



### 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,**

On a couple of occasions over the past year, at least in homilies, I've shared with you all a few of my favorite quotes and prayers from the saints which I hoped you might find helpful. Since this is the month of November, starting with All Saints Day, I thought of sharing a few memorable quotes from twelve of my favorite saints. (Please note: Three of the names below are not officially recognized as saints but perhaps they should be.) Enjoy!



- **St. Padre Pio:** "Often place your confidence in Divine Providence and be assured that sooner Heaven and earth shall pass away than that the Lord neglect to protect you..." "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"
- **St. Teresa of Avila:** "In the measure you desire Him, you will find Him."
- **Robert Hugh Benson:** "We have continually to test our practical devotion to Him by our practical devotion to one another."
- **St. Therese of Lisieux:** "When we yield to discouragement or despair it is usually because we give too much thought to the past and to the future."
- **Ronald Knox:** "It is stupid of modern civilization to have given up believing in the devil when he is the only explanation for it."
- **G. K. Chesterton (his dying words):** "The issue is now clear. It is between light and darkness and everyone must choose His side."
- **St. Josemaria Escriva:** "Don't say: 'That person bothers me'. Think: 'That person sanctifies me.'"
- **St. Catherine of Siena:** "When we are who we are called to be, we will set the world ablaze."
- **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:** "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today. Let us begin"... "Let us do something beautiful for God."
- **St. Ignatius of Loyola:** "If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a saint."

- **St. John Paul II:** “The rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it, I have always found comfort... The rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer!”
- **Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen:** “Each one of us makes his own weather, determines the color of the skies in the emotional universe which he inhabits.”
- **St. Augustine:** “To fall in love with God is the greatest romance ; to seek Him is the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement”... “Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe”... “Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you”... “This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfections”... “You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones.”

With prayers and friendship in Jesus ,

*Fr. Paul*

### Letter from our Principal



Dear St. Mark's Families,

Happy Friday! Today marks the halfway point of our second quarter. Please be sure to check your child's progress in FACTS or by reaching out to your child's teacher. Communication is vital to your child's success, and we value your role as advocates and primary educators.

The church was packed on Wednesday with grandparents who received a special blessing from Father Adrian and attended a lovely reception. Many grandparents also came to see the school's new chapel and library. We are so blessed to have their support and their precious grandchildren at St. Mark's.

Tomorrow from 9:00 am to noon is Rake Up St. Mark's! Thank you in advance to the families who have signed up to help. Many hands make for light work, and we greatly appreciate your hands!

Next week, all of our school boards will be meeting - The advisory Board and Home and School meet on Monday night, and our Education Foundation meets on Tuesday night. All are invited to attend. Please check times and locations below.

Please join me in praying for our parents who will be attending the Evangelization Retreat this weekend. I pray you all have a blessed, safe weekend.

God bless,  
Donna Gordon



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

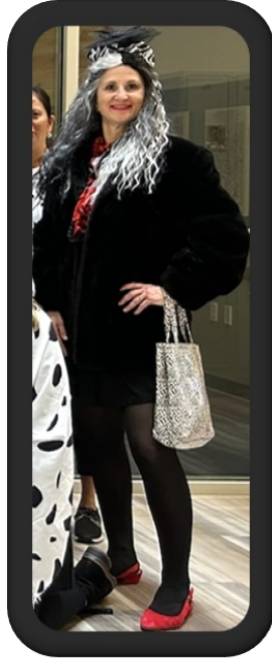
LOOK FOR THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE EMAIL THAT SAYS "VIEW ENTIRE MESSAGE" TO EXPAND THE EMAIL, OR **CLICK HERE** TO VIEW NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.

### Spotlight



Thank you to all our family members who have served in the Armed Forces to make the United States the "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave". A special recognition of our staff members who have served - Mrs. Lee (US Air Force) and Mrs. Turner (US Air Force).

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Thank you for sharing your amazing talents with our school on Principal and Vice Principal on Catholic School Principal and Vice Principal Appreciation Day.

### 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>DISCIPLESHIP</b> <i>Following Jesus' Example</i>	Support Others Cooperate with Others Be Honest Share Christ's Love Do Your Very Best Work	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>	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:

## Weekly Calendar

### Saturday, November 11

Veteran's Day

**9:00 a.m. - Noon Rake Up St. Mark's**

BK Winner's Choice Dinner

### Sunday, November 12

12:30 p.m. Sew Pillow Cases for St. Luke's (4th -8th graders) in middle school.

### Monday, November 13

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Home & School

### Tuesday, November 14

3:30 p.m.-6th-8th Grade Altar Server Training (optional and no need to RSVP). 4th & 5th grades will receive training during school hours.

