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### **St. Mark's Catholic School Vision**

**St Mark's Catholic School is dedicated to educating student disciples in body, mind and spirit, through the collaboration of families, community and the Church.**

### **Our Mission**

**St. Mark's Catholic School is a ministry of St. Mark's Catholic Community that fosters academic excellence, rooted in the Catholic faith, and Christian values.**

### **Letter from our Parish**

**Dear Families and Friends of St. Mark's,**

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday, and we are beckoned to dwell upon the very essence of joy and hope, amidst a world marred by collapse and failure. In this fragile existence, we seek solace in the boundless ocean of God's Mercy, beseeching for grace upon ourselves and the entire world.

Faith, hope, peace, and joy—four celestial virtues often misunderstood yet encapsulating the very essence of Easter's message. Pope John Paul II's resounding call to fearlessness, to open the doors of our hearts to the Crucified and Risen Christ, echoes through the corridors of time. Where the Risen Christ treads, there blooms true peace, unfettered by the transient offerings of the world. Amidst the radiant Hallelujahs of Easter, we are summoned to the font of God's Mercy. Easter heralds the triumph of life over death, goodness over malevolence, Mercy over sin—manifestations of the Father of Mercy's boundless love, as penned by Apostle Paul: "God, rich in mercy, has breathed life into our souls, even when we were ensnared in transgression, resurrecting us with Christ."

Happy Easter St. Mark's Community!

With Prayers and Friendship,

*Fr. Adrian*

### **Letter from our Principal**

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Happy Easter! I pray you had a blessed Easter and that the rest of the Easter season will be a beautiful time of prayer and renewal. I spent Monday through Wednesday in Pittsburgh at the annual National Catholic Education Association conference. Over 7,000 Catholic educators, administrators, and religious attended, with hundreds of professional development courses available throughout the week. The highlight for me was the Presidents' Awards dinner when Tim LaMott was recognized for his contributions to Catholic education.



This week, our second through eighth graders took the Assessment of Religious Knowledge test. We will use the data to help guide instruction and make curricular decisions. At the end of the school year, you will receive your child's report, along with MAP testing data and their final report card.

Spring has sprung and so has the busiest time of the school year. Next week, we have five field trips planned, kindergarten screenings, a SEW class, graduation photos, and school board and home and school meetings! Speaking of the school board... applications for openings are being accepted now for the 24-25 school year. Please look for information in this edition of Friday Facts.

I pray you have a blessed weekend.

God bless,  
Donna Gordon

**THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS A LOT OF INFORMATION, AND THE LENGTH OF THE NEWSLETTER CAUSES IT TO BE TRUNCATED.**

**LOOK FOR THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE EMAIL THAT SAYS "VIEW ENTIRE MESSAGE" TO EXPAND THE EMAIL, OR [CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.**



Our 5th/6th grade girls team **TOOK 2ND PLACE** in the ICSI basketball tournament



Our 4th grade girls **WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP** in the ICSI basketball tournament

### Lion Pride Recognition



# LionPRIDE

Practice  
MAKES  
Saints

	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	LUNCH ROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOMS	CHURCH
<b>PERSEVERANCE</b> <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
<b>RESPECT</b> <i>Others, Self &amp; 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
<b>INTEGRITY</b> <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
<b>DISCIPLINESHIP</b> <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
<b>EXCELLENCE</b> <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 SCHOOL-

### Congratulations to this week's winners:

Chloe S, Noah M, Liam R, Jane N, Roselynn T, Kinley C, Rylee B, Oliver C, Tate B, Owen B, Olivia F, Lucia F, Maika P, Sawyer H, Alexa B, Zoe K, Lucy L, Lexi D, Dominic S, Colton S, Julianna W, Quinten B, Jaxon S, Parker F, Roselynn t. Penelope B, Liam R, Jo G, Omar R, Wes R, Leilah N, Wyatt S, Colby R, Juliet G, Jayden K

## Weekly Calendar

### Saturday, April 6

6:30-8:30 p.m. Father Daughter Dance

### Sunday, April 7

2:00 p.m. Autism Walk @ Kleiner Park

### Monday, April 8

National Library Week

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

### Tuesday, April 9

8:00 a.m. 4th grade Wagons Ho Field Trip

11:00 a.m. 5th grade Field Trip to Capital Bldg

### Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Brady's 1st grade

10:00 a.m. 8th grade Graduation Photos at Church

6:00 p.m. SEW Class @ St. Mark's School

### Thursday, April 11

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kindergarten Screenings @ Donoghue Hall

7:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Church

### Friday, April 12

Spirit Day

1:45 p.m. 2nd Grade Square Dancing

12:30 p.m. 8th grade Ditch Day @ Urban Air

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, April 16

3:00-4:00 Talent Show Tryouts at Donoghue Hall

### Wednesday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Lenier's 1st grade

3:00-4:00 p.m. Talent Show Tryouts at Donoghue Hall

### Thursday, April 18

Zoom Results for Kindergarten Screenings

### Friday, April 19

Progress Reports in FACTS FamilyPortal

## Home & School

# Are you interested in joining the Home & School board?



We are looking for new officers for H&S including:  
President, President-Elect, Secretary, Member-at-  
Large.

