



**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 Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the feast day of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque who I have come to know and to love in a special way. What a blessing it is for me to introduce her to you, that is, if you do not already know and love her yourself. As we all well know, the saints are our older brothers and sisters in the faith. They are the closest friends of our Lord Jesus Christ and receive from Him the power to come to our aid, whenever we ask with faith, in accordance with God's Will. They watch over us, protect us, and guide us through their prayers. We receive heavenly help from them for our daily lives through our prayers.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, St. Margaret Mary received from Our Lord the revelation of His Most Sacred Heart, which contains nothing less than God's burning love for each one of us as well as His burning desire that we respond to His Love. The symbol of His Heart aflame tells us all that and more. It is surrounded by thorns showing how much suffering He endured for love of us in His Passion and Cross. Thus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals how Christ made atonement for our sins and how He wants us to atone as well. Each day, we should all renew our love and gratitude to Jesus saying, "*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I implore, that I may ever love Thee, more and more.*"

*Fr. Paul*

**Letter from our Principal**

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Today marks the end of the first quarter! Teachers are finalizing grades and will give you your child's report card and testing data at parent-teacher conferences. Please make sure if you have children in preschool through fifth grade, you schedule a time through PTFast. All middle school families will attend conferences in the gymnasium during the scheduled conference times.



If you have an opportunity tonight or tomorrow morning to listen to Dr. John Bergsma at the parish, you won't be disappointed. More information can be found below.

Next week is a short week due to conferences. **Thursday, students will be dismissed at noon.** Lunch will not be served, and the homework club will not be open.

Thank you for a great first quarter, your support, and for choosing St. Mark's. I love this community!

Peace,  
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.**




## Student Spotlight



Former St. Mark's students, now attending BK, stopped by to teach our students a cheer and to invite them to BK's Homecoming game on Friday night.

Has your child done something amazing? Please send a photo and explanation to [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com) and we will feature them here.


### 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	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



**Congratulations to this week's winners:**

Theo N, Dani D, John B, Alexa C

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, October 16

Mrs. Rosania's birthday  
Book Fair  
National School Bus Safety Week  
1:00-3:00 p.m. BFD visits K-1st

### Tuesday, October 17

Book Fair

### Wednesday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Turner's 5th grade  
Book Fair

### Thursday, October 19

3:00-7:00 p.m. Parents Teacher Conferences - Noon Dismissal  
Book Fair

### Friday, October 20

8:00 a.m.-Noon Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School  
Book Fair

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 22

8:30a.m. School Mass hosted by 7th grade

### Wednesday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Dressler's 4th grade

### Friday, October 27

8:30-9:30 a.m. Individual Student Retakes

### Saturday, October 28

4:00-6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat at School

## Home & School



ST MARKS HOME & SCHOOL

invites you to a

Halloween

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 28



4 - 6 PM

**Saint Mark's School Parking Lot**

Cost is free. Trunk-or-treating begins at 5:00. Bring candy to share. Prizes awarded for best child costume, best adult costume, and best decorated trunk!





## Paint a soup bowl for the IDAHO FOODBANK

The foodbank collects hand-painted bowls from professional and amateur artists (like us!) and sells the bowls online after Thanksgiving. The foodbank estimates they can feed 60 people with funds raised from each bowl! What an impact!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA829A1F94-44742688-paint>

SAINT MARKS HOME AND SCHOOL PRESENTS

# EMPTY BOWLS

Cost:  
\$16/bowl

WITH *Ceramica*

1002 S Vista Ave, Boise, ID 83705

November 4th 11:30am - 1:00pm and 1:30pm-3:30pm

Studio spots are limited! You must sign up each person attending.

The 2 hrs your student spends painting counts toward school service hours. If parents paint, it will not count toward parent service hours. **Please note that this is not a drop off event.**

Ceramica staff will help with supplies and painting only, they are not supervising children.

**Click here** to sign up for the Ceramica event.

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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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Check out fun information about our Dinner Auction Facebook page at <https://fb.me/e/3GOpFsyx1>

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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.



Book Fair is next week and we still need **VOLUNTEERS!** [Click here](#) to sign up to help.

Don't forget to log your Volunteer Hours in your FamilyPortal.

## Lunch Room Volunteers

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

Monday (16)—Bauer, Garcia, Sanchez

Tuesday (17)—Storli, Shark, Cavazos

Wednesday (18)—LaMott, Gorney, Binns, Corcoran

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)

## News



Congratulations to Ms. Newman and her husband Christian on their wedding, which took place on Friday.

We thank you, O God, for the Love You have implanted in our hearts. May it always inspire us to be kind in our words, considerate of feeling, and concerned for each other's needs and wishes. Help us to be understanding and forgiving of human weaknesses and failings. Increase our faith and trust in You and may Your Prudence guide our life and love. Bless our Marriage O God, with Peace and Happiness, and make our love fruitful for Your glory and our Joy both here and in eternity.

