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Letter from the Pastor

We celebrated the 8th grade graduation last week, our Kindergarteners graduated yesterday and we celebrated our last school Mass of the year today. All of these events can only mean one thing; this 50th anniversary school year has come to an end! Our celebration of Mass this morning was a beautiful way to cap off the year with the time capsule items and the “sending forth” ceremony. And thank you for the beautiful stole! What an awesome, thoughtful gift.

While I was away these last few months healing, I was able to see Christ alive in each of you in new ways. The prayers, videos and acts of mercy offered by the students and faculty are something that I will always treasure. Thank you! I do look forward to the next school year, as I will be back in full swing and able to witness all the great things that our parents, young disciples, faculty and staff do throughout the year at St. Mark's. I missed being able to witness the love of Christ that you share daily!

As you begin your summer, I pray that you will be safe and joyful and that you will continue to follow your Spiritual GPS. You might be traveling or perhaps you just plan to enjoy the more relaxed pace of summer with a “staycation.” Whatever it is that you do over the next few months, I pray that you will keep Christ at the helm.



Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Thank you for a fantastic 50th anniversary year! Here are a few of my favorite highlights:

- 50th anniversary Mass and time capsule reveal
- Received the WCEA full six-year accreditation
- Hosting the All Schools Mass, Lenten Retreat, Advent Retreat, special prayer services, Crowning of Mary celebration
- A new school counselor
- Voted best private elementary school for the second year in a row
- Excellent MAPs testing results
- 7th grade girls won the Hallissey Tournament and the 6th grade boys won the Holy Spirit Tournament
- A vibrant Facebook page
- A silver award in advertising for our *Miracles Happen at St. Mark's* radio campaign
- A hugely successful, super-hero dinner auction
- Penny War that raised \$2500 for a village in Africa
- Over 7,000 hours of parent volunteer hours
- Purchased a new tractor and made several facilities improvements

Remember to follow Christ in all your adventures, this summer and always.

May the light of Christ continue to shine into the future through our children.

Father Ben

- Improved technology infrastructure and purchased 55 chromebooks with 50 more to be purchased this summer
- Implementation of a new student information system and the launching of online registration
- A new integrated art program for k-5
- Second annual Sending Forth ceremony
- Outstanding music programs
- \$50K in one day drive

I realize there are many, many more beautiful memories from the school year and I want to personally thank you for being a part of them all. I cannot be more sincere when I say I love being part of St. Mark's. God has truly blessed me and I pray he continues to do so for many more years.

Have a wonderful, safe, joy-filled summer.

Peace,

Donna Gordon

Student Spotlight



Congratulations 8th Grade Graduates



Congratulations Kindergarten Graduates

Weekly Calendar



School's
Out
for the
Summer

Upcoming Events

See you on Monday, August 22 (FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL) - Noon Dismissal

Home and School

SUMMER SCRIP - use ScripNow for your Back to School shopping, **summer dining** and **Vacation plans**. Scrip Any questions, please let Natosha Walsh know at stmarksschoolscrip@outlook.com or 515-360-6912.

ScripNow - just order, pay and print (you must have an account set up).



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



Uniform Exchange

Date: Aug 11th, 2018

Time: 8:00AM—12:00PM

* Location: St. Marks School

Exchanges will take place from 8-10 am **only!** During this time you are able to exchange out **like clothes for like clothes.** ie: Pants for pants, shorts for shorts, like top for like top etc... We will not be accepting clothing with holes, fading etc..

Tops: \$2

Bottoms: \$4

Skirts: \$10

Jumpers: \$15

QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Jeanine Sauerwein: 208-870-6803

Jody Kelsch : 208-866-6747



Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to all our volunteers for Field Day, our students had a blast in the sunshine!

If you would like to get a start on your Volunteer Hours for next year during the summer, our planter beds could use some TLC. Stop by when you have time, keep track of your hours and log them in the binder in August.

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, June 4th 5:30-7pm Faith Formation room
Monday, July 16th (primarily for VBS volunteers) 2 sessions: 2-3pm and 7-8pm
Thursday, August 30th 5:30-7:00PM St Marks SCHOOL Jr High Building
To register for a class, go to boise.cmgconnect.org, then "My Training" then scroll through and complete 7 modules. After completing the 7 modules you will be directed to the "Live Events" page where you will choose the live class to attend.

