



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:

I found the following article illuminating, perhaps you will too: "Surprise! Halloween is not a Pagan Festival!" (*Catholic Parent Magazine* 2007 by Fr. Augustine Thompson OP):



"We've all heard the allegations: Halloween is a pagan rite dating back to some pre-Christian festival among the Celtic Druids that escaped church suppression. Even today modern pagans and witches continue to celebrate this ancient festival. If you let your kids go trick-or-treating, they will be worshipping the devil and pagan gods. *Nothing could be further from the truth.* The origins of Halloween are, in fact, very Christian and rather American. Halloween falls on October 31st because of a pope, and its observances are the result of medieval Catholic piety. It's true that the ancient Celts of Ireland and Britain celebrated a minor festival on October 31st--as they did on the last day of most other months of the year. However, Halloween falls on the last day of October because the Feast of All Saints, or "All Hallows," fell on November 1st. The feast in honor of all the saints in heaven used to be celebrated on May 13, but Pope Gregory III (d. 741) moved it to November 1, the dedication day of All Saints Chapel in St Peter's at Rome. Later, in the 840s, Pope Gregory IV commanded that All Saints be observed everywhere. And so, the holy day spread to Ireland. The day before was the feast's evening vigil, "All Hallows Even," or "Hallowe'en."...

Please read the rest of the article in this weekend's bulletin!

In Christ,

Fr. Paul

Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

We had a beautiful week at St. Mark's. On Wednesday, each class visited our chapel and saw and learned about the first-class relic of St. Maria Goretti that is in the altar, brought their special written prayers and hopes for the chapel, and prayed together. Wednesday evening, Bishop Peter Christensen blessed the space, making it a holy place of worship. The body of Christ will remain in the Tabernacle for the rest of the school year. Please look for opportunities to celebrate Mass, pray rosaries, and for adoration.



Parking Lot Procedures

For everyone's safety, it is crucial that we follow the Pick-Up Procedures and follow the correct flow of traffic. Please remain in your vehicles while in the pick-up lanes and review the map below. If you have a new family member or friend dropping off or picking up your child, please notify the office and review our procedures with them. Thank you so much.

This weekend, Home and School is hosting our annual Trick or Trunk Tailgate party from 4pm - 6pm on Saturday. This is a great community-building event, and we hope to have a big crowd. On Sunday, between the morning Masses (9:30 - 11:00), we will host an open house for all those wishing to see our newly blessed chapel and to thank all our almost 500 donors to the Journey with Us project!

Red Ribbon Week begins on Monday. Students are reminded of the importance of making healthy choices, saying no to drugs, and may participate in fun dress-up days. Please see the calendar of events for the week below. There will be **no school for students on Friday**. Our teachers will be participating in faith formation activities and collaborating with grade-level Catholic school teachers from around the Treasure Valley.

I pray you have a blessed weekend.

Blessings,

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.

Chapel Blessing



Student Spotlight

Caleb R got to experience the Challenged Athlete Foundation Community challenge weekend. Caleb had a swim lesson coached by Roderick Sewell (Paralympic athlete and on the USA swim team) and met Zion Clark, who starred on AGT, and challenged him to an arm wrestle!



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



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:

Paul T, Jaxon W, Evelyn W, Cosette W, Sophia U, Declan L, Quinten B, Jackson B, Lincoln R, Matias B, Lexi D, Caitlin R, Colin C, Bri S, Lola C, Shaelen C, Mrs. Lee, and Olin S.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 30

Red Ribbon Week - Rally against drugs and wear Red Shirt and uniform bottoms
Mr. Newton's Birthday

Tuesday, October 31

Happy Halloween
Red Ribbon Week - Say "BOO" to drugs and wear your Halloween Costume (no masks or weapons)

Wednesday, November 1

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass (All Saints Day) hosted by Ms. Ouimet's 4th grade
Red Ribbon Week - Striving for SAINTHOOD, Dress like your favorite Saint (not what they are a patron of).

Thursday, November 2

All Souls Day
Red Ribbon Week - From head to toe we say NO to drugs! 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.

