



Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mark's,

How might we describe ourselves? As good parents? As people of prayer? As Christian disciples? Do our lives reflect who we think we are?

This weekend, our parish ministry fair is that opportunity to discern what we do in our lives and that whisper of God that invites us into a deeper relationship with Him and our neighbor.

Our annual Ministry Fair will take place on Sunday from 9:30am-1:30pm and it will be accompanied by the first Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast of the season. Each school family is to engage in the life of the parish. For those still searching and those who have already found your place in ministry, please come with open hearts and minds to find what God and His Church are asking of each one of us through the different ministries. I believe you'll be impressed by all that brings our faith alive to one another in this community. There are music ministries, social justice ministries, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and many more. There might be a personal calling for you, or ministry work for your family to do together.

Lastly, to those who attended, worked and prayed for those who attended the Evangelization Retreat last weekend, thank you



Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

It is hard to believe that next Friday, October 18th will conclude the first quarter of the 19-20 school year! This will be a half-day for students so teachers may finish completing report cards.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place the following week (Oct. 23rd & 24th). Please be sure to check Friday Facts on how to sign up for conferences. A reminder that middle school parents do not need to sign up for conferences since middle school conferences are held in the gymnasium on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Our annual dinner auction is just around the corner. Tomorrow is your last chance to purchase tickets for this spectacular A Million Dreams event. We are hoping to sell 50 more tickets to have a full house.

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, we practiced a school-wide fire drill on Thursday. The students and staff did a great job following procedures, and the drill was a success. At the end of the month, we will practice our lockdown procedures. I will be sending home information before the drill on the new

for the lives deepened in the love of the Lord.

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

Father Ben

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Have a blessed weekend.

Peace,
Donna Gordon

Student Spotlight



Our 6th graders had a week of fun and learning at MOSS in McCall the last week of September. Every year our 6th graders get to experience MOSS, which is included in your class fees.

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:

Christopher Urban, Colby Richardson, Peter Boroff (2), Alex Martin, Delia Dethman, Paige Sippy, Faith Hankel, Carrie Elzie, Callie Temple, Jack Richardson, Chloe Czarniecki

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 13

Pastor Appreciation Day

Monday, October 14

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. H&S Meeting

Tuesday, October 15

4:00-8:00 p.m. H&S Community Night @ Panera on Franklin Rd

5:00 p.m. Safe Environment Class for St. Mark's School families only

Wednesday, October 16

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

Friday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday

End of 1st Quarter - Noon Dismissal

\$1 Optional Spirit Day

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 21

National School Bus Safety Week
Book Fair Opens @ 11:00-4:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. BFD visits K-2

Tuesday, October 22

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Book Fair

Wednesday, October 23

7:30-8:00 a.m. Book Fair Friends & Family then join us for Mass

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Schuette's 7th grade

10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Book Fair

4:00-8:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences - Full Day of School

Thursday, October 24

8:00 a.m. - Noon Book Fair

8:00 a.m. - Noon Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School

Friday, October 25

Post Conference Day - No School

Saturday, October 26

St. Mark's School Dinner Auction - A Million Dreams

Home and School

H&S is now only accepting clean used uniform clothing on the first Monday of the month.



HELP SUPPORT

ST. MARKS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE 8401 W Franklin Rd., Boise, ID 83709

WHEN Tues, Oct 15th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

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Enter **"PRFUND"** as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

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SPRIT WEAR, plus school pride items!

You can now purchase your spirit wear (and more!) from St. Mark's School's online store at www.companycasuals.com/StMarksCatholicSchool.

Order your school items online and pick them up at the downtown Educational Outfitter's store. Check back soon as new school pride gear will be added! Be sure to refer to the school handbook for which clothing attire is appropriate for uniform or spirit day wear.

St. Mark's water bottles for sale!

-24oz, double wall insulated (keeps drinks cold for 12hrs & hot for 3hrs)

-\$15, available for purchase in the School Office

-\$1 St. Mark's Lions sticker for your water bottle

St. Mark's Lions Window Clings for sale for \$2.50 in the School Office

The Staff would like to thank Preschool and Kindergarten parents for the wonderful breakfast & lunch they provided for us this week. We are very grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Mark's School Book Fair is fast approaching. We need volunteers to help run the Book Fair, [click here to volunteer](#).