Don't forget that after you have taken one live SEW class you must renew the online class each year to be able to volunteer at the school. Summer is a great time to get that done so you are ready to volunteer in August.

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE RECORDED IN THE BINDER BY FRIDAY, JUNE 1. ACCOUNTS WILL BE BILLED \$20 HR. FOR ALL HOURS NOT COMPLETED BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JUNE 4.

Lunch Room Volunteers

We need your help next year as a volunteer in Lunch Room. Sign up in the Blue Binder outside the School Office in August.

News

Congratulations to Bridgier Gilman who won the Stem Camp drawing in last week's Friday Facts.

Summer Skills books are available for purchase online at their website www.summerskills.com. Since this is a review to keep your child's skills sharp, remember to order the grade level that they just completed. Research shows that students lose 2.6 months of reading and math progress over the summer. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT STUDENT'S DO DAILY READING** and practice other skills during the summer, so please make sure to work on one of the many summer programs during break.

Lost & Found will be donated to St. Vincent's the week of June 4.

The following 8th Grade families have graduated their last child from St. Mark's School: Berhamovic (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Binfet (moving to Singapore), Bloom (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Boicourt, Brooks, Ella Cunningham (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Dixon, Doiron, Fischer (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Foster, Gudmestad (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Janquart (3 graduates from St. Mark's), Jensen (4 graduates from St. Mark's), Derrick Johnson, Jones (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Kempers, Lamey (3 graduates from St. Mark's), Lee (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Mathis, Navarro (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Perea-Hinojosa, Reaves (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Risch (2 graduates from St. Mark's), Schultz, Sprague and Tylor. Don't forget to come back and visit.

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.

"Keys" to Summer Fun: Miss Isla and Mrs. Pape are now accepting new piano students for the summer! Students receive quality, one-on-one instruction, tailored to their individual learning style. Those who register for summer lessons have the opportunity to transfer piano lessons to school during the day come Fall. If interested or have questions, please contact Mrs. Pape (208-859-6199) or Miss Isla (208-602-0635). We look forward to hearing from you!

We will be emailing the Summer Mailing this year. Watch for the email coming out the end of June.

Summer Office hours are 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. from June 1-8 and beginning again on Wednesday, August 8. If you have a payment during summer, please mail it to 7503 Northview, Boise, ID 83704

Middle School Summer Math Prep

- We are offering a summer math prep course for incoming 6th grade through outgoing 8th grade. Participants will receive individualized instruction to prepare for the upcoming grade.
- Bishop Kelly students and alumni, under the guidance of Mrs. Souza and Mrs. Behrend, will be assisting so we can offer a low instructor/student ratio and provide more individualized instruction. See dates and times below.

- Class Information - St. Mark's Middle School
June 26-28 from 10 am-12 pm
July 10-12 from 10 am- 12 pm

- Students will also be placed in a Kahn Academy classroom (<https://www.khanacademy.org>) and provided feedback throughout the summer

- Class Fee: \$300 per student payable to Teri Souza

- Contact Information
souzateri@gmail.com
208-571-5755

Sports

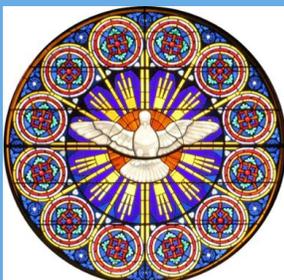
Summer Camps at Bishop Kelly

BK is excited to host a variety of Summer Camps for school aged students in the Treasure Valley! Please check out the menu of camps and plan to spend some time staying active and engaged this summer!

Download this list of BK camps listed chronologically, or see below for individual camp descriptions and registration forms.

[2018 BK Summer Camps List](#)

Preschool Happenings



Church Connection

St. Mark's is (unofficially) declaring June

“Celebrate Vocations” month!

Help us celebrate the Catholic men in our lives, the newly ordained, those not yet ordained, and those who have the heard that whisper and have begun to discern His call.

