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SAINT MARK'S
-CATHOLIC SCHOOL-



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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 Pastor

Hello St. Mark's Parents and Students,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a refreshing summer and you are excited to begin another school year of learning more about God and how much He loves you!



I enjoyed getting to see many of you at the Back to School barbecue last weekend. Thank you for saying hello to me!

Can you believe all the changes that took place in the school over the summer? I hope that you are proud of your school like I am! What a wonderful place for our young disciples to grow up and learn, surrounded by people who love and care for them.

Feel free to come talk to me whenever you have questions.

Blessings for an impactful school year,

Fr. Paul

Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Happy first days of school. I am so excited for the 23-24 school year! It was wonderful to see your beautiful children filling our classrooms, reconnecting



with friends, meeting new friends, and getting to know their teachers. This year, we welcome 42 new families to St. Mark's! Let's be sure to introduce ourselves and embrace our newest lions to the pride.

Other "first days" highlights:

- Father Paul blessing all of our classrooms on Wednesday Morning.
- The first day of kindergarten and preschool on Friday!
- The annual WooHoo/BooHoo celebration hosted by Home and School
- All of the hugs and high-fives I received
- Smiling students
- PE classes on the new gym floor
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Our four-year Journey with Us is almost complete. If you have seen the new chapel, library, and gym floor, please come and see how beautiful everything looks. We are so grateful to all our donors who made the journey possible and to Tim Lamott, our volunteer project manager, for bringing this project to fruition.

Please be sure to read Friday Facts regularly to keep abreast of what is happening at St. Marks. The best way for us to stay connected is to stay informed.

FACTS

As you have experienced, our new student information system is having some issues. We can't thank you enough for your patience as we learn the ins and outs of FACTS. In the coming weeks, we will provide more information and links to parent trainings.

Medical forms, emergency contacts, and transportation forms have been added to our enrollment documents. All families must log into their family portal to complete these additional forms. This edition of Friday Facts includes steps to fill out these forms.

Next week, we begin our first full week of school! A reminder that students may not be dropped off before 7:30 a.m. Our first Mass is Wednesday at 8:30 am. Each grade level will be given a "Call to Discipleship" for the year, and Father Paul will give a special blessing for a successful school. Everyone is invited to attend. Students may sit at the back of the church with their family members.

Thank you for a fantastic start to the school year and for choosing St. Mark's!

Blessings,
Donna Gordon

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

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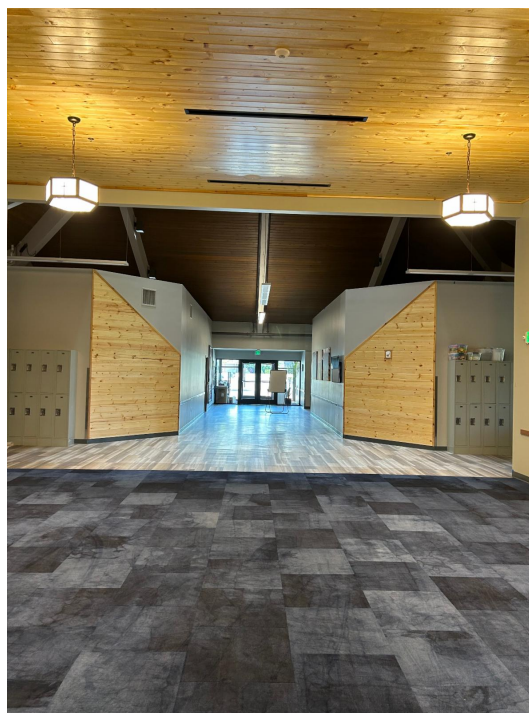


Welcome to our 42 new families and 6 new staff members

Journey with Us 2 Finish Projects this Summer



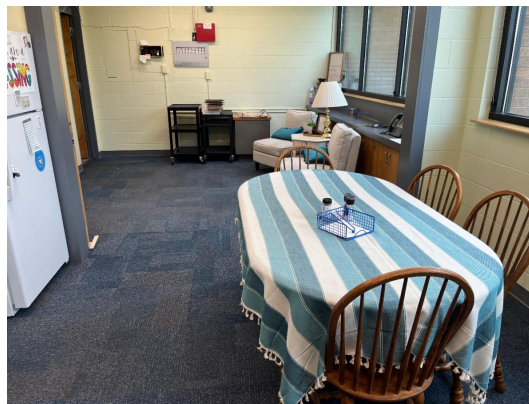
Our new chapel which will seat 70 students and staff for classroom adoration, religion classes and retreats.



Our new entry to the school and Front Offices were finished summer 2022 but the flooring and wall updates were completed this summer



Our library has moved 5 times since 2019. Mrs. Rosania, our Librarian, has the new permanent space for our library set up and ready to check out books to our students.



