



**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 St. Mark's Students and Families.

Principal Donna Gordon and Faculty initiated this school year with the theme of "Together We Rise". That Holy Spirit inspired theme was so prescient. The events this past week, both nationally and locally, have certainly invited us into a moment of pause and reflection.



You've seen in other correspondence the extent of the safety protocols in place to ensure the absolute safety of our community. From all potential threats or risks....internal or external. I won't repeat those here.

What I will communicate this week is the central theme of our identity in Christ. The world desperately needs us to live out and be examples of our Catholic Faith. The secular world can sometimes be seen to be a place of despair and destruction. Not all things....but in many aspects of culture and those beliefs and practices that are accepted as "normal". Self destruction or the willful diminishment or harm of another is not "normal". Rather, it demands a direct and immediate response to stop the harm, and discover the long-term pathway to healing.

The world and secular society need us to fill the void, the very big gaps in moral reasoning and behavior. Enabled by the truth of Christ, we do not seek affirmation from a broken and disordered world. Instead, we seek to know, love, and serve our Lord, and serve our fellow human beings. Stay in the Faith, reject the world's disordered reasoning, and offer the Lord's compassion to all you meet.

Together We Rise

*Fr. John*

**Letter from our Principal**

Dear St. Mark's Families,

It has been an emotional week for our Catholic school communities, and I am deeply grateful for the way we came together in prayer on Wednesday to support the Annunciation community. We also continue to hold the St. Paul's community in our prayers in light of the recent news. For official statements, please visit the **Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise** website. In moments like these, we are reminded of our theme, **"Together We Rise."** We rise when we unite in prayer, support one another, and place our trust in Christ, who is our source of healing, hope, and peace.



It was also wonderful to see so many of you at **Back to School Night** on Tuesday! If you were unable to attend, your child's teacher has or will be sharing classroom information with you, and I've attached the gym presentation for your reference. Please know you are always welcome to reach out to your child's teacher for classroom questions or concerns. If you have questions or concerns regarding larger school matters, please contact me or Erin Martin.

As we live out our theme, **"Together We Rise,"** we strive to build community through prayer, service, celebration, and open communication. To support this, I've created a new form called **"Rise and Share,"** which will be linked on our school website. Please read more about this below.

As we head into the long weekend, I encourage you to be safe, make memories, and hold your children close. We return on Tuesday for a short, three-day week for students, as Friday will be an in-service day for teachers. Based on parent feedback from last year, **we are exploring the option of offering childcare on Friday, September 6, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Please take a moment to complete this survey so we can determine if there is enough interest to provide this service.

Thank you for your prayers, trust, and support as we continue to grow together in faith.

With gratitude,  
Donna Gordon  
Principal



### Policy Highlight

### Introducing Rise & Share

As part of our school theme, "Together We Rise," we want to continue building a community rooted in prayer, support, and open communication. To make it easier for families to share with us, we've created a new tool called **Rise & Share**.

This simple form gives you the opportunity to:

- Ask a question,
- Share a concern,
- Offer a suggestion or idea, or
- Pass along a compliment or word of gratitude.

The form will be checked regularly by the administration, and your feedback will help us respond quickly and proactively.

**Rise & Share** form

Thank you for partnering with us in caring for our students and strengthening our school community. Together We Rise!

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.

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No School on Monday, September 1

Spirituality Spotlight

**Upcoming Dates:**

**9/3- Wednesday:** Student Body Mass @ 8:30am hosted by Ms. Hatfield's 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**9/4- Thursday:** 3:15 First Spirituality meeting of the year @ 3:15



Thank you for joining us in praying the Rosary before school this week.  
Your love for our Catholic School community as a whole was felt.

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18: 19-20*

**Join the St. Mark's Spirituality Committee today!**

Are you interested in being involved with school retreats, Feast Days and other special events throughout the school year? If so please consider joining the Spirituality Committee.

**Who are we?** A group that supports the spiritual growth of our students, staff and school

**Who can join?** YOU! We have a team made of teachers, parents and parish staff.

**When do we meet?** The first Thursday of the month at 3:15 in the conference room.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15**

**Spirituality Committee FAQs**

**Do I need any special training to be involved?** Yes and no- You will need to have your Safe Environment Workshop training complete prior to any volunteering at school events, but that's it!

**What kind of time commitment does it require?** There's no set number of hours required. You can come to meetings when you're available and sign up to help at events as you'd like. All time served counts toward yearly volunteer hours.

**Why me?** Because we bet you have some great ideas and talents to share! No amount of time or talent shared is too small.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of  
God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

Questions? Please contact Trina Hauck at [thauck@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:thauck@stmarksschoolboise.com)

**Student Spotlight**





The first week of August the Jameson family went on an adventure to Glacier National Park. The kids hiked over 30 miles during this trip and 4,000 feet in elevation. Their favorite and most strenuous hike was to Grinnell Glacier.