- June 7th, Ordination Mass, 11am at The Cathedral of St. John: The priestly ordinations of Joseph Lustig and Nathan Dail The ordination to transitional diaconate of John Mosier.
- June 8th, Vocations Golf Tournament at Shadow Valley Golf Course Shotgun start at 1:30pm Contact Jim Warburton for more information at 208-949-0866 or email golf@saltandlightradio.com.
- June 8th, Father Ben’s ordination anniversary (2006) (celebrate Priesthood day, the parish office is closed)
- June 19th, ENCOUNTER, 7:00pm, Donoghue Hall
The Diocese’s seminarians will be with us to answer questions and to talk about: “A Day in the Life of a Seminarian”

Have you taken the Vocations Chalice home? Don’t let your summer schedule deter you, our most recent family recipient took the Chalice camping with them! You are welcome to take the Chalice from St. Mark’s during one of our Sunday Masses, then make it a part of your family’s prayer life for the week. You might write a note to the seminarians to tell them you are praying for them, pray for an increase to vocation of priesthood or pray for your own son, nephew or grandson to discern God’s call.

There is a sign up sheet outside the Vesting Sacristy or you may contact Juliet Jones at jjones@stmarksboise.org, 208-375-6651

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To sign up for FREE, just visit us here: <https://stmarksboise.formed.org>.

CCW SPRING CLEANING: - remember to save some of your clean, gently used household goods for CCW’s July Rummage Sale: July 13th and 14th. We will be receiving goods Monday thru Wednesday: July 9th, 10th and 11th. If you have any questions, contact Freida Jackson 208-377-3970 or Lydia Godinho

St. Mark's Youth Ministry June Schedule

- DAILY MASS AND COFFEE HOUR EVERY TUESDAY AT 8AM
- MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 5PM
- JUNE 12TH 10AM HIKING AT HULLS GULCH
- JUNE 10TH BBQ IN THE COURTYARD AFTER THE TEEN MASS
- JUNE 11TH FEEDING THE HOMELESS
- JUNE 24TH YOUTH GROUP

Contact Mike for any info 713-562-2113

Notes from the Nurse

End of Year Reminders

- Medication Pick Up: Parents, please pick up any medication from the Health Office prior to or on the last day of school.

- Medications not picked up will be properly disposed.

•7th Grade Immunizations

Incoming 7th graders are required to have Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and Meningitis vaccines prior to starting 7th grade.

- 2017-2018 Guide to Immunization School

Requirements:

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/Idaho%20Immunizations//201718ParentGuideSchoolRequirementsFinalEditsEnglish.pdf>

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

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

Happy summer break, to you and your family:
Preparing Kids for the Teen World

By Jim Fay

The way we discipline our children in grade school determines the type of teenagers they become.

In elementary school, both right and wrong ways of disciplining work! However, while inappropriate methods may work during a child's younger years, they fail to prepare a child for adolescence.

By following a few guidelines during the grade school years, parents can help their children glide through the teen years with minimal difficulty.

Guideline 1:

Give your child as few rules as possible and as many as absolutely necessary – Generally, it's best to let the child make mistakes. Their consequences are usually far less severe in grade school than in high school.

Guideline 2:

Let natural consequences occur – Grounding, anger or lectures teach the child to resent the parent rather than learn from natural consequences. Wise parents, taking a cue from the airlines, say, "We're leaving at eight o'clock. If you are ready at that time, you may go with us."

Guideline 3:

Wise parents impose consequences to take care of themselves – Effective consequences that parents impose include isolation of the child or having the child perform extra work around the house to "pay the parents back" for family items they have abused. Wise parents say, "Why don't you take a walk around the block and cool off? We'll be happy to see your face again when there's a smile on it." When we take care of ourselves, children learn how to take care of themselves.

Guideline 4:

Get the child's opinions and thoughts first – We ask with interest and without accusation.

Guideline 5:

Parent should mean what they say, and only say it once – Often parents give warnings: "Now I mean it!" (which implies the parent usually doesn't!) Try instead, "Will you guys please take it outside now?" the kids may say, "What did we do?" A good response is, "Outside is the place to figure that out."

To make these approaches more meaningful, discuss their pros and cons with your spouse or a friend before implementing any of them with your child.

People who are really successful implementing this skill purchased [*Developing Character in Teens*](#)

As I was going through the Love and Logic material this spring with some parents, we noticed that doing one thing differently until you get it locked in is better than trying to change everything at once. Take your time you have all summer to start the shift and put the fun back in parenting. Once you get the new way of doing things with the children it gets easier and they get the idea that you mean it the first time not when you are turning purple and yelling. Have a great summer. We hope to see you in the fall.

Joe Lipetzky, Psy.D.

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.