

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,

What a joy it was to see all of our young disciples here at Mass on Wednesday, celebrating All Saints Day! I enjoyed seeing them in their costumes and hearing them share information about their classroom's Saint after Mass. We are all called to be Saints. We are currently Saints-in-training. Our training wheels are the Sacraments.

Please contact the Parish office, 208-375-6651, if you are missing any of your sacraments, and we can help you on your way to becoming a Saint.

Together we rise,

Father John Mosier



Letter from our Principal



Red Ribbon Week Fun!

We had a wonderful three days celebrating Red Ribbon Week! Our Student Council did a fantastic job organizing a fun kickoff on Monday, planning creative dress-up days, and sharing daily healthy challenges that reminded us all about the importance of making positive choices.

A big thank-you to Mrs. Lynch and Miss Smith for their leadership and guidance with our Student Council members—they helped make this week both meaningful and memorable!

Together we rise by choosing healthy minds, hearts, and habits!

As we head into this long weekend, I pray that each of you enjoys the extra time with your amazing children. Our teachers and staff are deeply grateful for the opportunity to spend the next three days in retreat and professional collaboration—renewing our faith and refining our practice so we can continue to serve your children with joy and purpose.

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

- Hebrews 10:24

Wishing you a restful and faith-filled weekend!

Blessings,
Donna



Happy Halloween



State of Idaho Policy Highlight

The State of Idaho recently enacted the **Idaho Parental Choice Tax Credit Program** (House Bill 93), which provides financial support for families seeking educational services that best meet their children's needs. The refundable tax credit offers nearly \$50 million in state funds to help full-time Idaho residents pay for eligible nonpublic school expenses.

The program is available for:

- K-12 students (ages 5-18): up to \$5,000 per eligible student

- Students with qualifying disabilities (ages 5–21): up to \$7,500 per eligible student

If you are interested in applying, you must create a TAP (Taxpayer Access Point) account by December 1, 2025 to be eligible for the program.

For more information about eligibility, approved expenses, and how to apply, please visit the official state website:

<https://myschoolchoice.idaho.gov/>

This information is shared to help families stay informed about available educational options in Idaho.

Together We Rise



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As mentioned at Back-to-School Night, one way we can live out our theme "**Together We Rise**" is through open communication. To support this, we've introduced the Rise & Share Google Form.

Rise & Share Google Form

Here's how it works:

- If you have a question or concern and prefer to share it through the form, Mrs. Gordon will check responses every morning.
- If you'd like a reply, you can include your contact information, and Mrs. Gordon will respond as soon as possible.

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.

Spirituality Spotlight

Student Spotlight



Second graders Malakai and Caiden and their flag football team won the flag football Championship two weekends ago!



Winners of the 8th grade balloon car racers contest. Wes 1st place with 56 Ft!

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
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
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Congratulations to this week's winners:

Espyn S (2), Genevieve S, Zach H (2), Marley N, Dominic S, Joseph F, Adam P, Khaleesia B, Peter B, Emma B

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

St. John Henry Newman Conference

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m., 4:00-6:00 p.m. Ceramica Community Event

Sunday, November 2

All Souls Day

Daylight Saving Time ends, turn your clocks back 1 hr

Tuesday, November 4

6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Westmark's 3rd grade (Grandparents & Veterans Mass/Reception)

4th grade Teaching Mass in School Chapel

1:15 p.m. 1st grade visit from Boise Urban Garden School

Friday, November 7

Spirit Day

Saturday, November 8

BK Winner's Choice Dinner

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 10

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting
Mrs. Jensen's birthday

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Slattery's 2nd grade
3rd grade Teaching Mass in school chapel
Thanksgiving Feast for Parents of students in Preschool - 2nd grade (must have a reservation)
6:30-7:30 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting

Friday, November 14

Progress Reports in FACTS FamilyPortal
School Adoration

Saturday, November 15

Rake Up Boise

Home & School



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

Cost:
\$17.99
per bowl

WITH *Ceramica*

1002 S Vista Ave, Boise, ID 83705

November 1st 11am - 1pm and 1:30pm-3:30pm and 4pm-6pm

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 this Community Event

Howdy, St. Mark's families!

