

Volume 4, Issue 15— December 13, 2019



Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mark's,

We celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the school yesterday.

Deacon Joe remarked at the start of his homily that he has celebrated the Feast of Our Lady for many, many years and he had never experienced a celebration that moved him as much as the one at our parish school, led by our children. The reenactment done by the 5th graders was awesome! Thank you for ALL the effort that went in to the Feast; treats, songs to Our Lady, dancers and Mass hosted by Mrs. Bernstein's class. Well done!

I invite your children to bring the baby Jesus from your nativity sets to church this weekend. We will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday, and children will be invited to bring their baby Jesus to the altar at the end of Mass for a blessing. You can read more about Bambinelli Sunday [HERE](#).

Continue to prepare the way for the Christ Child in your hearts with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a communal penance service hosted by St. Mark's on Wednesday, December 18th from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

May the light of Christ continue into the future through your children.

Father Ben

Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families:

It is hard to believe that our first semester comes to an end next Friday! The students have worked hard this semester and are ready for the Christmas break. In an effort to save resources and to encourage parents to use PlusPortals to access student information, **second-quarter report cards will not be printed**. Report cards will be **uploaded to your student's electronic portfolio by Friday, January 10th**. Please look for more information in January on how to access your child's report cards.



Please join us on **Thursday, December 19th**, for our **annual Christmas concert at 7:00 pm in our auditorium**. This special evening is a beautiful way to celebrate Advent, Christmas, and our wonderful community. Mrs. Czarniecki will be selling handmade Christmas ornaments, made by our students, in the lobby before and after the concert.

Friday, January 20th, we will have a school-wide assembly from 8:30 to 10:45. We will begin the day with a Living Rosary in the gym followed by a performance from the Bishop Kelly Band, recognitions for students who have received Lion's Pride tickets,

academic, and sports awards, and Mrs. Gordon getting "silly stringed"!

We are in desperate need of a Science Olympiad coordinator and coaches! If you love science and have time to work weekly with a small group of students from January to April, please let me know via email as soon as possible. An email was sent out earlier this week with more information.

Have a blessed weekend.

Donna Gordon

Student Spotlight



At the VFW luncheon and awards ceremony, Ben Boroff was awarded 1st place in Districts for this year's Patriot's Pen essay contest

Lion Pride Recognition



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	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	LUNCH ROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOMS	CHURCH
PERSEVERANCE <i>Every Day - Every Time</i>	Be Prepared Be On Time Be On Task Be Present	Be Timely Be Courteous Model Good Behavior Walk Slowly	Use Your Manners Be Patient Wait to be Excused	Be Safe Obey the Rules Play Fair Share Space & Equipment Be a Good Sport	Throw Away Trash Keep it Clean Flush Toilet Wash Hands	Be Engaged Pray, Not Play Behave Appropriately
RESPECT <i>Others, Self & Property</i>	Be Positive Listen to Others Be Prompt Follow Dress Code Care for School Property	Be Quiet Keep Your Hands to Yourself Keep Clean	Clean up Messes Share Space Eat Only Your Food Keep Voices Low Keep your Hands to Yourself	Use Kind Words Use Equipment as Intended Keep Your Hands to Yourself	Give Others Privacy Use Appropriate Volume	Listen Attentively Enter and Leave Quietly Treat Church Materials with Care
INTEGRITY <i>Honesty in All You Do</i>	Be Honest Be Accountable Do Your Own Work Set & Meet Goals Honor Due Dates	Do the Right Thing Respect Posters & Displays	Use Manners Don't Be Wasteful Pay for Purchases	Notify Staff if Problems Arise Follow Staff Directions	Return to Class Promptly & Quietly Report any Inappropriate Behavior Use at Appropriate Times	Be Kind Be on Time
DISCIPLINE <i>Following Jesus' Example</i>	Support Others Cooperate with Others Be Honest Share Christ's Love	Help Others in Need Say Thank You to Our Custodians	Sit by Those Sitting Alone Engage in Appropriate Conversations	Encourage Others to be Kind Be Inclusive Lead by Example Help Others When Needed	Use Only as Needed Report Supply Shortages Clean Up After Yourself	Be Reverent Actively Participate Be Involved Show Appreciation
EXCELLENCE <i>Strive for Success</i>	Do Your Very Best Work Challenge Yourself Learn Beyond the Classroom Ask Questions	Set a Good Example Greet People Politely	Follow Cafeteria Rules Use an Inside Voice	Solve Issues in a Peaceful Manner Line Up on Time Stay in Assigned Areas	Use During Non-Instructional Times Report Problems to an Adult	Be the Best Version of Yourself Follow Dress Code for Mass

SAINT MARK'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Jack Richardson-Mills, Finn Fagerson, Ashley Hall, Jared Thiel, Nico Paz, Chloe Schaller