**If interested, text Amanda LaMott at 208-371-9989**

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St Mark's Home & School invites you to

# TOP SWING

*Mom & Son Challenge*



## TOP GOLF

12:30 - 3pm | Sunday April 28

**Register  
April  
8th**

Registration \$20/ea  
Includes buffet lunch,  
1 hour of golf, and mini golf  
Tshirts: \$5/ea



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REGISTRATION CAPPED AT 162 PARTICIPANTS



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# FUNDRAISING

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»» *Support* ««

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, APRIL 30, 2024

3PM – 10PM

Come see Mrs. Gordon, Teachers and Staff Line Dance every 45 minutes from 5:00-7:30 p.m.



**10%**  
DONATION NIGHT

Support ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL by presenting this flyer to the MERIDIAN Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

## Volunteer Opportunities



Do you still need Dinner Auction Volunteer Hours and are you current on SEW? We need more chaperones and drivers for the Dinner Auction Ditch Day for 8th graders on Friday, April 12 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. to Urban Air. Contact Jenny Baxter at [cttjenn@gmail.com](mailto:cttjenn@gmail.com) if you can help.

We are beginning plans for our Spring Carnival set for Saturday, April 27. In the past we've had several fun booths on our playground, live music and food venues. If you would like to be part of the Planning Committee (and get Volunteer Hours), please contact [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com).





Next year's Grandparents Club volunteer coordinator is looking for somebody to help run the program. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, sponsor school events and get volunteer hours. If interested, please contact Mary Larrinaga at [mary.larrinaga@gmail.com](mailto:mary.larrinaga@gmail.com) or 208-914-3038.



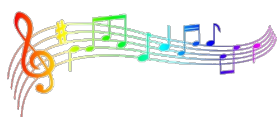
Grab your gloves, rakes and garden implements for Spring grounds cleanup on Saturday, April 20. Families welcome! Time volunteered counts towards your Volunteer Hours. [Click here](#) to sign up.

**5 Mowers are needed to help Mr. Rossi with mowing the school grounds this spring and summer through August. It will take you approximately 1.5 hours per week. Hours spent mowing count toward this year's Volunteer Hours or after school is out, you can start on next year's Volunteer Hours. Text Mr. Rossi @ 208-794-4784 if you are continuing your mowing career or are interested in being a new mower.**



The St. Mark's Catholic School Advisory Board is seeking new members for the 2024/25 school year. This is an opportunity for you to have a voice in our school and make a difference in our students' lives.

Meetings are once a month on Mondays for about an hour and a half, and opportunities to help out with various committees exist as well. Please find a copy of the application [here](#). If interested, please complete and submit your application to [crlutzow@gmail.com](mailto:crlutzow@gmail.com) as soon as possible.



Help is needed with setting up for the Spring Music Program on Sunday, the 28th after Mass and tearing down on Monday, April 29 after the concert. This includes setting up risers, chairs for the audience and musicians, music stands, moving a piano, props (rocking chair, screen partition, instruments, etc). If anyone can help Mrs. Cooper, you will earn Volunteer Hours for your time. Please contact Mrs. Cooper at [lcooper@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:lcooper@stmarksschoolboise.com) to offer your help.

## Lunch Room Volunteers

### **NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS**

Monday (8)—Perez

Tuesday (9)—Moylan, McLeod, Bauer

Wednesday (10)—

Thursday (11)—Wise, Anderson, Storli

Friday (12)—Antonoplos, Paz

St. Mark's offers a healthy, delicious hot lunch to students and staff EVERY FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!



4 LUNCHROOM HELPERS ARE NEEDED EACH DAY from 10:45-12:45 to serve lunches and clean tables in the lunchroom. Volunteers are given a free lunch.

Please call (208) 375-6654 or email the School Office to volunteer.

Daily Lunch Schedule: 11:15 a.m. (PS-2); 11:35 a.m. (3-5); 12:00 p.m. (6-8)

## News

Thank you to all the students who voted....

The St. Mark's School lion mascot has been named....