Our biggest event of the year — the St. Mark's Catholic School Auction: Buffalo, Boots & Blessings 2026 — is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a huge success!

There are many ways to get involved — from leading class projects and gathering donations to helping with setup, check-in, or clean-up on the big day. Whether you can give a few hours or take on a lead role, every bit of help makes a difference!

Volunteer Sign-Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABA828A3FDC07-59741604-buffalo>

Each role includes details about time commitment and volunteer hour credits — so you can find the perfect fit for your schedule and interests. More roles will be added and updated as we continue to progress in the event planning.

Let's make this year's auction unforgettable — filled with community spirit, laughter, and blessings galore. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to support St. Mark's!

With gratitude,
Catherine Paczocha
Auction Chair, Buffalo, Boots & Blessings 2026

Volunteer Opportunities

**TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY CAPACITY AT ST. MARK'S SCHOOL,
YOU MUST TAKE A LIVE SEW CLASS AND PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK.**

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 your Volunteer Hours.

On Wednesdays walking to and from Student Body Mass, we can always use volunteers to walk with our classes. Please stop by the School Office on any Wednesday morning that you can help and you will be given instructions.



Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (3)—
Tuesday (4)—Glasgow
Wednesday (5)—LaMott, Chavier
Thursday (6)—
Friday (7)—Martin

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)



Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night
so you're not late for Mass on Sunday.



Please join us for the
**Grandparents'
Fall Reception**

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

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. School Mass. After Mass, students will return to school, and you are welcome to join us for the reception. Come enjoy coffee, baked goods, and meet other St. Mark's grandparents!

No RSVP required

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Cainguitan at: emily.cainguitan@gmail.com.



Thanksgiving Feast - for Parents of Preschool - 2nd grade

On Wednesday, November 12th, we will celebrate our traditional Thanksgiving Feast at school. We would like to invite the parents of Preschool through 2nd grade. Lunch will start at 11 for the preschool, 11:15 for the kindergarten, and 11:30 for the 1st and second grade families.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Student's lunch will be deducted from their lunch account. Please send your payment for adult lunches to the School Office by November 7th. Students in grades 3-8 will have the Thanksgiving meal for hot lunch if they choose to eat that day.

The meal includes:

- turkey breast
- mashed potatoes with gravy
- stuffing
- green beans
- salad
- roll
- pumpkin pie

Please **click on this link** to RSVP. Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 7th, if you would like to have lunch with your child.



Senora A needs some volunteers who can cut up tilmas (cloaks) from paper grocery bags for our All School Retreat on December 4th where we will be celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. These can be done at home and then brought back to school. She will need them by **Friday, November 14th**. Senora A will provide you with the grocery bags to cut. If you would be able to help her out with this project, please email her at **rarrubarrena@stmarksschoolboise.com**.

Rake Up St. Mark's

is coming on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m.- Noon.

- **Click here** to sign up.
- This is a family fun event - students earn Community Service Hours and Parents earn Volunteer Hours.
- Bring your rakes, gloves, blowers and other yard equipment.



Thank you to our 8th grade families for providing dinner to our teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Thank you to our 6th grade families for providing this month's Home & School staff lunch.



ART CLUB 2025–2026*

QUARTER 2

What is Art Club?

Art club is for students who wish to spend additional time on art through independent studies, team projects, new projects, or increased time to complete art class work. Possible projects include making an art journal and portfolio, making t-shirts, working with new techniques, and CERAMICS!!! A wide range of talents and abilities are welcome in art club. However, it is important for potential art club members to have a strong interest in art. They must also be able to work well with other members, follow instructions, and behave in a mature and appropriate manner. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their art skills and participate in a variety of projects using new skills and mediums.

