7 7BB Tournament @ East Valley

8BB Tournament @ Nampa West

12 First Day of Practice for Tennis and Track

16-18 Holy Spirit Basketball Tournament in Pocatello for 4th-6th Graders

TVCS Spring Sports - 6th-8th Graders an participate

Tennis: March 12th at Julia Davis tennis courts 4:15pm (schedule being modified..will post soon)

Track: March 12th at Bishop Kelly 5:00pm (Home Meets will be April 11 and April 30...schedule posting soon)

Golf: April 9th at Indian Lakes (practices only..matches will be at Ridgecrest Golf Club)

**Please bring registration paperwork
and the \$85 fee (track and tennis)
\$150(Golf) with you to practice on
March 12th (Track/Tennis)
or April 9th(Golf)**

Preschool Happenings

Church Connection



St. Mark's, located at 7960 E. Northview Street in Boise will conduct an ongoing series called [Catholics Returning Home](#) on six consecutive Wednesdays beginning on April 4th at 6:30pm. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. For more details, call Audrey Weiss, 208-375-6651.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt - Can you help? We are in need of:

- Donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs. NO PEANUT PRODUCTS PLEASE ! All donations need to be at the church by Sunday, March 25. Put them in the donation box in the vestibule of the church, or bring them to the office.
- We also need volunteers to help stuff the eggs and set up the hunt. Please contact Ginger Mortensen: gmortensen@stmarksboise.org Thank you!

Lent at St. Mark's, a Two Week Glance

Tuesday, March 6th

Confession, 8:30am

Communal Penance Service at St. John's Cathedral, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 7th

Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm

Confession, 5:00pm

Friday, March 9th

Stations of the Cross (led by Richard Kulleck), 12:00pm

Living Stations of the Cross (led by the St. Mark's 8th grade classes), 1:30pm, 6:00pm

Saturday, March 10th

Confession, 3:00pm

Tuesday, March 13th

Confession, 8:30am

Wednesday, March 14th

Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm

Confession, 5:00pm

Friday, March 16th

Stations of the Cross (led by Deacon Joe) 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross (led by High School Youth Ministry), 6:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meager Meal with Irish Dancers, 6:30pm

Saturday, March 17th

Confession, 3:00pm

Mark Your Calendars

St. John's Communal Penance Service, March 7th, 7:00pm

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

Prayer...Fasting...Almsgiving

Notes from the Nurse



Join Officer Gomez of the Meridian Police department for an eye opening class on internet safety. This is a free class provided by the Meridian Police department as a public service which is also open to the public.

Do you know what your kids are doing on the Internet? Officer Gomez knows what kids are doing and what parents need to know to keep their kids safe. Please join us at Lewis & Clark Middle School for a free class that will educate students and parents together. This class is what you need to know about what is happening with social media in today's elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools.

MERIDIAN POLICE

INTERNET SAFETY CLASS

OFFICER GOMEZ

JOIN OFFICER GOMEZ FOR THIS FREE CLASS THAT WILL COVER WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE ONLINE. THIS CLASS IS MOST USEFUL IF ATTENDED BY THE ENTIRE FAMILY WITH CHILDREN 10 YEARS OLD AND UP.

MARCH 14, 2018
6PM - 8PM

TOPICS

- SOCIAL MEDIA**
- CELL PHONES**
- BULLYING**
- SEXTING**
- PREDATORS**
- IDAHO LAWS**
- APPLICATIONS**
- BEST PRACTICES**

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Dangerous Applications

Bullying

Sexting

Predators

Hidden Dangers

Best practices for parents .

Phone controls

School Issues

*This class is recommended for kids age 10 and up.

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

Manners Matter!

Four Easy Ways to Teach Kids How to Behave

In all parts of their lives, children with great manners have a powerful advantage over those who do not. They make friends easier, get along better with their teachers, and eventually make much better employees and spouses. Here are four techniques that will give your child this life-long gift:

Tip No. 1: Make a list. Sit down with your kids and make a list of the specific behaviors polite people display. Have fun with this activity. Your written list might look something like: • Say "please" and "thank you" • Eat with their mouths closed • Burp in the privacy of their own rooms • Say "excuse me" • Hold doors open for people

Tip No. 2: Model these manners. Children learn much more from our actions than from our words.

Tip No. 3: Provide kids what they want only when they use manners. When parents use Love and Logic, they don't waste their breath lecturing about good manners. Instead, they very politely refuse to provide what their kids want unless they hear a sweet "please" or "thank you" and see the other behaviors on their "manner list." For this to work, parents must respond to requests with polite sadness instead of anger or sarcasm. For example, a parent might say in a sad tone of voice, "This is such a bummer. We can't go to the movies today because you need more practice with manners first." A parent who sets this limit,

avoids anger or sarcasm, and holds firm by staying home will see a very upset child in the short-term and a much happier, more responsible one in the long-term.

Tip No. 4: Expect them to repay you for any embarrassment they cause. If your child continues to be rude, he or she may need to repay you for the embarrassment or inconvenience created. With genuine empathy and sadness, a parent might say, “How sad! Your rudeness at Aunt Mary’s house really drained the energy out of me. I’ve been too tired to clean the bathrooms. When you get them done, I’m sure I’ll feel a whole lot better.” If the child refuses or forgets to do the chore, wise parents don’t lecture or threaten. Instead, they quietly allow their child to “pay” for their bad manners with one of their favorite toys.

Thousands of parents have transformed manner monsters into polite kids who are a pleasure to be around. At one Love and Logic seminar, a parent commented, “When I used these tips, my boys almost immediately started to shape up. They even warned one of their rather rude friends who was visiting: ‘Better stop burping ... Our mom’s gonna make you do chores.’” Give these Love and Logic tips a try, and see how much fun parenting can be! (article courtesy of:

www.loveandlogic.com © Charles Fay, Ph.D.)

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.