



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,

This weekend we celebrate (August 27th) the Feast of Saint Monica. She is the Patron Saint of Mothers. She spent her life praying for her wayward son, Augustine, who was constantly running away from the Catholic faith. She set about her life's work of unceasingly praying for Augustine.

God always hears our prayers and Augustine did convert to Catholicism and went on to become one of the most influential theologians of all time. What an enduring witness to the power of God's mercy.

Stop by the niche at the church to see the statue of Saint Monica. Saint Augustine's statue is on the way and will join her.

Blessings for all our St. Mark's Mothers,

Fr. Paul



Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

We had a fabulous first full week of school! I am so impressed with all of your children; they are settling into their routines and engaging in LOTS of learning activities.



Tuesday, August 29th, is Back to School Night

New parents are invited to gather in the gym at 6:00 p.m. to be introduced to our incredible staff, learn more about our school, and have questions answered.

Returning parents with preK - 5th-grade children are invited to their child(ren)'s homeroom at 6:35 p.m. and/or 6:55 p.m. for a 15-minute session with your child's teacher(s).

All Middle School parents will start their session at 7:15 p.m. in their child's homeroom class. They will follow their child's daily schedule, meeting each of their teachers for a brief presentation on each course in which they are enrolled.

I will be emailing a slide show presentation/video for you to watch before you come to Back to School Night. Please be sure to watch it and come with any questions on Tuesday night.

Have a blessed weekend.

Peace,
Mrs. 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.

Student Spotlight



Here are our 6th grade boys at the optimist jamboree on Saturday. We have Isaac, Colby and Marshall.

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



LionPRIDE

Practice
MAKES
Saints

	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

SAINT MARK'S
-CATHOLIC SCHOOL-

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Max B, Wyatt M, Mariana F (2), Michael C, Jude Q, Claire R (2), Parker F, Hudson P (2), Johria B, June R, Theo N, Jax M, Lily G, Dario S, Kaylin R, Dominic S, Keaton A

Weekly Calendar

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 4

Labor Day - No School

Tuesday, September 5

MAP Testing

Wednesday, September 6

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

MAP Testing

Thursday, September 7

MAP testing

Friday, September 8

Spirit Day

Progress Reports in FACTS FamilyPortal

Home & School

The 2023-2024 Auction theme “*Bloom in Love*” is inspired by the quote “*Bloom where you are Planted*”. The phrase is attributed to Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, who wrote the words over 400 years ago:

“Truly charity has no limit; for the love of God has been poured into our hearts by His Spirit dwelling in each one of us, calling us to a life of devotion and inviting us to boom in the garden where He has planted and directing us to radiate the beauty and spread the fragrance of His Providence.”

So, this year for the 40th Annual Home & School Auction Gala we encourage our St. Mark's Family to “Bloom”!

How can you bloom wherever God plants you and do it with grace?

- By embracing where you are in your life right now, and by choosing to be content and trust God's plan for your future.
- Focus on being deeply rooted by deepening your relationship with God.
- Remembering a seed doesn't become a flower overnight. It takes time, water, sun, and nutrients before there is blossoming.
- Bloom with grace by being gracious, patient, and kind to those around us. We can bloom with grace by **showing God's love to others** and viewing God's blessings as opportunities to bless others.



BLOOM
WHERE YOU
ARE
PLANTED

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Mark's School Spirituality Committee Seeks Parent Involvement

The Spirituality Committee is made up of faculty and parents and helps the principal/pastor nurture and expand the Catholic identity of the school. We need parent volunteers to sit on the committee. If you would like to help us live and grow the spirituality of our school community, please email Angela Paz at apaz@stmarksschoolboise.com. Thank you!

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (28)—Garcia, Hudspeth
Tuesday (29)—Corcoran, Garcia, Schaller
Wednesday (30)—LaMott, Gorney, Kolbrecki
Thursday (31)—Cavazos

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 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)



Back to School Night is Tuesday, August 29

(please note time and grade changes)

- 6:00 p.m. for New Families
- 6:35 p.m. 1st Session for PS-5
- 6:55 p.m. 2nd Session for PS-5
- 7:15 p.m. Middle School Session

The New Families session will be held in the gym. A link for Mrs. Gordon's Introduction/Information Session is in her letter above. 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.