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (14)—Glodowski, Harmon

Tuesday (15)—Smith, Irvine, Schwehr

Wednesday (16)—Valuet, Schindele, McCrae

Thursday (17)—Hauck, Harmon, Schaller

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences take place on Wednesday, October 23 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 24 from 8:00 a.m.-Noon. You will need an appointment for Grades Preschool - 5th, the Middle School teachers will be in the gym in a round robin format where you stand in line to visit with your student's teachers. [Click here to sign up for your conferences](#).



Sunday is Pastor Appreciation Day. Thank you to Fr. Ben and Fr. Vitalis for the spiritual guidance they give to our students.



We need volunteers to make our Book Fair a success, [click here to volunteer](#)

Hours of Operation:

Monday, October 21

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY - bring your parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to shop our Book Fair before school starts, then invite them to join us for Student Body Mass. Muffins, coffee and juice will be served.

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 24

8:00 a.m. - Noon

Spirit Wear is now available to order at Educational Outfitters (EOS). **You can order from their website** or visit the store at 595 S. Americana Blvd, Boise, ID 83702 to place your order. Please remember that items are not available on the shelves at the store, items must be ordered and will be delivered to the school. This includes Spirit Shirts for Spirit Days and Sweatshirts and Hoodies.



Mrs. Godfrey will be offering a last chance Child Safe Environment class for the fall for ST. MARK'S SCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY on Tuesday, October 15 @ 5:00 p.m. For this class only, the initial registration will be to email Mrs. Godfrey at kgodfrey@stmarksschoolboise.com.

Middle School Parents of 6-8th Graders - the Field Trip Permission Slip for the Jr Hi Rally is attached (this is the new way to register for the event). Please print, complete and return the form to your classroom teacher. Deadline to turn in your form is Monday, November 11. The Jr Hi Rally is at Bishop Kelly High School on Friday, November 22. Students must be dropped off at BK @ 8:00 a.m. and picked up from BK @ 2:00 p.m. All students must bring a sack lunch to the event.

Bishop Kelly Campus Ministry is starting a new spiritual initiative at BK -- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday 8am-3pm during the school year in the BK school chapel. Since the Bishop Kelly chapel is dedicated to St Teresa of Avila, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start on St. Teresa's Feast Day, this coming Tuesday, Oct 15th. Please help us with this effort! We need 21 parents, grandparents, alumni and local parishioners to commit to making a holy hour this year. We know this will create an outpouring of grace for our students, alumni and families of BK as well as encourage BK students to spend some time during the day with our Lord, whether during break times or during theology classes.

Here is the link for the Adoration Sign-up for BK: [**LINK TO SIGN UP FOR A HOLY HOUR**](#)


If you have any questions, please contact Lorissa Horn at lhorn@bk.org.



The 8th grade has started selling Christmas wreaths to fund their Legacy Project!

The beautiful, high quality wreaths will be available before Thanksgiving. Please support 8th grade and purchase a wreath! Wreath orders will be taken through Tuesday, October 29. You may purchase a wreath from any 8th grader or leave your order and check with the school office. If you don't know an 8th grader but would like to buy a wreath, the [**brochure**](#) and [**order form**](#) are attached. Thank you in advance for your support of our 8th graders!! If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Horton at andrea Horton@live.com or Kris Granger at krisalbers@att.net.

St. Marks Families. Make sure you're scanning receipts and earning money for St. Marks School. It is so easy! Download the app, scan your receipt and watch the dollars accumulate! Don't forget we can double dip on many items yet. Continue to scan And clip eligible box tops to be returned to the front desk.



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Earn for Your School!
Buy participating products from any retailer and scan your receipt to earn cash for your school! Earn even more with exclusive Bonus offers.

WISCL K-12 Chess Tournaments

Lowell Scott Middle School
13600 W McMillan Road • Boise, ID 83713

October 19, 2019
November 16, 2019
December 21, 2019

January 18, 2020
February 15, 2020
March 21, 2020



3-rounds, game/30. Team & Individual sections by rating/grade level.
Check-in 8:30 am. 1st round pairings 9:00 am. Rounds continuous until appx. 12:30 pm.
\$7/player advance registration / \$10 at the door. Teams MUST pre-register.
Team Trophies + Individual awards. Concessions available.



