



FRIDAY FACTS

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 16

National School Bus Safety Week

Wednesday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass—
5Baker

Friday, October 20

8:00-9:00 a.m. Individual Student
Retakes

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday

\$1.00 Optional Spirit Day

1:30-3:00 p.m. Preschool-3rd
Grade Fire Safety Visit

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 23

Red Ribbon Week
6th Graders to MOSS

Wednesday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass—
7W
3:00-4:00 p.m. Salt & Light
Radio Pledge Drive Broadcast
from St. Mark's School

Friday, October 27

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday
End of Quarter—Noon
Dismissal
6th Grade Returns from MOSS

A Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mark's,

I am looking forward to Saturday evening's dinner auction; 'A Night of Superheroes!' I was thinking of dressing like the Hulk; green paint and all, but a parent reminded me that I could actually just dress in the usual clerics since priests are also considered super heroes!

Let's turn our focus for a moment to some of our other Catholic super heroes, saints. Robert Ellsberg summarizes the late Madeline Delbrel in an America Magazine article titled 'Saints not Superheroes': "We, the ordinary people of the streets, believe with all our might that this street, this world, where God has placed us, is our place of holiness." We should not then, look at saints as more godlike than human, since they each had their own stories of conversion and human struggle. We are not attempting to knock saints off the preverbal pedestal we place them on, but we do want to remember to take their human lives seriously too. Saints give us an example of sacrificial love; their lives were forever changed by a love bigger than themselves.

A 'Night of Superheroes' will undoubtedly be a fun night for our community. Perhaps we can use it as a reminder that we are each called and challenged to bring the light of Christ into the world, our neighborhoods and the places we live, in which our lives and those around us are changed by the great love we encounter, viz Jesus Christ.

May we continue to lift up Mrs. Gordon and her family in prayer, especially her deceased brother-in-law Jerry and may the light of faith continue to shine into the future through our children.

Father Ben



A Letter From Our Principal

Dear Parents:

It was good to return to school three days this week before heading out of town to attend the funeral for my brother-in-law. I want to thank everyone for their prayers for my family during this difficult time, they have truly been felt.

I am not able to attend the Dinner Auction, but will be there in spirit. I want to offer my sincere thanks to Mrs. Thiel and Mrs. Webster and their team of volunteers who have put so much time and effort into our biggest fundraiser of the year. Don't forget to visit the online auction that is also going on now. There are many amazing items to bid on that also help support our school.

I hope you have a great weekend. God Bless!

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NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (16)—Glodowski, Isla, Anderson, Gilman
Tuesday (17)—Smith
Wednesday (18)—Cox, Schindele
Thursday (19)—Irvine, Schwehr
Friday (20)—Cox

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

Mrs. Sammartino, our librarian, is looking for a couple of volunteers to chair this year's Book Fair. This opportunity could fulfil a large number of your required volunteer hours. The Book Fair will run the week of October 30. A sign up link for volunteers will be posted next week. Please contact Mrs. Sammartino at dsammartino@stmarksboise.org if you would like to volunteer to coordinate this event.

Rake Up Boise is scheduled for Saturday, November 11. We need parent volunteers to help supervise our student teams. Permission slips will be coming home soon.

LION CUB REPORT—NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL



Reading



one of our favorite things to do in Preschool!

TRADITIONAL RAFFLE TICKET SALES ARE JUST OVER \$8,600!!
CONGRATULATIONS ON REACHING OUR SECOND INCENTIVE GOAL! WE NOW GET TO SEE ALL TEACHERS & STAFF PERFORM THE CHICKEN DANCE EACH TIME THE SONG IS PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

GREAT JOB SELLING TICKETS!

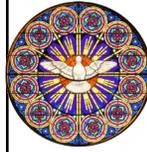
TOP SELLER: CONNOR HANKEL

2ND PLACE: MARSHALL BORGNA

3RD PLACE: HOLDEN BOEHM

THIS WEEK MRS. BRENNAN'S 4TH GRADE CLASS WILL RECEIVE A COOKIE PARTY FOR TOP SALES.

THE OVERALL TOP SELLING CLASS IS MRS. SOUZA'S 8TH GRADE CLASS. YOU WILL RECEIVE A "SUPERHERO LUNCH PARTY!"



Church Connection

Any adult desiring the Sacrament of Confirmation is welcome to participate in a 6 week session, led by Father Ben, on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30, beginning on Wednesday, October 25th in the

Library. Receive the fulfillment of your baptism in the Grace of this Sacrament. You will also need the Sacrament of Confirmation for Marriage or to become a priest or nun. Please contact Juliet Jones to register in the parish office at 208-375-6651 or email jjones@stmarksboise.org. Thank you!

Home & School Happenings

Celebrate the past 50 years,
inspire the future!

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Boise Centre

5:00pm—No host cocktails, silent and dessert auction

7:00pm—Blessing and Dinner

7:30pm—Live auction, dancing immediately following

This year's **ONLINE AUCTION** began on Sunday, October 8 @ Midnight. Visit www.stmarksauction.com to set up your account and let the bidding begin. The **ONLINE AUCTION** ends on Sunday, October 22 @ 11:59 p.m.