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The **updated April calendar** is attached.

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The Last SEW (Child Safe Environment Class) of the school year will be held on **TUESDAY, April 9 (change of date)** @ 6:00 in the school conference room. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON VOLUNTEERING AT THE CARNIVAL, FIELD DAY OR FOR ANY END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES, you must have taken an in person SEW class.

THE COST OF A DIOCESAN BACKGROUND CHECK ranges between \$13.00-\$85.00, depending on several factors including the number of states in which an applicant has lived.

One live Safe Environment Workshop has been completed in person, then an annual online renewal each year after that is required by the Diocese of Boise. Please visit <http://boise.CMGconnect.org> to set up an account and sign up for the class.



Once you have created an account, click on this icon then click "START". This will take you to a page showing 7 documents you must click on, read and take a quiz.

You will then have the option to choose a "Live Event", then click on "Open Events".



Live Events

Open Events

Event	Location	Address	City	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time	Contact Name	Contact No.
Sale Document	St. Mark's Elementary School	1501 Northview Dr	ROSE	08/24/2021	12:00 PM	Admin-Booking	202075403

You will be taken to a page where you can find the date of the class and location that you want to take and enroll in that class.

### Read Across America Bookmark Design Contest Results

**Grades 1-3: Winners:** Johria B/1B AND Connor D/3M; Honorable Mentions: Kylar S/1B, Patrick N, Tyler C, and Brynn K/2D, and Elliott C/3M

**Grades 4-6: Winner:** Otto S/5B; Honorable Mention: Alexa C/5B

**Grades 7-8: Winner:** Chloe C/8B

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS**



The 3rd quarter has ended – have you logged your Volunteer Hours in your FamilyPortal. Remember that your 24 volunteer hours are due to your FamilyPortal on the last day of school. Hours not reported will be charged at a rate of \$20 per hour.

The Spring Music Program featuring grades 3-5, St. Mark's School Choir and Advanced Orchestra, is scheduled for Monday, April 29 @ 6:30 p.m. in Donoghue Hall. **THIS IS A TIME CHANGE FROM THE APRIL CALENDAR.**



### **Spring Concert**

April 29th at 6:30pm (*call time 6:15*)

Dress rehearsal is 4/29 at 1:00pm

Donoghue Hall in the church.

Theme is Western - Attire for everyone is Western wear - this includes jeans, overalls, boots & hats

### **BK Concert**

May 13th at 7pm (*call time 6:30*)

BK REG/gym

Adv. orchestra and choir will be performing with BK's ensembles

Attire: Orchestra/ white long sleeve shirts, black pants/skirts, ties. Choir/ school mass dress. If in both, defer to orchestra attire.

Do you have gently used stuffed animals and Happy Meal type toys around your home that you would like to donate to this year's School Carnival? A collection box has been set up outside the school



office. Every \$20 of donation counts toward 1 hour of Volunteer Hours.

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Parents, do you have any photos from school events this year that we can use in the yearbook? Field trips, sporting events, classroom parties, etc. Please send to [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com).

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ST. MARK'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

# TALENT SHOW

GRADES  
PRE-K - 8

Get ready  
to unleash  
your talent!

Try-Outs will be held  
Tuesday, April 16th and  
Wednesday April 17th  
Donoghue Hall 3:00 - 4:00

Don't miss the chance to be  
part of this dazzling showcase  
of creativity and skill!  
Sign Up with Mrs. Lynch.

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8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in attending Bishop Kelly:

The BK Class of 1981 is offering a Memorial Scholarship. Write a 500 word or less essay on "What is means for you to attend Bishop Kelly High School.

Entries are due 5/1. Please email your essays directly to Nick Brady at [nbrady@bsnsports.com](mailto:nbrady@bsnsports.com).

The winner will be announced on 5/6.

The winner will need to contact myself to pick up their \$500 dollars written to Bishop Kelly HS.

Nick Brady  
BSN SPORTS  
Area Sales Manager  
Cell: 208-484-3780  
**Nbrady@bsnsports.com**  
7287 W. Franklin Road  
Boise, Idaho 83709

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**We are very short of paper this year.**

If you would like to donate a CASE OF PAPER, you are able to take 1 Volunteer Hour. Please bring your donations to the School Office.



ST. MARK'S STUDENT COUNCIL  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN  
**AUTISM**  
**AWARENESS**  
**ONE MILE WALK OR RUN**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH  
2:00 PM  
KLEINER PARK  
WEAR BLUE OR YOUR ST. MARK'S SPIRIT SHIRT TO  
CELEBRATE AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH!