Who: Students 5th grade and up

When: Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted (quarter 3&4 dates are subject to change)

Where: Ms. Hatfield's classroom

Time: 3:05-4:15 pm

Cost: \$110/quarter OR \$320 for rest of year (nonrefundable)

We never want the cost to discourage students to participate. Scholarships are available if needed - Please contact the office for further information

Pickup Policy: Pickup is at 4:15 outside the middle school and students will be sent to homework club after 5 minutes



ART CLUB DATES*

Quarter 2

Monday, November 3
November 6
November 13
November 20
December 4
December 11
December 18

Quarter 3

January 15
January 22
January 29
February 5
February 12
February 19
February 26
March 5

Quarter 4

March 26
April 2
April 9
April 16
April 23
April 30
May 7
May 14 (subject to change depending on end of year schedule)

**Should a class need to be cancelled, a makeup class will be offered on a Monday or Friday.*

*Application on back of page.



[Click here](#) to download the Art Club application.



Catholic Charities of Idaho 2025 Christmas Card Contest

To view the information page on the Art Contest, [click here](#). Art must be created on a piece of specialty paper which is available in the school office. In order to submit an entry, parents must complete and return the **Consent Form**. Deadline is November 8.

We are in search of a Part-Time Middle School Spanish Teacher beginning 2nd semester (January).

Job Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education and/or Spanish
- Current Idaho teaching certificate (or the ability to obtain one) with appropriate endorsements (preferred)

How to Apply:

Please submit to Donna Gordon - dgordon@stmarksschoolboise.com:

- Resume
- Completed **Diocesan Application**

Art Website

featuring art from Mrs. Arentz's and Ms. Hatfield's art classes
Click on this link weekly to view student works of art

<https://sites.google.com/stmarksschoolboise.com/smk8thart/saint-marks-school-art>

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. Our next adult recreational "pick up" basketball game is open 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 on Sundays from 12:30-2:30pm after mass. For more information, please reach out to jamescjower@yahoo.com.



Correctly guess who is featured in this Red Ribbon Week photo and win a family dinner from Papa Murphys. Submit your guess to schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com to enter.

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.

Help us Buy the Pie!

St. Mark's school hosts coffee hour at
St. Mark's church once a month.



We are in need of money to purchase pumpkin pies!

**Please donate money to help the schools efforts,
by Friday, November 7th**

**Could you leave cash or check at the front office for Sabrina
or Venmo directly here:**



Thank you!



Notes from the Nurse

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.



Notes from the Counselor



Really Excellent Decisions

It's Red Ribbon Week! Let's celebrate by making some really excellent decisions that make our brains and bodies healthy and strong.

- **Use an I- Message**

Telling someone how you are feeling can be hard. Try using an "I-message." I feel _____ when _____ because _____
can you please _____.

- **Take a mindful moment!**

Think about someone who helps you make good decisions.

- **Take a 10 minute brain break!**

Our bodies need lots of exercise to stay healthy. Create a yoga sequence of your favorite moves.

- **Thank someone!**

Friends and family support us when we have to make a tough decision. Tell someone thank you for helping you be your best self.

- **Eat healthy!**

Take care of your body by eating a healthy snack.



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- **Stand up for someone!**

Standing up to peer pressure can be tough to do alone. If you see someone being treated unkindly stand up for them and show them you care.

- **Make a new friend!**

Surrounding yourself with supportive friends helps you make good decisions. Introduce yourself to someone new this week.

- **Read!**

Our brain is a muscle that needs exercise too! Read a story about someone who stands up for themselves.

- **Get moving!**

Jump, dance, skip, and hop or do a favorite Go Noodle.

- **Do your homework!**

The things you are learning now will help you reach all your future goals. Doing your homework will help your brain remember everything you are learning.

Sarah Lynch, St. Mark's School Counselor

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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