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Judy's 6th grade

1:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Music Program

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service @ St. Mark's Church

Thursday, December 19

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. St. Mark's School Choir Caroling Field Trip

7:00 p.m. Christmas Music Program featuring K-5, choir and orchestra in Auditorium

Friday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday

End of First Semester - Full Day of School

\$1 Optional Spirit Day

9:15 BK Band performance

10:15 a.m. Dinner Auction Silly String Day - \$100 sellers get to spray Mrs. Gordon with cans of silly string

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 23-Monday, January 6

Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 7

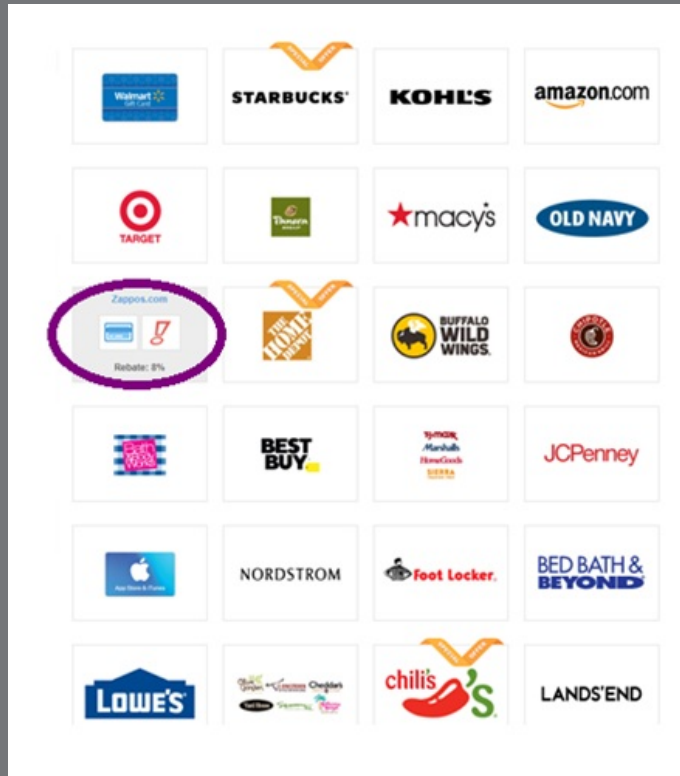
School Resumes

Home and School



It's not too late to order gift cards and earn \$ for the school. Go to **SHOPWITHSCRIP**, create an account or login to your existing account and click on shop. **Our Enrollment Code: 3F76DEEB22554**

Any card with the red ! is **SCRIPNOW** that can be purchased and printed at home from your computer. On the left side of the page under "Card Type", select "ScripNow" and you will get a list of all the cards available to print at home. Call the School Office at 208-375-6654 if you have questions.





St. Mark's School

FUNDRAISER NIGHT WITH CAFÉ ZUPAS

LOCATION

600 N. Milwaukee St.
Boise, ID

DATE & TIME

Tuesday, December 17
5pm - 9pm

Earn up to 25% back for your organization:

Visit The Restaurant:

Let the cashier know you are with
the fundraiser

Online Orders:

Enter **FUNDRAISER25** in the "Coupon Code"
box at cafezupas.com



CAFÉ
ZUPAS

Save the Date! Father Daughter Dance 2020!



When you're out doing your Christmas shopping or hitting the after Christmas sales, please keep the dance baskets in mind (baskets will be auctioned off at the event). Any items contributed to the following basket themes will be welcomed and appreciated:

Spa Night
 Movie Night
 Dad-Daughter Date Night
 Think Pink
 The Bookworm
 Art Supplies

Thanki you! Merci!

Dinner Auction News

You can still sign up for the Dinner Auction Online Free Dress Day set for February. Pay \$10 and your student wears free dress on the day chosen in February. Sign up and pay in the School Office.

Volunteer Opportunities

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (16)—Glodowski, Keefer
 Tuesday (17)—Beverly Smith, Brooke Smith, Schwehr, Irvine
 Wednesday (18)—LaMott, Schindele
 Thursday (19)—Boroff, Dunlap
 Friday (20)—Perez, Smith

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

St. Mark's School Christmas Music Program featuring Grades K-5, school choir and orchestra takes place on Thursday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m. Choir and orchestra students should arrive at 6:30 p.m., Grades K-5 should report to their classrooms at 6:45 p.m.

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What to wear:

K - Nice Christmas dress with Santa hats (they already have)

1st - Nice Christmas dress with Santa hats (school will provide)

1/2 Combo & 2nd - Angel Costume with wings & halo (school will provide) - so anything underneath but probably not too bulky

3rd - Nice Christmas dress and hats (school will provide)

4th - Anything christmasy, even if it is a character

5th - Nice Christmas dress - and bring own stocking from home (it can even be paper - actually preferable)

6th-8th Orchestra - Long sleeve white dress shirt, black dress pants, nice shoes and christmas tie or black

Choir - Choir shirt, black dress pants or black skirt with black leggings, nice shoes and santa hats.