This older space in our school used to house the Principal's and Nurse's Offices. A cinderblock wall has been removed to enlarge the space and new paint and furnishings add for our newly updated Staff Lounge.



The renewed face of our Middle School and Outdoor Plaza for student security were completed this summer.

Student Spotlight



Fr. Paul blessing students and the classrooms on the first day of school.

Has your child done something amazing, please send a photo and explanation to schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com and we will feature them here.

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
DISCIPLESHIP <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

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Congratulations to this week's winners:

Payton H, Jackson R (2), Megan D, Selam G

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Staff

Friday, August 25

Individual Student Photos by Parker Portraits (Free Dress per Uniform Dress Code)

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 28

Mrs. Gordon's Birthday
Author Party for Summer Reader winners

Tuesday, August 29

6:00-8:00 p.m. Back to School Night, Sessions for K-5 and 6-8

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Behrend's 8th Grade
Mrs. Kenworthy's Birthday

Friday, September 1

Teacher In-Service - No School

Monday, September 4



Volunteers are needed every day in the lunchroom to serve lunch, clean tables between lunches and help the lunchroom ladies where needed. There is a black binder in the Front Office to sign up. You can volunteer daily, weekly, monthly or when you have a day off. 4 volunteers needed each day from 10:45-12:30.

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (21)—Bauer, Hudsepth

Tuesday (22)—Bauer, Corcoran

Wednesday (23)—Bauer

Thursday (24)—Bauer, Hudspeth

Friday (25)—Antonoplos, Dunlap, Bauer, 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 10:45-12:30 to load lunches on to trays and deliver the trays to the classrooms. 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



FACTS - In order for the nurses and office staff to be able to treat your student(s) if sick or injured, parents must go into their FamilyPortal and update the Medical pages. Two additional pages need to be completed for us to be able to contact families in case of emergency and for someone other than parents to be

able to pick up student(s).

Steps to complete the medical, transportation and emergency contact forms:

1. Log into our family portal.
 2. On the left menu bar, click the down arrow beside the "Apply/Enroll" link.
 3. Click "enrollment/re-enrollment" and then the blue link.
 4. As you fill out these forms, please update any other information that may have changed since initially completing the enrollment forms.
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Fr. Paul came to the Car Show on Saturday and enjoyed trying out the cars.



Thank you to the Callihan family for organizing and working at the Car Show.



The Brinegar Family and their 1949 Ford farm truck.



The Jameson family with Grandma's car.



The VanPaepeghem Family with their 1962 GMC pickup.



The Gordon Family with the Chevy C10.



Summer Reading Logs are due by Friday, August 25 to Mrs. Rosania in the library.

- **Students arriving at school between 7:30-7:44 a.m. report to the gym.**
- **Students arriving 7:45-8:00 a.m. proceed through the Middle School gate directly to the playground (the wrought iron gate will be open).**
- **Students arriving at 8:05 a.m. or later must stop by the School Office for a tardy slip.**

If students have checks or other items for the School Office, they may give them to their teacher after the bell rings when they enter class.



Back to School Night is Tuesday, August 29

- 6:00 p.m. for New Families
- 6:45 p.m. 1st Session for K-5
- 7:10 p.m. 2nd Session for K-5
- 7:35 p.m. Middle School Session

The New Families session will be held in the gym. [A link for Mrs. Gordon's Introduction/Information Session will be included in the next Friday newsletter.](#) Each K-5 teacher will present 2 sessions so families with multiple children can visit each child's classroom. Middle School families will go to their student's homeroom and will experience "a day in the life" of your student.

If you have a family member who would like to receive the weekly edition of the newsletter, please email their name and email address to schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com.

If your child is absent from school, please call the School Office @ 208-375-6654 or email schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com by 8:30 a.m. each day they are absent. If your child is marked absent and you haven't contacted us, you will receive an email inquiring about the absence.

If someone else is picking up your child, they must be on your Pick Up/Transportation list in FamilyPortal. If you haven't added this person to your list, we will not release your child.

No school on Friday, September 2 due to Teacher Inservice or on Monday, September 4 in honor of Labor Day.



During morning drop off and afternoon pick up, please DO NOT park:

- In the parking lot at the west end of the school. This parking lot is reserved for staff members only.
 - In the cut out on Northview St. This is reserved for staff members and the 2 families who purchased the parking spaces at last year's Dinner Auction.
 - In the River City Church parking lot across Northview.
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Parking Lot Reminders

- Please do not exit your vehicle in the pick-up lines. Please find a parking spot if you need to chat with a teacher or staff member.
 - Please pull as far forward as possible at drop-off and pick-up. It is not necessary to stop in front of where your child's class is standing. We will send them to you.
 - Please don't let your pets out of your vehicle.
 - Please be patient. The parking lot usually clears up by 3:10.
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Are you keeping track of your Volunteer Hours? You can now keep track of your Volunteer Hours in your FamilyPortal. Remember that 24 hours of volunteer time are required during the school year, 6 of those dedicated to the Dinner Auction and 18 hours that directly benefit the school.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP (SEW) AND HAVE AN APPROVED BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH THE DIOCESAN OFFICE.