## 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

SAINT MARK'S  
—CATHOLIC SCHOOL—

## Congratulations to this week's winners:

Isla A, Mary B, Roselynn T, Halle R, Mateo E, Kinsley P, Gaby P, Alexa B, Hunter S, Evie W, Mason C, Adam P, Graham L (2), Ember K, Evan B, Juliet G, Jackson M, Adalaide B, Oakley G, Georgia B, Sutton H, Emma K, Bennett L, Joey T, Tyler C, William D, Mary B, Saiorse C, John B, Alexa B (2), Maddie B (2), Gaby P, Blake P, Audrey P, Maika P, Aurora G, Zach H, Catalina C, Sutton H, Marley N, Quincy S, John W, George P, Alianna V, Logan L, Blair K, Adalaine C, Andrew F, Zach B, Gaby C, Aleena D, Sybil B, Hendrix M, Ember K, Lochlan M, Tatyana B,

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, September 1**

Labor Day - No School

**Tuesday, September 2**

6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting

**Wednesday, September 3**

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

**Friday, September 5**

Teacher Inservice - No School

**Saturday, September 6**

Idaho Women's Conference

**Upcoming Events****Sunday, September 7**

Grandparent's Day

**Monday, September 8**

MAP Testing

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9**

MAP Testing

**Wednesday, September 10**

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

MAP Testing

6:30 p.m. SEW class @ school

**Thursday, September 11**

MAP Testing

**Friday, September 12**

MAP Testing

Spirit Day

**Home & School**

# St. Marks Home & School



**DISCOVER THE EXCITING YEAR WE HAVE  
PLANNED FOR OUR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS!**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Social Hour: 6:30 pm

Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

Location: St. Marks Middle School

Food & Beverages: Free Babysitting: Raffle and Prizes

Contact: Kate Stanley at [kate.dirocco@yahoo.com](mailto:kate.dirocco@yahoo.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

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Library Helpers (Parent Volunteers) are needed during the following times:

- Tuesdays @ 1:30–3:00 p.m.

- Wednesdays @ 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. and 1:15–2:45 p.m.
- Thursdays @ 9:00–11:15 a.m.

Contact Mrs. Rosania at [brosania@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:brosania@stmarksschoolboise.com).



In light of recent events, we are looking for more parents to help walk us to and from Mass on Wednesdays. We are also welcoming crossing guards to help students cross safely across Northview. Please email [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com) if you would like to volunteer. Time counts toward Volunteer Hours.

## Lunch Room Volunteers

### NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Tuesday (2)—Cavazos (2)

Wednesday (3)—LaMott, Candlemire

Thursday (4)—

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)

## News

Based on parent feedback, we are exploring the option of providing child care on teacher inservice days (8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) and on school half days (12:00–3:00 p.m.).

We are prepared to offer child care on Friday, September 5, 2025, if we have at least 10 students interested.

Please complete the **survey** by Monday, September 1, 2025 so we can inform families as soon as possible.

We are considering offering child care on the following dates:

Inservice Days (8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

- Friday, September 5, 2025
- Monday, January 5, 2026
- Friday, February 6, 2026
- Friday, March 6, 2026
- Friday, May 2, 2026

Half Days (12:00–3:00 p.m.)

- Thursday, October 23, 2025
- Friday, December 19, 2025
- Friday, March 13, 2026

Fees:

Full Day \$25/Child, \$50 Family

Half Day \$15/Child, \$30/Family

Students must bring their own snacks and lunch.

A minimum of 10 full-day students are needed to offer this service.

Your input will help us determine if there is enough interest to provide this service.



Thank you for helping us plan ahead and better serve our families!

Please take this **SURVEY** by Monday, September 1st.

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Thank you to all of our parents who attended Back to School Night this week. It was great to see so many of you and for Mrs. Gordon to share her vision of this school year with you.

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Please **DO NOT** park in the cut out on Northview Street. These spaces are reserved 24/7 for the Office Ladies and the Leal and McIntosh families who purchased these parking spots at last year's Dinner Auction.

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Our \$1 Spirit Days this year have been covered. We will be having 1-2 Spirit Days each month, depending on our calendar. Watch the newsletter each week and the Monthly Calendar for dates of Spirit Day.



If your child has a medical appointment during the day, please make sure to get a school excuse to turn into the school office to document their time away from school.

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### St. Mark's School Foundation Car Show



Thank you to all our families who supported this event and to Josh Callihan and the Foundation members who organized and put on the event Saturday night.