ONLINE AUCTION ITEM: The teachers and staff of St. Mark's proudly present the return of **CAMP LIONS!** Enjoy a date night out while your children head off to "camp" with a special staff lead activity of their choice followed by dinner!

WHEN: 4:00pm - 7:00pm Friday, February 23, 2017

LOCATION: St. Mark's School

COST: \$50.00.

HOW IT WORKS: Purchase a ticket for the Camp Section that corresponds to your child's age and area of interest.

Quantities are limited and we will not be able to make changes the night of the event. The ticket price includes all of the evening's activities.

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! (15 spaces for 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! (20 spaces for grades K-5)

SPA NIGHT, sponsored by Mrs. Bernstein and Mrs. Risch—Relax and enjoy having your nails painted and hair styled! Campers will even make a sugar body scrub and take home a goodie bag! (15 spaces for grades 2-5)

GLAM NIGHT, sponsored by Mrs. Wolbach and BK girls—Enjoy an evening of make-up tutorials and learning the latest braiding techniques. Campers will leave with a goodie bag and lots of new tips! Campers need to bring their own make-up. (16 spaces for grades 6-8)

DART WARZ, sponsored by Coach Shaffeld and Mr. Rossi—Take the ultimate field trip to Dart Warz for a night of epic Nerf fun! Students will be transported by van to Dart Warz and then return to the school for dinner. (12 spaces available for grades 6-8)

PAINT AND SIP, sponsored by Mrs. Enrico and Mrs. Baker—Release your inner artist as you experience an art lesson like never before! Enjoy delicious snacks and drinks as you paint the night away on real canvas following a guided lesson, and of course take your masterpiece home at the end of the evening! (8 spaces for grades 5-8)

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! (20 spaces for 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! (18 spaces for grades 3-8)





SPORTS NEWS

October

- 16 5/6GB @ Pierce Park
- 18 5/6GB v. MountainView
- 19 5/6GB @ Koelsch
- 25 7GB v. Nampa South
8GB @ Nampa South
- 30 7GB @ Emmett
8GB v. Emmett

Sunday School Mass – OCTOBER 22nd at 8:30—Our next Sunday Mass that the school will host will be next Sunday, October 22 at 8:30am. The students will be serving at this Mass and there are many opportunities for them to be involved. We will need 8 readers (2 for the readings & 6 for the petitions), 8 greeters, 4 altar servers and a family to bring up the gifts. We could also use 2 parent volunteers to help direct students to their tasks on that Sunday. Students who have assigned parts in the Mass should plan to be at the church at 8:00 on Sunday. All students are asked to wear their uniforms to this Mass. Please email Katie Stroschein at kstroschein@stmarksboise.org to volunteer for these positions. Also, mark your calendars for the next school Mass which is planned for Sunday, November 26 at 11am.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE –

The Nurse's Office is in need of cough drops and children's liquid and chewable ibuprofen and acetaminophen.

The flu season is already here in the Treasure Valley.. We will begin giving flu shots in school soon. The flu shots are FREE for the children through the State Vaccines for Kids Program. The [consent form](#) and the VIS (Vaccine Information Sheet) are attached. Only the injectable is being offered as studies showed the nasal vaccine did not provide effective protection. The consent form must be filled out completely and returned before the vaccine can be given. Please send in your signed consents NOW, so that we can get counts and set up dates for administration. Check out the link below for more information and remember that good handwashing is one of the best ways to keep the flu from spreading. Eat well , get plenty of sleep, and of course, get your flu shot!.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Prepare-Your-Family-for-Flu-Season.aspx>

The consent form is also available on our website at www.stmarksboise.com under School 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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 IS OUR STUDENT FLU SHOT CLINIC BEGINNING AT 7:30 A.M. IN AUDITORIUM



Individual Retakes are scheduled for Friday, October 20 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

\$1.00 OPTIONAL SPIRIT DAY IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20. STUDENTS WHO BRING \$1 TO DONATE TO CHARITY MAY WEAR JEANS IN GOOD CONDITION OR SOLID COLORED SHORTS AND A ST. MARK'S SPIRIT SHIRT.



The date for 8th Grade Graduation has been confirmed for Wednesday, May 23 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

Thank you Mr. Ostermann for being our bus driver—the week of October 16 is National School Bus Safety Week.



Calendar correction— Friday, October 27 is listed on the October Lunch calendar as a "no school" day. It is actually a Noon Dismissal.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Second graders Chloe and Miryana performed with Killarney Irish Dance Company at the 2017 Boise Highland Games.

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

—Love and Logic has been teaching about "The One Year Plan" for over 30 years. This plan is a guide to help your children succeed in school. There are 12 points that this One Year Plan uses and we will share them with you this month over the next three weeks.

- 1 of 12 Love and Logic parents remember that parents can't teach for teachers and teachers can't parent for parents. Neither teachers nor parents can learn for children no matter how much we love our child.
- 2 of 12 Show the same amount of love for your children regardless of their success in school. Show sadness rather than anger when they have trouble at school.
- 3 of 12 Expect your children to do their share of the chores at home.
- 4 of 12 Spend some time each day talking with excitement about your work and your day. They will want to imitate you and will soon begin to talk about school and their day.

We will have more of the one year plan next week. Have a good time at the dinner auction this weekend.

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.