Friday, November 3

Teacher Inservice - No School

Saturday, November 4

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings Time ends, turn your clock back 1 hr

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

Wednesday, November 8

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass hosted by Mrs. Jankowski's 3rd grade - Celebrating Grandparents and Veterans

6:30 p.m. SEW Class @ St. Mark's School

11:30 a.m. 8th grade Shadow Day @ BK

Friday, November 10

Mrs. Jensen's Birthday

Spirit Day

Progress Reports in FACTS FamilyPortal

Parish Evangelization Retreat

Saturday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Rake Up St. Mark's

BK Winner's Choice Dinner

Tuesday, November 14th, 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.

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!

SAINT MARKS HOME AND SCHOOL PRESENTS

EMPTY BOWLS

WITH

Cost:
\$16/bowl

Ceramica

1002 S Vista Ave, Boise, ID 83705

November 4th 11:00am - 1:00pm, 1:30pm-3:30pm, and 4:00-6:00

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.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Click here to sign up for the Ceramica event.



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

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 Use Slideshow 2023-2024 as the subject.

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.

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.

Trina Hauck is looking for help with the upcoming **Grandparents' reception** following Mass on Wednesday, November 8th. [Click here](#) to see what is needed and to sign up.



Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (30)—Bauer, Anderson, Gorney, Binns
Tuesday (31)—Corcoran, Cavazos, Holtz, Bauer
Wednesday (1)—LaMott, Gorney, Binns
Thursday (2)—Sanchez

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

ST. MARK'S RED RIBBON WEEK 2023

Monday 10/30

Rally against
Drugs and wear
RED!



Red shirts &
uniform bottoms

Tuesday 10/31

Say "BOO" to
drugs and wear
your Halloween
costume.



No masks. No
weapons.

Wednesday 11/01

Striving for
SAINTHOOD
Dress like a
Saint, not what they are a
patron of.



Dress like a Saint
or Mass dress.

Thursday 11/02

From head to toe
we say **NO** to
drugs!



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 athletic shoes to
change into.



Please Join Us For A

Grandparents Reception


Wednesday, November 8th, 2023

Immediately following the 8:30 a.m. School Mass

St. Mark's Catholic Church

7960 W Northview St.

Boise, Idaho 83704



You are invited to sit with your grandchild at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, students will return to school and you're welcome to stay at the church for the reception. Come enjoy coffee, baked goods and meet other grandparents.

No RSVP required

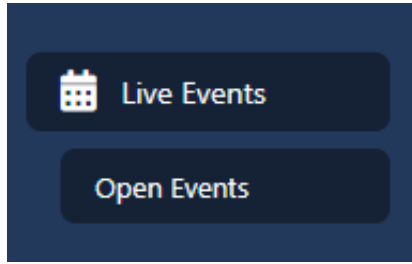
[Click here](#) to view the November Lunch Menu.

November is a busy month, [click here](#) to check out this month's calendar.

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

A Live SEW class will be held on **Wednesday, November 8 @ 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 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.

Event	Location	Address	City	Start Date	Start Time	Contact Name	Contact No
Safe Environment	St Mark Elementary School - KIDSLD	7503 Northview St	BOISE	08/24/2021	12:00 PM	Kristin Godfrey	2083773495



It's the time of the year for our Holiday Feast. Parents of students in PreSchool through 2nd grade are invited to have a special Holiday Lunch with their student(s) on Wednesday, November 29.

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.

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



St. Mark's Lego Robotics Club
Tuesdays and Thursdays (Fall/Winter Sessions)
3:15pm-4:15pm Room 213 (Mrs. Turner's Classroom)

Experiment with Scratch Code + Develop Problem Solving Skills +
 Teamwork+ Engineering Design + Math and Reading + Using Lego
 SPIKE Prime Robots

Grade Levels	Dates
3rd-5th	Oct. 24, 26, 31 Nov. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16
K-2nd	Nov. 28, 30 Dec. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 20
6th-8th	Jan. 2024 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 Feb. 1

- **Space is limited to 15 students**
- **Cost is \$75 (scholarships available)**
- **Make Payment in the St. Mark's Office Prior to the start of class.**
- **To signup, please click the grade level link.**



The first two sessions of 3-5 and K-2 are full. The 6th-8th session still has openings. Please only sign up for the session that your student(s) fit into.