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### **Join the St. Mark's School Foundation Board!**

The St. Mark's School Foundation is seeking new board members – no prior experience required, just a love for our school and community! Serving on the board helps secure the future of St. Mark's and can fulfill your family's annual volunteer hour requirement. Learn more and submit an interest form by clicking below!

Submit by **October 1: [Foundation Board Interest Form](#)**



**Choir begins TUESDAY, 9/2. 3:00-3:45**  
We meet every Monday and Tuesday from 3:00-3:45

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**Advance Orchestra starts TUESDAY, 9/2  
from 7:20am-8:00am**

Orchestra is for 6th-8th grade. Every Tues./Thurs.

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**Click here** to view the September Lunch Menu.

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The **September Monthly Calendar** may be downloaded here.

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# Back to School Bake Sale



Parents and students are encouraged to bake items for the library bake sale. Parents receive Volunteer Hours and students may earn Community Service Hours.

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**Monthly Incidentals Billing** - this year you will notice that lunch and Homework Club billings will be posted on the 30th of each month, not daily.

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K-5th grade boys interested in Cub Scouts, **click here** for information about St. Mark's Cub Scout Pack 94.

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# SNACK SHACK

Grab and go snacks are sold  
every Monday at recess.

All items are \$1.00!



**BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th**

Calling our adults!! Are you looking for a chance to be a part of the St. Mark's community? Do you like playing basketball in a low stress environment? Do you want to give back to St. Mark's school? We have a great opportunity. Starting August 31st, we will be running recreational "pick up" basketball games to anyone affiliated with St. Mark's school or the parish. For a \$5 drop in fee, you can come play "pick up" basketball, get some exercise and meet others in our community. 100% of proceeds will go back to St. Mark's school. Come join us from 12:30-2:30 on 8/31 after mass! For more information, please reach out to [jamescjower@yahoo.com](mailto:jamescjower@yahoo.com). More drop in basketball games will be scheduled in the near future!!





## TVCS Events/Sports



**Click here** for the TVCS athletic schedule.

## Preschool Happenings



Rain, rain falling like showers of mercy. Our 34 preschoolers got to celebrate their first school mass this week and braved a little bit of rain on the way back.



### Church Connection

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

# Coffee Hour Lead needed

St. Mark's School parents have historically run one coffee hour a month, on the fourth Sunday morning, at St. Mark's church (throughout the school year- excluding December and May). Children are welcome to help. Training will be provided. Sunday mornings 8:30am-1pm.

Begins September 28th.

If you are interested in volunteering please call  
**208-375-6654.**

The time spent qualifies as parish ministry hours toward Active Parishioner status. Time can also be claimed as volunteer hours.



Notes from the Nurse

# Vaccine clinic

10% off groceries with every immunization\*

SKIP THE LINE!  
SCAN TO MAKE  
AN APPOINTMENT



Date: 10/09/2025

Time: 7:30am-9:30am

Location: St. Mark's

**Additional Information:**

- Pharmacist can administer age 6 mos and older
- Please provide a copy of insurance card(s)
- Wear a short sleeve shirt

Shots administered by the Pharmacy Team from your neighborhood



\* Restrictions apply. Visit pharmacy for details.

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**Click on this link** to download and complete the flu shot consent. The cost of the vaccine is free, but please attach a copy of your insurance card. **Students not having consents will not be given a vaccine.**

## 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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Mrs. Placido, CNA, SASHP Assistant is here on Thursdays.



**Saint Alphonsus**  
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Hello St. Mark's Families -

I will be in all of the K-8 classrooms twice a month working with all of the students. Many of the classroom lessons that I teach focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) skills.

Social emotional learning is the process through which children (and adults) understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.

### Why is SEL important?

Research shows that SEL programming improves academic performance and can improve students' behavior in the classroom. It can also decrease their risk for experiencing depression and other mental health disorders. It gives students the social skills they need to excel, both in their school environment and their future workplace.

The following are the five components of social emotional learning that are woven within all of my classroom counseling lessons this year. The students and I work on and practice specific tasks that are applicable to each component of SEL.

- Self - Awareness
  - Teaching students to be mindful of their thoughts and feelings - not only how they are feeling but also what they are thinking
  - Helping students develop self esteem and positive self talk
- Self - Management
  - Teaching that all feelings are okay but that it's what we do with them that matters This has to do with emotional regulation.
  - Practicing impulse control - finding things to do to cope when we are anxious, angry or stressed
- Social Awareness
  - Teaching acceptance, empathy and perspective taking
  - Noticing and thinking about the needs and feelings of others
- Relationship Skills
  - Practicing social skills, conflict resolution and communication
- Responsible Decision Making
  - Reflecting on how we are responsible for our own actions
  - Thinking about the effects of our actions before making a choice

Have a great weekend!

Sarah Lynch  
School Counselor  
St. Mark's Catholic School

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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