School pictures were taken today. If your student(s) didn't get home with their order code, please email schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com and we will send it to you. For students who missed picture day, Retakes will take place on Friday, October 27.

WELCOME New Staff Members



My name is Brittany Brady, and I am so excited to be teaching first grade at St. Mark's this year! After graduating with a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Montana, I taught both first grade and sixth grade in the Boise School District. While raising my kids, I owned and operated Kumon Math and Reading Center for 8 years and earned my master's degree in Educational Leadership from Boise State. After selling Kumon, I began my doctoral studies at BSU and took over my husband's family business (formerly Idaho Sporting Goods). I'm currently working towards completing my dissertation focusing on K-3rd grade literacy. One of my passions as an educator is reading aloud to students and encouraging them to read at home with their families! ***Did you know that parents who read 1 picture book with their children every day provide their children with exposure to an estimated 78,000 words each year?*** Being back in the classroom at St. Mark's is such an honor. My husband, Tim, graduated from St. Mark's and we are both BK alumni. We have been married for 16 years and have a freshman at BK and three kids at St. Mark's in 7th, 5th, and 2nd grades. I love to travel when I get the chance, but my kids are active in sports so you'll usually see me around the football fields, volleyball courts, basketball gyms, and baseball fields! When we are at home, we care for goats, chickens, and other animals on our little farm.

****Logan JAR, Justice LM, Yumus M, Chaparro-Moreno LJ. When Children Are Not Read to at Home: The Million Word Gap. J Dev Behav Pediatr. 2019 Jun;40(5):383-386. doi: 10.1097/DBP.0000000000000657. PMID: 30908424.**



Greetings! My name is Merrideth Dressler and I am pleased to teach fourth grade at St. Mark's this year. I have been happily married to my high school sweetheart, Scott, for 34 years. We moved to Boise from Chico, CA in 2017 with two of our three children. Our two oldest children, Delaney, and Cameron (BK class of 2022), are currently attending college in California and Arizona. Our youngest, Kate, is a Junior at Bishop Kelly. I have taught most elementary grades in both public and private schools for 28 years. I received my bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Chico State and earned a master's degree in Educational Management from University of La Verne. I have been a practicing Catholic for most of my life and have been a

catechist for the past 16 years. I love traveling, paddle boarding, fine arts, walking the greenbelt, and playing with my springer spaniel, Tilly. Thank you to the St. Mark's community for being so welcoming!



Hello, my name is Daniel Newton and I am excited to be teaching middle school English here at St. Mark's Catholic School. We have a tremendous staff and wonderful students! While originally from Los Angeles, I chose to make Idaho home six years ago with Mrs. Newton and our three sons. We've since added a 6th family member in our dog Sunny. We love all the wonderful things Idaho has to offer and the beauty that surrounds it. I love to learn and I love to teach!

Being a lifelong learner keeps me sharp and teaching middle school keeps me on my toes. I have a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and a Master's in Education. I plan on completing my doctorate in Education while here at St. Mark's. I am looking forward to the great school year ahead and to meeting all of you. Thank you and go Lions!



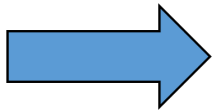
If you arrive at 3:15 or later to pick up your student in K-8, you will pick them up from Homework Club. Go to the west end of the building and ring the doorbell.

Homework Club charges are as follows:

3:15-3:30 p.m. - \$2.00 per child per timeslot

3:31-4:30 p.m. - \$6.00 per child per timeslot

4:31-5:30 p.m. - \$6.00 per child per timeslot



We do not offer Homework Club for Preschool. Preschool after care was arranged during enrollment and is not a drop in service. Preschoolers need to be picked up no later than 3:15 from the classroom. If you would like to add after care for your preschooler, please contact the school office.



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. Scroll down on the left menu bar to "Apply/Enroll", click the down arrow beside the "Apply/Enroll" link.
 3. Click "enrollment/re-enrollment" and then the blue link "Click here to Open Enrollment".
 4. As you fill out these forms, please update any other information that may have changed since initially completing the enrollment forms. Make sure to go through all the navy tabs on the left side of the screen and finish with the tab "Electronic Signature Page".
 5. To review your Packet, click on the last tab "Electronic Packet Review".
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ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP (SEW) AND HAVE AN APPROVED BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH THE DIOCESAN OFFICE.

