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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

Welcome back to our St. Mark's family,

I am so glad to see our returning families and I welcome our new families; I look forward to getting to know you and your young disciples more as the year progresses.

As we begin this new school year, I want to join in with Principal Gordon and the faculty to extend a heartfelt **welcome**, to each of you!

Our Catholic faith will be at the heart of everything we do here at St. Mark's School. We love beginning and ending our school days with prayer and thanksgiving for God in our lives. We love studying each of our subjects with God at the forefront of our minds.

Thank you for entrusting your young disciples to us. Your partnership, prayers, and continued support are vital to our shared Catholic mission.

My door, at the parish, is always open if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to getting to know you all better.

Together We Rise.

Your pastor,
Fr. John Mosier



Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

I can't tell you how excited I am for the 2025-2026 school year! We are blessed to welcome over 50 new families and three wonderful new teachers



to our community! The energy on campus is fantastic, and we are ready for a year filled with learning, faith, and joy.

Mass today was beautiful and concluded with a Eucharistic procession to the school, where Father John and Father Celestine returned the Blessed Sacrament to our tabernacle. I was truly moved by the reverence your children showed, both during Mass and throughout the procession! All are invited to spend time in our chapel in prayer throughout the school day.

Our theme for this year is inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:11 — "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." We are calling this year's focus *Together We Rise*. This theme reflects our belief that when we encourage one another, work in unity, and lift each other up, we can accomplish far more than we could alone.

Together We Rise



SAINT MARK'S
—CATHOLIC SCHOOL—

At St. Mark's, we honor parents as the first and most important educators of their children. Our role is to partner with you — to support, guide, and build upon the foundation you have already laid at home. When we work together in true collaboration, sharing the same mission and values, we create an environment where every child can grow academically, spiritually, and personally.

This year, let's continue to rise together — as students, parents, teachers, and a community of faith — so that our children can thrive in both heart and mind.

God bless,
Donna

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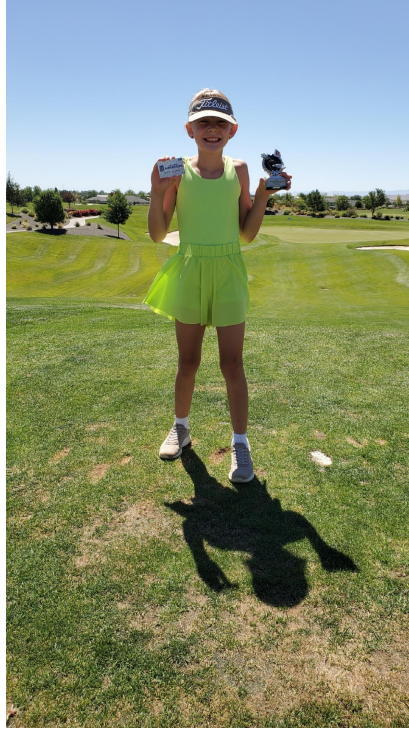
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ENTIRE MESSAGE" TO EXPAND THE EMAIL, OR **CLICK HERE** TO VIEW
NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.



Spirituality Spotlight

Spirituality Committee meetings will begin in September. Watch for more information soon. We'd love for you to join us plan retreats, special Masses and ways to engage our community in fellowship.

Student Spotlight



Frances played in the First Tee, Stroke Play Tournament for juniors on August 8th at the Falcon Crest, Cadet golf course. She won 1st place for her division (girls age 7-9)!

Does your student having an amazing talent, participated in an event or received an award? Please send a description and photo to schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com.

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:

Catalina C, Maddie B, Saoirse C, Alexa B, Mary B, Gaby P, John B, William D, Zach H, Joey T, Bennett L, Tyler C, Blake P, Maika P, Aurora G, Audrey P, Hank W

Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 18

First day of school for Preschool and Kindergarten - Noon Dismissal for these students only
Fr. Blesses Classrooms

Wednesday, August 20

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Behrend's 8th grade (Preschool and Kindergarten will not be attending this Mass but should dress in Mass Dress)

Thursday, August 21

6:30 p.m. SEW (Safe Environment Workshop) at school

Friday, August 22

Individual Student Photos taken by Parker Portraits (Free Dress per Dress Code)

Saturday, August 23

6:00-9:00 p.m. St. Mark's School Foundation Hot August Nights Car Show in Church Parking Lot

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 26

6:00-8:00 p.m. Back to School Night (parents only please, no students)
Mrs. Anderson's birthday

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

Mrs. Gordon's birthday

Friday, August 29

\$1 Optional Spirit Day

Saturday, August 30

Mrs. Kenworthy's birthday

Home & School

Volunteer Opportunities

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (18)—Perez

Tuesday (19)—

Wednesday (20)—LaMott, Rejniak

Thursday (21)—

Friday (22)—

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 come into the School Office and sign up in the black "lunch" binder, call (208) 375-6654 or **email** to volunteer.