"School will provide" means that Mrs. Cooper will provide it for the students.

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Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas program is Wednesday, December 18 at 1:30.

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All of our students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be making a Christmas ornament that parents may purchase for \$5 at the St. Mark's School Christmas Music Program on Thursday, December 19. Additional ornaments will be available to anyone who wants to purchase a hand painted ornament. You may pre-order your ornament with [Mrs. Czarniecki at her school email](#), then you won't have to stand in line the evening of the performance.

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St. Mark's School Choir is going on a field trip to perform for 2 assisted living facilities and then a pizza lunch on Thursday, December 19 before the evening concert. Bus leaves St. Mark's School @ 8:30 a.m. and returns @ 1:00 p.m. Choir students should wear their choir t-shirts.

We are in need of Science Olympiad coordinator and coaches! Below is a list of events this year. Science Olympiad is an event for 6th -8th grade students, but anyone can be a coach. If you are interested in coaching one (or more) of these events, or know someone would, please respond to this email. Hours volunteered count toward your Volunteer Hours! **Volunteers must have completed the Child Safe Environment Workshop to be able to volunteer.**

Coaches are able to schedule meeting times to fit their schedules. All materials are provided and/or ordered through the school. You may click on each event listed below to learn more about it. A coaches meeting will be held in January to

go over event information, rules, etc. The Science Olympiad event will be held April 18th at Boise State University.

LIFE, PERSONAL & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Anatomy and Physiology

Disease Detectives

Heredity

Herpetology

Water Quality

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE

Dynamic Planet

Fossils

Meteorology

Road Scholar

Solar System

PHYSICAL SCIENCE & CHEMISTRY

Circuit Lab

Crime Busters

Density Lab

Potions and Poisons

Thermodynamics

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

Battery Buggy

Boomilever

Elastic Launched Gliders

Mission Possible

Mousetrap Vehicle

Roller Coaster

Would you like your middle school student to participate in a "mini-Olympiad" to get an idea of what the Science Olympiad is all about?

There is a "Mini-Olympiad" is this Saturday, December 14th at Fairmont Junior High and features events for both junior high / middle school (B Division) and high school (C Division).

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| 1. Machines B/C | 8:00-08:45 |
| 2. Water Quality B/C | 9:00-09:45 |
| 3. Disease Detectives B/C | 10:00-10:45 |
| 3. Astronomy C | 11:00-11:45 |
| 4. Reach for the Stars B | 11:00-11:45 |

Students are welcome to walk-in "Cold" to try out these events. Most of the content is what they have already learned in their classrooms.

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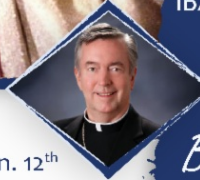
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Saint Alphonsus



8am to 5 pm
\$60 before Jan. 12th
\$75 after



*Mass with
Bishop Peter*



PASTA FESTA
at Bishop Kelly High School
Sunday, January 12th
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Enjoy a delicious Italian Dinner with family and friends!

\$50 for Families up to 6 people
\$10 for Adults
\$8 for Seniors (Age 65+)
\$6 for Children (Ages 6-10)
Children 5 and Under are Free!

Soft drinks, beer, wine, and dessert available for purchase!

IRISH FEST
Saturday, March 14th
6:00 PM in the Corley

You won't want to miss the FUN event!



Has your child outgrown their pants and polos? Come to the uniform sale (no exchanges) on Tuesday, January 14th between 3:30 - 7:30, to purchase some gently used clothing. Spirit Wear will be available as well. Call/text Debbie Baerlocher with questions – 208-602-9659

Thank you to our 2nd grade parents for providing this month's staff lunch, it was delicious!

Basketball Free Throw Contest

This year's Free Throw Contest, for ages 9-14, will be held in St. Mark's gym on Saturday, January 11 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon.



Meet BSU winter commencement speaker Jacob Pintar

Jacob Pintar, St. Mark's and BK Graduate, from Boise, Idaho, is graduating with a bachelor of science in political science and a minor in economics. Pintar is a member of the Honors College and is graduating from Boise State with the highest honors.

"I have known Jacob throughout his four years at Boise State," said Honors College Dean Andrew Finstuen in nominating Pintar to speak at commencement. "In my 13 years of honors work, Jacob stands apart as one of the most articulate and thoughtful students of my career."

