



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

Dear Families and Friends of St. Mark's,

For a believer, there are no coincidences in life. His very appearance on earth is strictly planned by God. His place of residence is specified, the time is specified down to the second, and the environment in which he appears is also specified. These circumstances mean that he has a clearly defined task to perform. This task, given to us by God, is treated as our calling. Modern man needs renewed encouragement to follow Christ. This laconic call: "Come and see" contains an encouragement to be active. How should it manifest itself?



Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519), when painting his famous supper, had only one goal in mind: for this painting to lead people to Christ. But at the exhibition - ironically - everyone admired the small ship that was visible in the distant background. The master needed three weeks to paint this ship. However, regardless of the work involved, on the first day he took the painting "for corrections" and simply painted over the ship. He believed that nothing could take our eyes off Christ.

The point of this story is clear. Human activity must be directed towards God himself. Nothing can obscure God's omnipotence and goodness. Therefore, modern man should, as it were, demand from God a clear indication of the obstacles in this consistent pursuit of Him. He must do this through prayer, by listening skillfully to other people and, finally, by learning from his own mistakes.

There is also a second important element regarding expectations towards God. The Evangelist recorded that the disciples not only followed Jesus, but "remained with Him." Modern people are looking for a place where they will feel safe. Undoubtedly, the place that God indicates is the temple. However, it is not easy to stay there. To remain with the Lord requires faithfulness, which motivates us to persevere.

An authentic incident illustrates this truth well. The great physicist Albert Einstein and Cardinal Michael

Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, were together at the solemn reception. The professor, wanting to surprise the Prince of the Church, asked him a question: "I wonder what your Eminence would do if mathematics precisely proved that there is no God." "I would wait patiently until the mathematicians found their mistake," the cardinal replied calmly.

Fidelity to God therefore requires man's certainty, which is openness to God's truth. Maybe some people look at the Church and God through the prism of more or less verified information about clergy. Others, outraged by scandals, look for an excuse for religious "lukewarm". Therefore, we must ask God for the gift of true, living faith, thanks to which there will be no temptation to leave.

With prayers and blessing,

Fr. Adrian

Letter from our Principal



Dear St. Mark's Families,

Happy New Year! It is great to be back and to witness all the smiles and hugs as we all welcomed in the frigid, snowy third quarter. Despite the "please-let-there-be-a-snow-day-rituals," we had school today. My favorite ritual I heard about was to wear pajamas backward, put three spoons under your pillow, and put ice in the toilet!

Tonight is St. Mark's Hockey Night! Thank you, Home and School, for coordinating this community night for our school. Ticket sales raised \$900 for our school, which helps fund the many enrichment activities at our school. I am so excited to ride the Zamboni and wave to the St. Mark's section. Go Lions!

Second quarter report cards can now be viewed in your family portal. Click the "Student" tab on the right and then "Report card." If you have more than one child, a name drop-down menu at the top of the first report card allows you to view each child's grades. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact their teachers teachers.

A reminder that there is no school on Monday (1/15) in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. On Wednesday (1/17), there will be an in-person Safe Environment Training at 6:30. If you would like to volunteer in the school in any capacity, you must take this in-person training and then a yearly online renewal class. See the information in the "News" section below to access your account and if you are having trouble registering, reach out to the office for more information on how to access your CMGConnect account to sign up for the class.

Have a blessed long weekend. Stay warm!

God bless,
Donna Gordon

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

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Student Spotlight

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
 DISCIPLINESHIP <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:

Connor L, Payton M, Lexi D, Rosie R, Jax M (2), Katherine B, Marcus B, Layton S, Jaxon S, Max B, Declan K, Elliott C, Audrey P, Alexa B, Amaya P, Frances C, Layla R, Sawyer H, Mateo E, Jackson R, Davis R, Joe W, Jared T

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 14

Mrs. Torkelson's Birthday

Monday, January 15

MLK, Jr Day - No School

Wednesday, January 17

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

6:30 p.m. SEW Class @ School

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 21

Mrs. Cox's Birthday

Wednesday, January 24

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

Friday, January 26

\$1 Optional Spirit Day

Home & School



Bloom In Love: Auction Dress Up Day will be **Monday, January 29!** Dress for a tea party or as your favorite Alice in Wonderland character (eg. Top hats, party dresses, Mad Hatter, Tweedle Dee, etc) Costumes need to be appropriate for school and weather - students will still go outside for recess.

Please click the link to register for the dinner auction online; buy tickets, view items, bid on online auction items as they become available. The dinner auction will have silent and live auction items available to event attendees only; there will also be an online auction, and buy now options available to everyone.

<https://stmarksschool.schoolauction.net/bloom/homepages/show>

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for volunteers to help with set up for the Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, April 6 at noon. Contact Brooke Smith at bsmith@stmarksboise.org.

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Tuesday (16)—Bauer, Chavier

Wednesday (17)—LaMott, Binns, Gorney

Thursday (18)—Storli

Friday (19)—Antonoplos, Paz, Binns, Gorney

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



Please be sure that you send winter outer wear to school every day for recesses.

No School on Monday, January 15 in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Hello 8th grade families! Happy New Year! I am emailing you today to remind you about Information Knight at BK on January 29th at 6:30pm. Save time the night of and register now! Scan the QR code to complete the form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: acalovich@bk.org or you can call Bishop Kelly 208-375-6010.