Daily Lunch Schedule: 11:15 a.m. (PS-2); 11:35 a.m. (3-5); 12:05 p.m. (6-8)

THE LUNCHROOM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Parents, grandparents...are all welcome to volunteer weekly, monthly, occasionally (must be SEW trained). Contact **schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com** with the dates you can volunteer to get signed up. Time volunteered counts toward Volunteer Hours.

News



Back to School Night

Tuesday, August 26

6:00-8:00 p.m.

(Parents only please, no students)

6:00 - 6:20 p.m. - First Session - PreK - 5th

6:25 - 6:45 p.m. - Second Session - PreK - 5th

6:45 - 7:05 p.m. - Meet in gymnasium for introductions (school board, foundation, HSA, parish staff)

7:10 - 8:00 p.m. - Middle School parents meet in their child's homeroom class



Individual Student School Photos for the yearbook, lunch cards and activity cards will be held on Friday, August 22. A form was sent home today with your student with ordering information. Ordering is online only.

ST. MARK'S STUDENT COUNCIL 2025 - 2026



INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR 4TH - 8TH GRADERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH
3:15 - 3:30

MISS SMITH'S ROOM (FIRST GRADE ROOM)

QUESTIONS? PLEASE SEE MRS. LYNCH

Important Reminders:

Students may not be dropped off before 7:30 am.

Please drop off your child before 8:00 am.

Please pick up your child promptly at dismissal.

Supervision of the dismissal of students will take place until 3:15 p.m. After 3:15 students will be signed in to Homework Club and charged accordingly.

Parking Lot Safety

Please do not leave your vehicle unattended unless you park in a parking spot.

Please do not stop your vehicle on the crosswalks.

Please do not be on your cell phones

In the morning, please have your children use the crosswalk closest to the school's front doors.

The crosswalk closest to Northview is for parents who escort their students to Preschool.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the River City Church parking lot across Northview and jaywalk to the school. The Church has respectfully asked us not to use their property. BPD regularly monitors Northview and you may be cited for jaywalking if they are patrolling.



The first LIVE SEW class of the year will be held on Thursday, August 21 @ 6:30 p.m. at the School. THIS LIVE CLASS IS REQUIRED 1 TIME and then each year thereafter you will be required to view a video to keep your status current. Go to virtus.org, create an account, click on register for training, find the class at St. Mark's on August 21 and sign up.

Click here to view the [August calendar](#).

If you know someone who would like to receive the weekly Friday Facts, please email their name and email address to schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com.

Tardies

We understand it takes us all a few days to get back into the routines of returning to school. Please be sure your children are on time for school each day. If you drop your child off after 8:05, please park your vehicle and sign them in at the office.

Please review the Overall Student Appearance Guidelines regarding student's hair. If your student is out of compliance, please schedule a hair appointment.

HAIR

Clean, neat, trimmed, kept out of face

- No artificial hair coloring
- No extreme haircuts ex. mullets, mohawks, etc
- No wraps or beading
- Bows & Accessories - Navy, white or school plaid
- **Boys** above ear, off the collar, no facial hair



Navy blue Mass ties are available for sale in the School Office for \$10.

Click [here](#) to download the **August lunch menu**.



Greetings Parents and Young Musicians!

I'm looking forward to directing our young singers again for St. Mark's school Mass choir! The choir is open to grades 3 thru 8. Our rehearsals will be on Wednesday mornings at 7:25 am in the school Chapel prior to Mass. Our first Wednesday rehearsal is on

Aug 20th. It's important that students attend rehearsals if they would like to participate in the choir. If your student would like to sing or is a returning singer to the choir, please email me! Thank you!

Kris Foster
Director of Liturgy & Music
St. Mark's Catholic Church
kfoster@stmarksboise.org



Students bring your RC cars to race on our racetracks!!!

TVCS Events/Sports



Click here for the TVCS athletic schedule.

Preschool Happenings



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

School Health & Medication Safety

Tips & Tricks

- **All** medications must be stored in the School Health Office
- Ask your school nurse about **paperwork** needed for your child to receive any medication at school
- Contact your school nurse to arrange for parent drop-off of **Controlled Substances**
- Students may carry inhalers and Epinephrine only if there is a signed **Self-Carry** Agreement on file



Saint Alphonsus School Health Program

Through the St. Alphonsus School Health Program, Mrs. Lewchenko-Colin, our school nurse, is at St. Mark's on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Mrs. Placido, CNA, SASHP Assistant is here on Tuesdays.



Notes from the Counselor

Watch for Notes from the Counselor starting next week.

Sarah Lynch, St. Mark's School Counselor
Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.

Dr. Joe Lipetzky, our school psychologist, is at St. Mark's on Monday and Friday morning.
Sarah Lynch, our school counselor, is at St. Mark's on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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