6:30 p.m. Quarterly Education Foundation Meeting @ School

### Wednesday, November 15

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Ms. Murray's 3rd grade

2:00-3:00 p.m. 8th grade Christmas Wreath pickup at Church

### Thursday, November 16

Catholic Schools Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Day

Screenagers Film Screening @ JUMP (see flyer in *News from Counselor* section)

### Friday, November 17

\$1 Optional Spirit Day

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Break

### Sunday, November 26

11:00 a.m. Student Hosted Mass hosted by 6th grade

### Tuesday, November 28th

Ms. Hatfield's Birthday

Giving Tuesday

### Wednesday, November 29

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Dabelich's 2nd grade

Holiday Feast for Parents of students in PS-2nd grade

### Thursday, November 30

Mrs. Czarniecki's Birthday

## Home & School

Thank you to the 60 volunteers who signed up to paint a soup bowl for the Idaho Foodbank at Ceramica last weekend. It was a fun and worthwhile event

The Foodbank estimates that they can feed 60 people with the funds raised from each bowl. What an impact! Thank you, St. Mark's! Way to go!



## ST MARK'S H&S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST

The home and school association needs help creating their christmas card. three winning pieces of art will be featured on the home and school Christmas cards to be sent to school patrons this Christmas. Please join in! create your masterpiece and have a chance to see your artwork in print

**DUE:  
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

- Artwork must be 8.5"x11" and must be original (no tracing, copying, or adult help)
- Artwork should be religious in theme
- All flat artwork accepted, including crayons, markers, pencil, and paints. (Hint: bold colors or pictures with lots of contrast copy onto cards the best)
- Include the artist's name and grade on the back
- Each student may submit only one entry
- Artwork must be turned into the school office by 3pm on Monday December 4, 2023.
- Entries will be judged on content and artistry by the Home & School Board.
- A winner will be chosen from each of the following three age groups: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th.
- Contest winners will be announced in December
- All artwork submitted will be displayed at school during the month of December
- The three winners will receive 12 Christmas cards with their own artwork on it to send to their families.

Contact April Fagerson at [almondmk@yahoo.com](mailto:almondmk@yahoo.com)  
with any questions



Click on the link below to sign up to help at this year's Dinner Auction.

We have immediate needs for a Tea Cup Team Lead, Procurement Helpers and Reservation Team Lead.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A8A62EA2FD0-dinner#> or email Jenny Baxter at [Stmarksschoolauction@gmail.com](mailto:Stmarksschoolauction@gmail.com)

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The Dinner Auction team is looking for photos and videos to be included in the event slideshow. We want to see our St. Mark's School Community.

Pictures and videos can be emailed to [StMarksSchoolAuction@gmail.com](mailto:StMarksSchoolAuction@gmail.com)  
Use Slideshow 2023-2024 as the subject.

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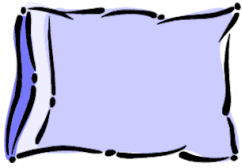
We are looking for pictures from the last 40 years of Dinner Auctions. If you have any or know someone who does, please have them email the photos to [StMarksSchoolAuction@gmail.com](mailto:StMarksSchoolAuction@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Rake Up St. Mark's is coming on Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m.- Noon. **Click here** to sign up. Students earn Community Service Hours and Parents earn Volunteer Hours.



Bring your rakes, gloves, blowers and other yard equipment.



**Are you looking for Service hours?** Want to learn how to sew a pillowcase? Hoping to make a Christmas donation to the children at St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Pediatric ICU unit in Boise?

Who: 4th to 8th Grade Students with or without sewing machines.

When: Sunday, November 12; 12:30 - until we are finished.

Where: We will be meeting at St. Marks School, Middle School, Religion Classroom (Thank you, Wendy Behrend.)

What: We will be teaching a french seam pillow cases, to donate to St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Pediatric ICU unit, in Boise this Christmas season.

\*\* We do have a limited number of sewing machines available to borrow (Thank you, Wendy Behrend) or you can bring your own. Please request a machine, if needed with your reservation.

Materials List, will be provided when you reserve your seat.

To reserve a seat and/ or a machine and get your materials list, please contact Sunny by phone or text at (925) 705-2852

Official delivery to St. Luke's is scheduled for Dec 6, after school.