[Click here](#) to sign up for Robotics Club. Please only sign up for your child's grade appropriate class.

Congratulations to this week's Knights of the Week!



BK Staff of the Week - Mrs. Laura Anderson (St. Mark's mom) - Honor, Activities, Community

- Mrs. Anderson consistently raises the bar. Her dedication towards innovation is inspiring!
- She's really nice and I love her Schoology themes. I have so much appreciated the new Schoology themes and it is really colorful.
- I just have to say, Mrs. Anderson has really stepped up the Schoology outline. It looks so good and it makes me want to check Schoology.
- Mrs. Anderson should be BK staff member this week because of her beautifully crafted Schoology Posts, which are very informative and eye-catching. With these posts I can keep up with both college and club meetings, which is very helpful!
- The Schoology schedule looks absolutely amazing and is so pleasant to look at!! And she sends it out every day to keep us informed, and the list of college visits linked to it is SO helpful!
- Mrs. Anderson has been doing an absolutely PHENOMENAL job with the schoology calendar. Her artistic skills and aesthetic eye have made looking at schoology actually enjoyable. Frankly, the best time I spend on the website now is when I am reading the calendar. She is improving the BK community by encouraging students to engage with important announcements.

TVCS Events/Sports

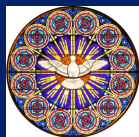


[Click here](#) for the TVCS athletic schedule.

Preschool Happenings



I must confess, the rain may have been our fault. Preschool studied the Letter Uu this week. Some of our kids were prepared with their umbrellas. We are thankful that God was watching out for us!



Church Connection

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

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1st
8:30 AM & 6:30 PM



ALL SOULS DAY

November 2nd
8 AM and
Noon at Cloverdale
Cemetery



Quilt Sale

The Fall Quilt Sale will be held November 4th (after the 5:00 mass) and 5th (after the morning masses). Many quilts to choose from for babies, children and adults.

- Hot pads,
- Wine bottle carriers,
- Microwave bowl holders,
- Baby burp cloths and more.

Christmas is right around the corner! We are happy to announce that over 600 quilts were donated locally last year. Your fabric donations are a blessing for keeping the ministry alive. If you know of a parishioner who is seriously ill, having surgery or homebound please contact Janet Clark, 208-861-8920 or stop by Donoghue Hall on Monday mornings to pick up a quilt.

New members always welcome, stop by and see what we do!!



Notes from the Nurse



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 we approach the month of November, the theme that is often at the forefront of our minds is gratitude!

I invite you and your family to participate in the 21-day family gratitude challenge. While eating family dinner, driving in the car or having a bit of quiet time each morning or evening, choose a prompt a day to practice gratitude together.

I am grateful for all of you, your children and our St. Mark's community!

Sarah Lynch
St. Mark's School Counselor

21-DAY FAMILY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

- 1 A favorite place to visit
- 2 A challenge you overcame recently
- 3 A favorite memory from this year
- 4 Something you love about yourself
- 5 Someone that always makes you laugh
- 6 Something useful in your home you are grateful for
- 7 Someone in your life you are grateful for and why
- 8 A time you were grateful for something a friend did for you
- 9 Something good that happened to you today
- 10 A new skill you learned recently
- 11 Someone who helped you solve a problem
- 12 A favorite family tradition
- 13 A new food you tried recently and liked
- 14 A recent time you helped someone
- 15 A time when you felt courageous or brave
- 16 A family member you are grateful for
- 17 A book you read and loved
- 18 A friend you love spending time with
- 19 A favorite thing to do outside
- 20 A movie you recently watched and loved
- 21 A nice place you traveled to, near or far

Choose one prompt a day to practice gratitude together. Color in the section when you're done.

Big Life Journal
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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.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for

a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!

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