Pintar has an extensive record of service. He has been an officer on his honors house council, a peer mentor, and the longest serving member on the honors student diversity and inclusivity advisory board. As a peer mentor, Jacob steered new honors students through their transition to the academic and co-curricular life of college. As a part of the Bronco Catholic Association, he assisted with Sunday and daily mass as a lector and extraordinary minister. He also was a member of the Boise State Club Water Polo team, Economics Association and the Pre-law Society. Pintar studied abroad at the University of Haifa in Israel, where he pursued peace and conflict studies and studied Arabic language. He also taught conversational English to elementary and middle school Arab children through University of Haifa's volunteer opportunities.

He served an internship in the office of U.S. Sen. James Risch in Washington, D.C., where he provided tours of the U.S. Capitol building for constituents, assisted with government correspondence and conducted legislative research for staff assistants. As an intern for Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, he also developed reports for committees regarding human trafficking laws. Pintar plans to pursue a Fulbright Fellowship or attend law school.



Our [Middle School Newsletter](#) is attached and is filled with activities for our 6th, 7th & 8th graders.



Are you interested in beginning group guitar lessons for middle school aged students at St. Mark's School? Lessons would be on Thursdays after school in the music room from 3:15-4:00. Students would learn basic music theory, ability to read music in context of beginning guitar, focus in the folk/contemporary idiom which translates well to contemporary liturgical styles common to liturgy for kids and teens. Class size limited to 10 students. Cost to students is \$65 per month plus cost of supplies. The method book costs about \$20 and is widely available. Students would be required to provide their own functional guitar, loaner guitars are available. The goal by the end of the school year is for successful students to provide guitar accompaniment in the folk and contemporary styles common to liturgy for youth. Email the schooloffice@stmarksboise.org if you are interested or for more information.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Mrs. Behrend's 5th grade class presented a play about Juan Diego and Our Lady



Fr. Ben and the altar celebrating the Feast Day



Danza Azteca Quetzalcoatl dancing to honor Our Lady

Sports



7th grade girls won the Intervalley League Championship Wednesday night!! They beat Mtn. Home 43-21 last night in Emmett. Great undefeated season for our girls and Coach Giacinto Lericce!!

Our 8th grade team lost in the championship game last night. Middleton won by 6. It was a good game the whole way, and our girls played hard. They had a great season, as last night was our only loss. Coach Charles Eddy and the girls finish the season with a 14-1 record, and league runners up.



Congratulations to all of our players!



Our League wrestling tournament took place last weekend, and I received the following results yesterday... Great job and congratulations to our wrestlers and coaches! They had an awesome season! Last weekend we had an awesome tournament. We medaled 9 wrestlers including St. Mark's School students:

Ilan Shank 1st place at 75lbs
Parker Allumbaugh 1st place at 100lbs
Joshua Taugher 3rd place at 85lbs
Liam Matta 5th place at 80lbs
All the wrestlers wrestled very well and made huge improvements throughout the year.



Parents:

TVCS Boys Basketball, 7th & 8th grade, will begin on January 6th. 8th grade will practice at St. Ignatius & 7th grade at St. Joseph's. The first 3 days will be tryouts for A & B teams. If we have enough kids out, we will consider a C team and schedule. Practice will be 5:00-7:00 the first three days, and then coaches will split practice time 5:00-6:30 & 6:30-8:00.

The cost to play TVCS basketball is \$95.00. The fee and registration is paid and filled out online. Links can be found on the TVCS website, [HERE](#).

Please read through the TVCS Handbook & the Intervalley League Handbook, both

found on the [VCS website](#).

All athletes must fill out the registration, pay the fee, and have a physical on file. If they have had a physical for a TVCS sport in the past, that is still acceptable, and we should have it on file.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Activities Director, Brock Carpenter, at Sacred Heart Catholic School (208-344-9738).

Preschool Happenings



Preschool is working on their fine motors skills. Play-dog and pinchers work our muscles to get us ready for writing.



Church Connection

If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter
text [BOISESTMARKSNEWS](#) **to** [42828](#) to sign up

OR

Click here to sign up for Parish Newsletter

Click here to upload the Parish Bulletin for December 15

Date: Dec. 16th

Parish Townhall

Time: 7:00 PM



Ever wonder where your offertory gift goes? Curious about the state of the parish's finances? Want to hear about current and future programs? Would you like to share your vision of our parish?

Join Fr. Ben for a discussion of the state of St. Mark's parish !

- 2019 budget report
- 2020 budget forecast
- Review of ministry impact
- Plans, visions, dreams
- Report on parish survey

Join us in Donoghue Hall for this very important evening! Light refreshments will be served.

Whether you are a parishioner who has been with St. Mark's for 50+ years, or you have just joined the parish, this townhall is for you!

Notes from the Nurse

6 Ways to Reduce Holiday Stress

Linda Miller, RN
Saint Alphonsus School Health Program



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

Notes from the Counselor

How your reaction reinforces or does not reinforce a behavior

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 Thursdays.