## Lunch Room Volunteers

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

Monday (13)—Shark, Bauer, Cavazos

Tuesday (14)— Jower, Anderson, Bauer

Wednesday (15)—LaMott, Gorney, Binns

Thursday (16)—Gorney, Binns, Corcoran, Storli

Friday (17)—Antonoplos, Paz, Gorney, Binns

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, wipe tables, and spread good cheer . 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)





## It's State Football Time!

Come support our Undefeated, District Champion, **Bishop Kelly Knights** in the semifinal round of the State Playoffs against Pocatello this Friday, November 10, at 7:00 at BK. We hope to see all of you there!  
**GO KNIGHTS!!**

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Thank you to our 6th grade parents for the wonderful Home & School lunch that they served to staff this week. We truly appreciate you!

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**8th grade Legacy Christmas Wreath Pick up** - Did you order a Christmas Wreath from an 8th grader? You can pick up your wreath at St. Mark's Church on Wednesday, November 15 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. or the student you purchased it from will deliver it to you.

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**Lost and Found is overflowing and we don't have any more room for your child's lost items. Please take the time to come into the building and claim your coats, jackets, lunch bags, water bottles, etc. Unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's over Thanksgiving break.**

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Ms. Hatfield is collecting old calendars that you may have to use for 8th grade art projects. Please send the calendars to the school office.

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Catholic Charities of Idaho is holding a 2023 Christmas Card Contest. Entries are due by noon on Thursday, November 9. **Click here** for details and the Consent form.

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The next live **SEW** class at St. Mark's will be held after the new year. Please visit <http://boise.CMGconnect.org> to find class offerings around the Treasure Valley. You will need to set up an account and sign up for the class.

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**On Wednesday, November 29th, we will celebrate our Holiday Feast for** parents of Preschool-2nd grade and their students.



Cost of the lunch for adults is \$6.00 and **we ask that you send your payment to the School Office by Tuesday, November 14 with student name on the envelope and Holiday Feast in the memo line.** This is how you will be signed up for the

Feast. **Because of the lead time to order the food, late orders will not be accepted.** Students eating hot lunch will have their lunch account charged the regular hot lunch price.

Lunch menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

When you arrive for the Feast, please check in at the School Office. Parents/Grandparents will be escorted to their student's classroom when it is time to walk to the cafeteria as a group.

### **LUNCH TIMES**

11:00 a.m. - Preschool  
11:10 a.m. - Kindergarten  
11:20 a.m. - First Grade  
11:30 a.m. - Second Grade

**Click here** to sign up for the Parent Lunch. Students in Grades 3-8 will also be able to participate in hot lunch that day at their regularly scheduled lunch time.



If you take any photos during the school year of activities, parties, field trips, sports, etc. please email them to [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com).

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### **What is Inktober?**

Inktober is a month long art challenge that is focused on improving skill and developing positive drawing habits. Every day for the month of October student participating in the Inktober challenge create a drawing and turn it in to Art Class. Inktober is a framework to get yourself to draw better, flex a little, and/or have some fun with your art. Inktober is a challenge to see how much you can improve your art in a month, and to be inspired or to help inspire other artists to do the same.

The final week's winners for InkTober are:

Gabriella W (8th)

Mary C (4th)

Henry C (4th)

Lexi D (3rd)

Carter S (3rd)

With honorable mention going to The Office Ladies

The class with the most entries who will be getting donuts will be:

Mrs. Bastian's class

Thank you Mrs. Czarniecki for presenting this opportunity to our students every year.

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### **Altar Server Training at the church**

Monday, November 13th, 9:00 a.m.- both 5th grades  
Tuesday, November 14th, 3:30 p.m.-6th-8th Grades (optional and no need to RSVP)  
Wednesday, November 15th, 12:30 p.m.- both 4th grades

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## Friday, November 10 is the deadline to order

products personalized with your child's 2023 artwork. This fundraiser helps to us to ensure fun and educational art curriculum and supplies for your student(s). ***All students in grades K-8th participated this year.*** You are able to look up your child on the site through school name (Saint Mark's Catholic School) or with their access code.

Thank you for your participation!



**square1art.com/shop/upload**



**It's TIME to CREATE & UPLOAD ART  
so you can order Art Keepsakes!**



Mark your busy holiday calendar for **Monday, December 11 @ 6:30 p.m.** at the Church for the St. Mark's School Christmas Program, featuring K-5, Orchestra and St. Mark's School Choir.

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**Empowering Parents Grant Program 2023/24 Application**  
will open on **November 16th at 8 AM Mountain Time**

A link to the application will be posted on the program website <https://empoweringparents.idaho.gov/>

If you were awarded a grant for the 2022 school year you will have to reapply. Eligibility is verified each year.

**Who is Eligible?**

ALL Idaho students Kindergarten through grade 12 regardless of whether they attend a public school, private school, or are homeschooled.  
Income eligibility is based on the parent or guardian's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for the prior year as verified by the Idaho Tax Commission.