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**If your child is absent from school, please remember to call (208-375-6654) or email ([schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com)) the school office. If you do not contact us and your child is marked absent, you will receive an email.**

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**October 16-20**

- Students will be making wish lists and are able to purchase books (if they have money) during their classroom library time during the week
- Teachers will be making wish lists for their classrooms and the library for parents to purchase
- Book Fair will be open until 3:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday for after school shopping
- Book Fair will be open on Thursday and Friday during Parent/Teacher Conferences for parents to shop

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**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on **Thursday, October 19** and **Friday, October 20**. **Click here** to visit the PTCfast website to sign up for your conference(s). Middle School teachers will be in the gym in a round robin format for parents to conference with teachers on both days, so you will not have a homeroom sign up.



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School dismisses on Thursday, October 19 at **NOON** and there is **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, October 20 due to P/T Conferences.



Lost and Found is overflowing. Please check for your lost items at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

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Thank you to the 7th grade parents for preparing the amazing Home & School staff lunch this week.



Parents are invited to join teachers on Tuesdays for weekly Morning Prayer in the Chapel at 7:40 a.m. We use part of the Magnificat Morning Prayer--copies will be available to follow along. Please join us!

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**Reserved Parking in the Cut Out on Northview** - Please be considerate and do not stop or park in the cut outs on Northview St. These spaces are reserved 24/7 for 2 families who purchased them at last year's Dinner Auction, for the Office Ladies and for a school family with a handicapped child.

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# 8<sup>th</sup> grade Legacy Project

Outdoor Winter Greens by JanLar Florists

## M. WREATH 20" \$39.75

Fresh Evergreens with cones and bow.  
Also available:

28" \$ 47.29

32" \$ 65.18

42" \$ 79.19

48" \$ 92.11

60" \$ 237.34

72" \$ 299.95



## CC. CANDY CANE \$47.65

Fresh Evergreens with cones and bow.  
Approx. 28" in length.



## CR. CROSS \$47.65

Fresh Evergreens with cones and bow.  
Approx. 28".



## G. GARLAND 10' \$38.87

Cedar adds a warm welcome to  
guests. 2 Bows included.

Also Available:

25' \$ 71.55

(3 Bows)

75' \$196.56

(6 Bows)



Hand tied bows will vary  
in pattern and color

Prices include Idaho sales tax

**DEADLINE TO ORDER**  
an 8th grade Legacy Christmas Wreath Sale  
is Monday, October 16

Wreaths will be delivered on November 15th and pick up will be at St. Mark's Church. Thank you in advance for your support of our 8th graders!! If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Godfrey at [kegodfrey@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:kegodfrey@stmarksschoolboise.com).

# Coming Soon!



**Your child's art on  
custom keepsakes!**

[square1art.com/shop](https://square1art.com/shop)

Square1Art catalogs will be arriving soon. Each student in K-8 created a unique piece of work that can be transferred onto a selection of different materials and items to make their work come to life. All items are high quality. Enjoy celebrating your student's work for years to come!

The annual Square1Art fundraiser supports the art program at St. Mark's and helps supply students with the materials necessary to have a fun and fulfilling art education. Thank you for your support in this year's Square1Art fundraiser.

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On Friday Oct 27th we will be serving a pepperoni pizza stick and not the usual Costco cheese and pepperoni pizza.

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Retake Day is Friday, October 27 from 8:30- 9:30 a.m. If you missed Picture Day or don't like your photos (you must return your picture packet to the school to have the photo retaken and not be charged). Students may wear their picture clothes to school but must change into uniform after the picture is taken.



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**Coming Soon - in 2 weeks**

# ST. MARK'S RED RIBBON WEEK 2023

Monday 10/30	Tuesday 10/31	Wednesday 11/01	Thursday 11/02
Rally against Drugs and wear <b>RED!</b>	Say "BOO" to drugs and wear your Halloween costume.	Striving for <b>SAINTHOOD</b> Dress like your favorite Saint.	From head to toe we say <b>NO</b> to drugs!
			
Red shirts & uniform bottoms	No masks. No weapons.	Dress like a Saint or Mass dress.	Wear your favorite hat and shoes. Crocs are allowed! Shoes must be close toed and have a back on them. If you have PE on this day, you must bring tennis shoes to change into.

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



Isaiah Johnson (St. Mark's graduate and BK sophomore) – Community  
Isaiah offers help to his fellow students with their classwork and holding the door and being a leader in small group discussions. Isaiah is a student whom others know they can rely on for support. He makes the classroom environment into a supportive community.