Advanced orchestra is now open to any 5th grader who wants to join. We will begin this Thursday, 1/11. Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 7:20am-8:00am in the music room. Students are to enter from the front of the school. Doors will be unlocked at 7:15am. No siblings are allowed to accompany them unless they are a part of the orchestra.

Feel free to reach out with any questions to Mrs. Cooper lcooper@stmarksschoolboise.com.



Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 28 through Thursday, February 1.

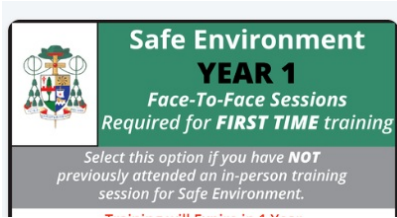
We will be having an Open House at the school on Sunday, January 28 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The school will be open for guided tours, information for the 2024-2025 school year and school personnel who can answer questions that potential parents have.

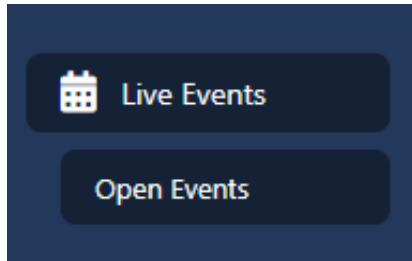
Word of mouth from our current families is our best advertisement, please spread the word and invite your friends, family and neighbors to our Open House.

Child Safe Environment Workshop on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's School.

This will be the only class at the school this quarter.



You must create an account and register for the class at boise.cmgconnect.org. 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".



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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.

The School Choice Initiative is moving forward in the Idaho Legislature this session. This bill proposes a \$5,000 per child refundable tax credit to families who choose private education.

You can help by **ENGAGING YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS THIS WEEK**. It just takes a few minutes to fill out this electronic form and connect with your local lawmakers.

As you are taking down your Christmas decorations for this year's season, there are still ornaments made by students in Art Class that haven't been purchased. Please send in \$5.00 to purchase your student's ornament.



Click here to view January's Lunch Menu.

All Schools Mass for Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is on January 31. After Mass, St. Paul's School will join us in the classrooms to eat lunch. Students are encouraged to bring a lunch

from home, but Mrs. Godfrey will make sack lunches for students who pre-order. Please sign up below by Friday, January 26 by [clicking here](#).

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

As we are at the end of the year/beginning of a new one, I know people may be getting rid of calendars. If you have any calendars that you no longer need, Ms. Hatfield would love to take them off your hands! Please send them to the School Office for 8th grade art projects.

TVCS Events/Sports



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

Preschool Happenings



Happy New Year!

We have had a good, albeit short first week back together. We began the New Year by welcoming three new friends to our preschool program. The Cubs were excited that it snowed while we were studying the letter S.



Church Connection

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

Bring a hammer and your family this Saturday, Jan 13th at 10 am to help the Knights of Columbus and Respect Life erect the Memorial Crosses for the Unborn.



Want to get a jump start on your Community Service Hours? We need your help! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAEA92AABFC1-47061864-20th#/>



Notes from the Nurse



New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

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

Notes from the Counselor

A New Me

Many of us do it every year. We make a firm decision to turn over a new leaf. We are going to cut junk food, cut carbs, cut spending... you know the deal.

And, if you're like me, you resolve to 'be a better parent' and cut down on yelling at your kids. Maybe increase the quality time you spend with them?

I'm always amazed how packed the gym is just after New Year's Day. I can't get a good parking spot and have to walk way too far – like I want to get exercise or something. But you know how it goes: after a few weeks, the crowd is mostly gone and it's back to the same dedicated souls.

I'm so hoping that is not me this year! With the kid stuff, I mean (the gym is a lost cause). But it usually is.

The hard reality is that we will never be perfect. Personally, I will never even be close. I can accept that but I don't want to be one of those people who flakes on my commitment after just a short period of being fired up. I don't want to lose hope.

So, how can we take good care of ourselves in this area and not feel guilty when the inevitable 'skill slippage' occurs?

One thing that has helped me is to remember that Love and Logic is a very forgiving philosophy. Kids make mistakes, they take responsibility, they learn and we all move on – often in relatively short order. It is essential that we show that same grace with ourselves. The way we look forward, not backward and avoid dwelling, beating up and 'I-told-you-so', can be a wonderful way to treat ourselves. Just as we don't want to dwell on our kids' worst moments, we can let go of ours and focus on doing better going forward. We are going to blow it at times. We are going to forget to use our skills in the heat of the moment. We are going to say things in very unloving and illogical ways. It's just reality.

In those times, we need to give ourselves a break. We need to remind ourselves that modeling our human imperfection is part of raising great kids. We need to breathe and start again with a positive and hopeful attitude.

Remember:

“The most wonderful human beings you know were raised by imperfect parents!” Jedd Hafer
So lets start this year / semester off with some self compassion. Then get up and try again. The kids still love you even if you make mistakes. Modeling forgiving and asking for forgiveness is an important part of parenting too.

Have a good long weekend and enjoy the snow if you can.

Joe Lipetzky, Psy. D.

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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