The first SEW class (for St. Mark's families only) will be held on Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:30 p.m. at the School.

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



Spirit Days

Each month we have 2 Spirit Days, the first being free and the second is \$1, which is donated to charity. The first Spirit Day of the year is Friday, September 8. **YOU MAY PAY FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF SPIRIT DAYS UP FRONT. SEND \$8 TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE MARKED SPIRIT DAYS.**

Students may wear:

- Jeans or solid colored shorts (seasonal) in good condition
- St. Mark's spirit T-shirt and/or St. Mark's sweatshirt
- Students must continue to follow Students' Overall Appearance Guidelines on Spirit Days. Spirit wear (sweatshirts and spirit shirts) must be purchased at Educational Outfitters.

We have bookcovers for sale in the School Office for \$2.00.

Every Wednesday that we are in school and Holy Days during the school week will be Student Body Mass Days. Students should be in Mass Dress, as stated in the Uniform Dress Code. These days are noted on the Monthly Calendar and in the Friday Facts each week.

[Click here](#) to view the August Lunch Menu.

[Click here](#) to view the August Monthly Calendar.



Boys in Grades K-5 interested in Cub Scouts. Bring your parents and come to our Information/Registration Night on Wednesday, August 30 @ 7:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for details.

TVCS Events/Sports

[Click here](#) for the TVCS athletic schedule.

Preschool Happenings

We are so excited to have 13 little Cubs return to school and have 19 new Cubs join our pride. We had the best first day back with this precious crew.



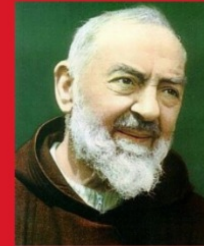
Church Connection

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



Save the Date for St. Mark's Parish Picnic

- Takes place on St. Padre Pio's Feast day; we will celebrate him with an Italian theme!
- Italian Food
- Wine/Beer Garden
- Bounce Houses for the kids!
- This will replace the Oktoberfest



Saturday, September 23, 2023

AFTER THE 5PM MASS

School Hosted Mass

Notes from the Nurse

St. Mark's Catholic School Illness Procedure and Response Plan



Saint Alphonsus

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Children learn best when they are healthy and well-rested. Please, for your child's health and safety, and for the health and safety of others, keep sick kids home. If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms below and these symptoms are not attributable to any other condition they may have, then your child should stay home.

- A temperature of 100.4 or higher without the use of fever reducing medication

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing OR a change in their cough from baseline for those with allergies/asthma
- New congestion or runny nose OR a change in symptoms from baseline for those with allergies/asthma
- Severe sore throat
- New or unusual onset of severe headache, muscle, or body aches
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- New or unusual rash
- Pink eye with discharge not associated with diagnosed allergies

A student may return to school when:

- They are asymptomatic or symptoms have significantly improved
- There has been no vomiting, diarrhea, or fever for 24 hours without the use of medication
- They have been evaluated by a healthcare provider and cleared to return to school with a note from the provider
- They have been taking a prescribed medication for impetigo, strep throat, pink eye, or any other communicable conditions for 24 hours or per their healthcare providers instructions/recommendations

Through the St. Alphonsus School Health Program, 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 -

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year!

I am very excited to be back as the School Counselor for St. Mark's and am excited to start this school year with all of the students! I am looking forward to working with you and your child(ren).

I began at St. Mark's last November and had previously been a teacher in the classroom for 11 years, having taught various grades. My husband and I have four daughters. Our oldest is a freshman at the University of Miami, our next two girls attend Bishop Kelly and our youngest is in 8th grade at St. Joe's.

My goal at St. Mark's is to help our students feel safe, welcome, connected and cared for while at school. I've found this is the best way to help students grow both academically and socially.

Our school counseling program provides services to help students learn and develop to their highest potential. Some of these services include:

- Classroom lessons to help students develop empathy, communication, problem solving and decision making skills. I will be using the Second Step curriculum and the Circle of Grace curriculum, as well as other Social Emotional Learning resources.
- Individual, short term counseling sessions to help students with academics, adjusting to school, social/emotional issues or dealing with specific problems they are experiencing.
- Advocating for student needs and teaching students how to advocate for themselves.
- Working collaboratively with teachers, parents and students to boost student success.
- Providing support to teachers and faculty.
- Providing community resources for children and families in need of support outside of the school.

I encourage you to visit me at St. Mark's on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. I can also be reached by email at slynch@stmarksschoolboise.com.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,
Sarah Lynch

School Counselor
St. Mark's Catholic School

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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