## BK Music Department's Fall Concert

The Bishop Kelly High School Band, Choir, and Orchestra ensembles are having their first concert of the school year on Monday, October 23 at 7:30pm in the Carley Center at BK (the gym in the building just south of the main school building - where varsity basketball and volleyball games are held). Admission is only \$5 for adults, \$3 for HS students, \$2 for younger students and senior citizens, and kids age 5 or younger are free. The award-winning BK ensembles will be performing a wide variety of music sure to entertain and delight! Doors will open to the public at about 7:00pm. Please contact Mark Peters ([mpeters@bk.org](mailto:mpeters@bk.org)) with any questions and we hope to see you there!

## TVCS Events/Sports



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

## TVCS Ski and Snowboarding Club

TVCS is excited to offer a Ski and Snowboarding Club to our students this winter. The program is run through Bogus Basin School Race Program.

Kelli Jeffers will be our TVCS middle school moderator.

The TVCS Ski and Snowboarding Club will partner with the Bishop Kelly Ski and Snowboarding Club.

The race program is held six (6) consecutive Saturdays beginning January 8, 2024. Students must meet the registration deadline (November 17) to be eligible. Students that compete in three

(3) of six (6) race days are eligible to compete in the annual Dotty Clark Memorial Races, February 17 and 18.

Students are able to race in a variety of events against participants of the same ability. You do not have to be an expert skier to join the club. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

To join the club, please register through the **TVCS website** as well as enroll in the **Bogus Basin School Race Program**. Please select "middle school registration". To search for our school, please look under "C" to find Catholic Schools Middle School.

While the TVCS Ski and Snowboarding Club is not an officially sanctioned activity through IHSA, all policies and expectations found in the TVCS Handbook apply.

Thank you for your support and interest.

Kevan Grant  
Go Spartans!  
St. Mary's Catholic School - Principal  
TVCS Athletic Director

## Preschool Happenings



We certainly are enjoying Fall in preschool. The Cubs were really excited to be introduced to the Halloween themed sensory table; which offers them spooktacular educational fun - sorting, counting, and an alphabet of eyeballs.



### **Church Connection**

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

# Dr. John Bergsma presents:

## October 13th 6-7pm

Converted by the Eucharist:  
A Protestant Pastor's journey

## October 14th 9-10am

How the Whole Bible leads to the Eucharist

## October 14th 10:30-11:30am

Not just a meal to remember Jesus:  
The Eucharist as Center of Cosmic History

\*There will be a chance to purchase Dr. Bergsma's books before and after each talk.

Register at: [www.stmarksboise.org](http://www.stmarksboise.org)



### Notes from the Nurse

**Vision and Screening** - A vision screening is scheduled at St. Marks School October 24, 2023. Your school nurse will screen Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades using the Plusoptix vision screener provided by Envision. This vision screening will not provide a diagnosis, only a **Pass** or **Refer** result. Screenings help us to identify potential vision problems and are not intended to replace an evaluation by a primary care provider. Please reach out to your school nurse or front desk staff if you wish for your child not to be screened or have questions.



**Saint Alphonsus**  
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

**Hearing Screening** - A hearing screening is scheduled for Kindergarten at St. Marks School on October 24, 2023. This screening doesn't provide a diagnosis, just a **Pass** or **Refer** result. Identifying hearing difficulties early on can assist in providing the best resources to ensure academic performance, speech, language, and social skills are not affected. This screening is not intended to replace and evaluation by a primary care giver. Please reach out to your school nurse or front desk staff if you wish for your child not to be screened or have questions.

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 -

As you know, parent teacher conferences are next week! It is such a great time to connect with your child's teacher(s). Below are a few tips to make the most of your time together.

### Before the conference

- Look over schoolwork.
  - Take some time to look over the schoolwork your child has already brought home. How does it look like your child is doing? Is the homework too easy or too hard? Is there anything your child is struggling with from your standpoint?
- Talk with your child.
  - Get a sense from your child how the school year is going. Who are the kids your child talks about the most at home? Is there anything he/she would like you to talk to the teacher about?
- Make a list of questions.
  - Thinking about the first quarter of school, are there things you still need clarification on? Are there specific things that helped your child thrive in school in the past?
  - Put your questions or concerns in order of importance so that you can cover the biggest things first.

### At the conference

- Be on time.
  - Conferences run on such a tight schedule. You don't want to miss any time with your child's teacher.
- Stay calm.
  - It's important to keep your emotions in check during the conference, even if your child is struggling with something or you disagree with the teacher.
- Figure out the next steps.
  - Save a few minutes at the end of the conference for next steps. How and when can you keep communicating with the teacher about certain issues that were discussed at the conference?

### After the conference

- Update your child.
  - Talk to your child about the conference. It is important to share anything positive that you and the teacher discussed. It is also important not to shy away from discussing problems or challenges. If there are next steps, be sure to let your child know what they entail.
- Follow up.
  - If you and the teacher agreed on next steps, follow up in the next week or so to see how things are working out.

Our St. Mark's teachers are so caring, loving and dedicated to all of our students! Enjoy your conference time.

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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