To register:
wiscl.org/register

More information:

wiscl.org



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WISCLchess@gmail.com



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Sports

Date TVCS Sports Information

October

23 7GBB @ Mt. Home
8GBB v. Mt. Home
24 7GBB v. Sage Valley
8GBB @ Sage Valley
28 7GBB v. Nampa West
8GBB @ Nampa West
30 7GBB @ Middleton
8GBB v. Middleton

November

- 6 7GBB v. Caldwell
8GBB @ Caldwell (Jefferson)
- 11 7GBB v. Kuna
8GBB @ Kuna
- 13 7GBB @ East Valley
8GBB v. East Valley
- 15 7/8 TVCS Dance @ Sacred Heart, 7-9 p.m.
- 18 7GBB @ Emmett
8GBB v. Emmett
- 20 7GBB v. Lone Star
8GBB @ Lone Star

Preschool Happenings



Sensory learning by our Preschoolers



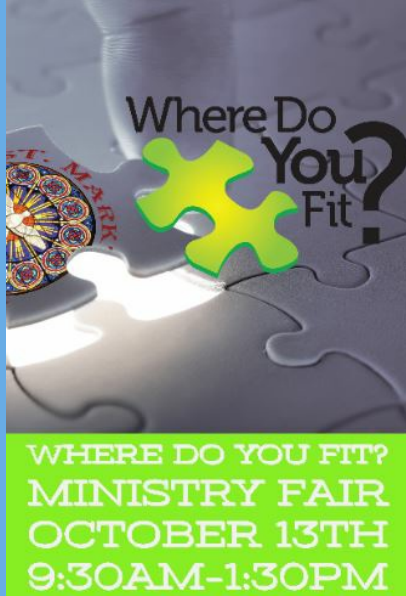
Church Connection

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

OR

[Click here](#) to sign up for Parish Newsletter

[Click here to upload the Parish Bulletin for October 13](#)



Notes from the Nurse



6 Tips to help prevent the cold and flu this season

1. **Wash your hands!!** Teach kids to rub and scrub with soap for 20 seconds, then rinse. Teach them when to wash their hands and the right way to do it.
2. **Use hand sanitizer!** Teach kids to reach for hand sanitizer when they can't get to a sink with soap and water.
3. **Cough in to your elbow!** Teach kids this helps keep the germs off their hands, out of their mouths, and stops the germs from spreading.
4. **Use a tissue!** Teach kids to use a tissue instead of their favorite blanky, the couch, or their stuffed animals.
5. **Sharing is not always caring!** Explain to your kids the importance of not sharing germs. Teach your kids to not share straws, cups, food, forks, etc.
6. **Cleanliness!** Help kids stay healthy by washing bedding or pillow cases weekly, sanitizing toothbrushes weekly and showering or bathing nightly! Little things make a difference!

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE STUDENT FLU CONSENT

scheduled for Wednesday, October 30 after Student Body Mass

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

Here are more resources for Anti-Bullying education for you and your children.

Treat Everyone with Respect

Nobody should be mean to others.

- Stop and think before you say or do something that could hurt someone.
- If you feel like being mean to someone, find something else to do. Play a game, watch TV, or talk to a friend.

- Talk to an adult you trust. They can help you find ways to be nicer to others.
- Keep in mind that everyone is different. Not better or worse. Just different.
- If you think you have bullied someone in the past, apologize. Everyone feels better.

What to Do If You're Bullied

There are things you can do if you are being bullied:

- Look at the kid bullying you and tell him or her to stop in a calm, clear voice. You can also try to laugh it off. This works best if joking is easy for you. It could catch the kid bullying you off guard.
- If speaking up seems too hard or not safe, walk away and stay away. Don't fight back. Find an adult to stop the bullying on the spot.

There are things you can do to stay safe in the future, too.

- Talk to an adult you trust. Don't keep your feelings inside. Telling someone can help you feel less alone. They can help you make a plan to stop the bullying.
- Stay away from places where bullying happens.
- Stay near adults and other kids. Most bullying happens when adults aren't around.

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.