We are meeting at the labyrinth which is parallel to E Eldon Gray St. I have attached a map. Spot #18 is where we will meet.

# Park Map:



# GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAINT MARK'S  
—CATHOLIC SCHOOL—  
FOUNDATION

Friday, May 10, 2024 · 8AM Registration · 9AM Start  
Eagle Hills Golf Course · 605 N. Edgewood Ln. Eagle, ID 83616



*Sponsorship opportunities  
are available!*



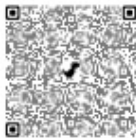
Click the QR code  
to sign up!

For questions or more information call Aaron at (208) 949-6080

# **Catholic Parenting Retreat: Nurturing Healthy and Holy Families**



**Retreat Facilitator:  
Kim Cameron-Smith**



- When:** Fri., April 26 & Sat. April 27  
Retreat begins Fri. at 6:30 p.m.
- Where:** St. Mark's Catholic Church  
Religious Education Room  
7960 W Northview St, Boise
- Contact:** Marriage and Family Life Office  
Email: [tcampana@rcdb.org](mailto:tcampana@rcdb.org) or  
call (208) 350-7555
- Cost:** \$40 per couple/\$25 per person  
includes retreat, refreshments,  
light breakfast and boxed lunch.  
Scholarships available.
- Use QR Code to Register or go to  
[Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Search: "Catholic Parenting"

**Sponsored by: Diocese of Boise's Office of Marriage and Family Life**

## **TVCS Events/Sports**



**Click here** for the TVCS athletic schedule.





Happy Easter! He is risen indeed! We have sure enjoyed learning about the Holy Week of Jesus and His triumphant victory over sin and death!

These four were so happy to share their families with our class.



### **Church Connection**

If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter **text** BOISESTMARKSNEWS to 42828 to sign up **OR** **Click here** to sign up.



Mother-Daughter  
Mini-Retreat

Friday, May 10th 7-10:30pm  
St. Mark's Catholic Church  
\$20/pair. Space is Limited

Email [prolifeRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeRSVP@gmail.com) to register. Sponsored by  
St. Mark's Respect Life - Strong Families Committee



# *Altar Server Training*

Have you been interested in your son or daughter becoming an altar server?

There is an upcoming training!

They just need to:

- Be fourth grade or older,
- Already received First Holy Communion
- <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksBoiseServers24>

**Saturday, April 6th or  
May 11th at noon**

**Pizza to follow!**

Please contact  
Joe Wilsey for questions  
[joewvolunteer@mail.com](mailto:joewvolunteer@mail.com)



## Notes from the Nurse

### Attention Parents and Families!

Summer appointments at the doctor fill up early!  
Contact your provider ASAP to schedule your child's  
Annual Wellness/Immunization appointment.



<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adolescent-easyread.html>

Through the St. Alphonus School Health Program, Mrs. Bostenero, RN, BSN, is at St. Mark's on Mondays and Wednesdays, Mrs. Fuchs, RN, BSN, is at St. Mark's on Thursdays and Mrs. Placido, CNA, SASHP Assistant is here on Tuesdays.

## Notes from the Counselor

Hello St. Mark's Families -

April is Autism Awareness Month! This is a time where we are encouraged to improve our knowledge and understanding of the different experiences and characteristics of individuals on the autism spectrum. We know that 1 in 44 kids are identified with autism and that some of our own students at St. Mark's are on the autism spectrum.

I spent some time in the K-5 classrooms this week discussing autism and how we can all be more aware, accepting and accommodating of the needs of our fellow classmates. Raising peer awareness of autism is an important aspect of encouraging social inclusion. Below are the main topics that we discussed.



# ABOUT AUTISM

	<b>Have you heard of autism?</b>
	<b>Autistic people have different brains.</b>
	<b>They may sense differently with their eyes, nose, mouth, ears &amp; body.</b>
	<b>They may have focused interests that they LOVE so much.</b>
	<b>It may be hard for them to talk sometimes.</b>
	<b>They might stim when they are happy or want to feel calm.</b>
	<b>How can you be good friend to others?</b>

© TRANSITION ABILITIES - LEVEL 2

St. Mark's Student Council invites everyone to participate in an Autism Awareness Walk this Sunday, April 7th at Kleiner Park at 2:00 pm. You are encouraged to wear blue to represent St. Mark's School and to celebrate Autism Awareness month!

Have a great weekend!

Sarah Lynch  
St. Mark's School Counselor

Dr. Joe Lipetzky, our school psychologist, is at St. Mark's on Monday and Friday mornings.  
Sarah Lynch, our school counselor, is at St. Mark's on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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