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions visit our [FAQ page](#)

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A pink vtech watch was found on the playground and it hasn't been claimed. If this belongs to your family, please contact the school office.

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**Thanksgiving Break** is Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24.

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*Congratulations to this week's Knights of the Week!*



**Elleyna Bishop - St. Mark's Graduate and BK Sophomore - Academic Excellence**

Elleyna is an excellent student who puts her best into every assignment and discussion in class. She is a quiet leader who inspires others to do their best as well. Elleyna asks deep and thoughtful questions which raise our discussions in class to the next level.



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

## Preschool Happenings



We had the privilege of a guest speaker this week. Mr. Packard, a school father and a Veteran, shared briefly about his experience in the US Navy. He allowed the kids to try on his service covers (hats) and demonstrated how to stand at attention and march. We enjoyed marching, saluting and saying, "yes sir" with conviction! Thank you to all of our school families and to their extended families who have served in our military. We give thanks to God for you all!



### **Church Connection**

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



**December 2, 2023**

JR HI RALLY

6th - 8th grade

**Bishop Kelly High School**

One-day event aimed to energize, form, and build community for our Jr. High/Middle School students. Your child wont want to miss!!

## **JR HI RALLY Registration is OPEN**

**\$70.00**

...includes a full day of praise and worship, guest speakers, Reconciliation, Adoration, Mass, tee shirt, snacks, lunch & dinner

**Registration**

### ***Fundraising opportunity November 12th***

If your child needs a scholarship or wants to volunteer their time to help those who need funding assistance, please signup below.

#### **JR HI RALLY - FUNDRAISER**

**Sign Up**

St. Mark's Youth Ministry will be raising scholarship funds for the upcoming Catholic Jr. High Rally. We will again be partnering with Totally Catholic Fundraising to sell jewelry, rosaries, and crucifixes from with a 50% profit on all sales.

Registration: <https://www.jrhievents.com/rally-registration>

Fundraiser: <https://stmarksboise.flocknote.com/signup/142569?noteID=23619432>

#### **Notes from the Nurse**

November is National Diabetes Month. Whether or not you or one of your loved ones have diabetes, it probably affects someone you know. 1 in 10 people in America have Diabetes. A healthy diet and regular exercise is so important for those who have diabetes, but also is important in preventing Type 2

Diabetes. As it is getting colder, it is important to look at our exercise and eating goals, whether bundling up and walking along the Greenbelt, swimming at the YMCA, or joining an exercise class. We are already in the midst of the cold and flu season, and we are thankful for the flu shots given at each of our schools in October. If your child missed having a flu shot, it is not too



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**SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM**

late to get one from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. Flu shots especially help to protect your child, the elderly, and the immunocompromised. Also, it is important to take care of immune systems by focusing on getting enough sleep, eating lots of fruits and vegetables, limiting sugar intake, and decreasing stress through exercise and fun activities.

<https://diabetes.org/get-involved/community/american-diabetes-month>

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/index.html>

*Through the St. Alphonsus 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 -

I know this was highlighted in Friday Facts a few weeks ago but I wanted to give you a bit more information regarding the screening of a new, impactful documentary called SCREENAGERS that will be shown next week.

This screening is being offered at JUMP on Thursday, November 16th. Doors will open at 6:00 and the film starts at 6:30 in the JUMP room.

This event is free to the public due to the generosity of a family from Sacred Heart.

### Growing Up in the Digital Age

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time—friction she knew all too well.

In SCREENAGERS, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

Sarah Lynch, St. Mark's School Counselor

# SCREENAGERS



## GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

MYDOC PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH INDIEFLIX A FILM BY DELANEY RUSTON "SCREENAGERS"  
DIRECTORS OF PHOTOGRAPHY GEOFF SCHAAF DAN MC COMB DELANEY RUSTON EDITED BY ERIK DUGGER DELANEY RUSTON  
ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS GEN CHASE HEIDI PAIGE MUSIC BY PAUL BRILL EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS SCILLA ANDREEN KARIN GORNICK  
LISA TABB PRODUCED BY DELANEY RUSTON LISA TABB SCILLA ANDREEN DIRECTED BY DELANEY RUSTON

[screenagersmovie.com](http://screenagersmovie.com)

**Screenager Film Screening**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2023**  
**Doors open @ 6pm – Movie 6:30-8pm**  
**JUMP Room, Jack's Urban Meeting Place, 1000 W Myrtle St**  
**Hosted by Sacred Heart 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 Mondays - Thursdays.

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