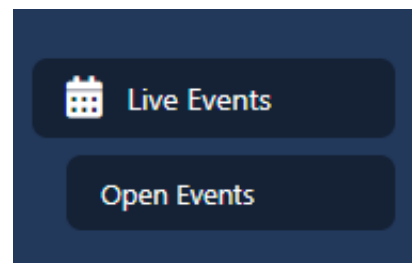
The first SEW class (for St. Mark's families only) will be held on **Wednesday, September 13 @**

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 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".



Open Events							
Event	Location	Address	City	State	Zip	Contact Name	Contact Pk
Safe Environment	St. Mark's Elementary School	1500 Northview St.	BOISE	IDAHO	83702	Kevin Goffing	2087754651

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.



Greetings Parents and Young Musicians in Grades 3-8!

I'm looking forward to directing our young singers again for St. Mark's school Mass choir! Our rehearsals will be on Wednesday mornings at 7:25 am in the music room, prior to Mass. It's important that students attend rehearsals if they would like to participate in the choir at Mass. Could you please let me know if your student would like to sing? I'll update our roster so that we can communicate any changes or reminders. Thank you!

In Christ's Love,

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 St. Mark's Catholic Community
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Thanks to all your students for participating in the 1st Annual Summer Reading Program over the summer. We had 51 finishers!

Below are the students whose names were drawn to have lunch with the author this coming Monday (details to follow) :

Jude Quilici (1B)
 Alexa Baerlocher (2D)
 Amaya Paz (2D)
 Easton Burks (3J)
 Evan Barber (3M)
 Ava Trana (5T)
 Diana Carroll (5T)
 Shaelen Corcoran (5T)

Addison Baerlocher (7G)
Evelyn Quilici (8S)

The class that had the most participants was Mrs. Turner's 5th Grade and they will be treated to donuts next week.

Winning students were called to the Library today to pick up their goody bags.

CALLING ALL 4TH - 8TH GRADERS

STUDENT COUNCIL

INFORMATION MEETING

Monday, August 28th
3:00-3:30
Mrs. Turner's Classroom

**Are you interested in joining our
St. Mark's Student Council? Join us
on Monday after school to learn
what Student Council is all about!**

Mrs. Turner - Mrs. Lynch - Mrs. Dabelich



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- **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.**
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Brownie Troop Organization Meeting for Parents of Girls in Second or Third Grade – Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 pm in the conference room at St. Mark's School.

[Click here](#) for details.

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.



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

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

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

Preschool Happenings



Our little Cubs had an amazing time this first full week of school. They enjoyed playing and working in their preschool room and on the playground. We are off to a great start!



Church Connection

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

Notes from the Nurse



Through the St. Alphonse School Health Program, Mrs. Campbell, RN, SBN, is at St. Mark's on 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 -

Many of the classroom lessons that I teach focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) skills.

Social emotional learning is the process through which children (and adults) understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and

maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.

Why is SEL important?

Research shows that SEL programming improves academic performance and can improve students' behavior in the classroom. It can also decrease their risk for experiencing depression and other mental health disorders. It gives students the social skills they need to excel, both in their school environment and their future workplace.

The following are the five components of social emotional learning that are woven within all of my group counseling lessons this year. The students and I work on and practice specific tasks that are applicable to each component of SEL.

- Self - Awareness
 - Teaching students to be mindful of their thoughts and feelings - not only how they are feeling but also what they are thinking.
 - Helping students develop self esteem and positive self talk.
- Self - Management
 - Teaching that all feelings are okay but that it's what we do with them that matters. This has to do with emotional regulation.
 - Practicing impulse control - finding things to do to cope when we are anxious, angry or stressed.
- Social Awareness
 - Teaching acceptance, empathy and perspective taking.
 - Noticing and thinking about the needs and feelings of others.
- Relationship Skills
 - Practicing social skills, conflict resolution and communication.
- Responsible Decision Making
 - Reflecting on how we are responsible for our own actions.
 - Before making a choice, thinking about the effects of our actions.

Have a great weekend!

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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