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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

Dear families and friends of St. Mark's Parish School

We continue our studies in Luke this coming Sunday, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this weekend's reading from Chapter 17, Jesus uses the example of a mustard seed to analogize Faith. How a person with Faith measured in such small a quantity/mass of this very tiny seed would be able to command entire trees to be uprooted and cast away. Wow! Now that is some powerful Faith.

He adds a second teaching point about not being too overly confident in having followed Our Lord's commands and lived in righteousness. Instead, when assessing one's life and evaluating our daily efforts to know, serve and worship God, be careful about being too proud of our efforts. We should embrace the attitude that we have "only done the minimum"...only that which we were obliged to do....instead of being self congratulatory in assuming that we have made some great effort. Consider the lives of the Saints. Such great works were accomplished, oftentimes, in very brief lives and with very little if any contemporary acknowledgement.

Together We Rise,

Fr. John



Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

It's hard to believe the first quarter ends in two weeks—time flies when we're learning, growing, and having fun!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

- **Preschool-5th Grade:** Conference sign-ups open today through PTCFast. Please use the link provided in this newsletter to choose a time that works for you.
- **Middle School (Grades 6-8):** Conferences will be held arena-style in the gym. All middle school teachers will be stationed at individual tables. Parents will rotate through to meet with each teacher for a brief check-in. No advance sign-ups are needed—simply come during the conference window, and we'll guide you from table to table.

Conference Dates & Times:

- Thursday, October 23rd — 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 24th — 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Farmstead Community Night

I hope to see you at Farmstead on Monday evening—I'll be kissing a pig at 6:30 p.m. It's always a fun night to gather as a St. Mark's family.

Spirituality Committee—Together We Rise

Did you know we have a Spirituality Committee at St. Mark's? It includes Father John, four parents, four teachers, and the principal. We meet monthly to support the spiritual life of our community by planning retreats, prayer services, service projects, and more. This committee is a beautiful example of how we Rise Together to grow in faith and service.

If you're interested in joining, please email Trina Hauck at thauck@stmarksschoolboise.com.

God bless,
Donna Gordon



Policy Highlight

Hers's a quick "brush-up" on our hair policy:

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

Together We Rise



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

Upcoming Dates

10/6- Monday: Extraordinary Minister training @ 3:20pm, St. Mark's Catholic Church
10/8- Wednesday: Student Body Mass @ 8:30am hosted by Mrs. Maltby's 5th grade
10/8- Wednesday: 6th grade Teaching Mass with Fr. John @ 8:15am
10/9- Thursday: Altar Server training @ 3:30pm
10/10- Friday: Adoration in school chapel @ 9:45am-12:15pm (Parents welcome!)

**6th grade parents, please join us
for a Teaching Mass
with Fr. John**

Where: St. Mark's School Chapel

When: Wednesday, October 8th at 8:15am

Who: Both 6th grade classes and their families

Fr. John will walk through the Holy Mass step by step explaining the history and meaning of the gestures and symbols we see. Students are encouraged to ask questions while participating in the Mass.



Parent Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 8th

8:10-8:25am

Resurrection Room

St. Mark's parents warmly invite you to join them in prayer prior to our Student Body Masses this school year.

All are welcome!

St. Mark's School Altar Server Training

**Thursday, October 9th 3:30pm at
St. Mark's Catholic Church**

Fr. John will be hosting a second Altar Server training next month for any 4th through 8th grade students who have received their First Communion.

The training is expected to last 30 minutes. Parents are responsible for drop off and pick up. **Please register at the link below.**

** Additional trainings will be held by St. Mark's Catholic Church on Oct. 18th and Nov. 16th. Contact the parish office to register.*

Please Join Us for Adoration

**Friday, October 10th, 9:45am-12:15pm
St. Mark's School Chapel**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to join our students in Adoration on the second Friday of each month in our school chapel.

Please see the link below for student schedules and an opportunity to sign up.



Please sign up **HERE** for Adoration.



Please sign up [HERE](#) for Extraordinary Minister training.

Student Spotlight



Our Kindergarteners went on a field trip today and visited Cabalos Apple Orchard in Kuna. Students have been studying apples in the classroom.



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
-CATHOLIC SCHOOL-

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Blair K, Adalaine C, Grant W, Bank P, Blake M, Sebastian P, Kaysen T, Malakai P, Olivia L, Kieran S, Colben R, Lilian F, Delta M, Jonny F

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 4

BSU Broncos vs. Notre Dame Fighting Irish football game in South Bend

Monday, October 6

Fire Prevention Week

4:00-9:00 p.m. St. Mark's School Farmstead Community - 6:30 Mrs. Gordon kisses the pig

Tuesday, October 7

6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

8:30-9:30 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic for students/staff

3:30 p.m. Altar Server Training for Grades 4-8 at the Church

Friday, October 10

8th Grade Wreath Parking Lot Sale

Spirit Day

School Adoration

Mrs. B. Brady's Birthday

Saturday, October 11

Mrs. Boroff's Birthday

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 12

Pastors Appreciation Day

Monday, October 13

National School Lunch Week

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

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

6:30-7:30 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 16

Mrs. Rosania's Birthday

Friday, October 17

End of First Quarter - **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

Spirit Day

Home & School



HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2025
6:30 SOCIAL HOUR 7:00 MEETING



POTIONS AND TREATS WILL BE
PROVIDED

PRIZE GIVEAWAYS

BABYSITTING PROVIDED



This year's Dinner Auction "Buffalo, Boots and Blessings" takes place on Saturday, February 7, 2026. It will be held in Donoghue Hall (at the church). Money raised from Paddles Up will go towards a new playground.



FUNDRAISER NIGHT

St. Marks School

Monday, October 6, 2025

6:30PM Kiss the Pig

*Lowe Family Farmstead
2500 S. Eagle Rd. - Kuna, ID*

***ARRIVE anytime after 4PM
to start having FUN!***

The cost is \$12.00 (+tax) per person and includes:

- Idaho's Original Corn Maze
- Hayrides
- Corn Poppers
- Cow Train Ride
- Huge Slides
- Farmyard Games
- Bee Line Ziplines
- Grain Train Ride
- Farm Animals
- and much more!!

*Tell admissions which school you're with to receive the discount...
\$1 per admission will be donated back to your school!*

WWW.LOWEFAMILYFARMSTEAD.COM   **#farmsteadfun**

Volunteer Opportunities

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

St. Mark's Book Fair runs Monday, October 20 - Friday, October 24 (yes, during Parent/Teacher Conferences). Volunteers are needed to help set

It's Book Fair Time!

up on Friday, October 17, through the week to sell books, then tear down on Friday, October 24. [Click here](#) to sign up to help . A great way to get those Volunteer Hours!

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.

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

Tuesdays @ 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays @ 11:15 am.–1:15 p.m. and 1:15–2:45 p.m.

Thursdays @ 9:00–11:15 a.m.

Contact Mrs. Rosania at brovania@stmarksschoolboise.com.

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 (6)—Glasgow

Tuesday (7)—Hudspeth

Wednesday (8)—LaMott, McDonald, Zelaya, Aldecoa

Thursday (9)—

Friday (10)—Cavazos

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

It's Parent/Teacher Conference time. For parents of students in grades PK-5, you can sign up for your conference times through our [PTCFast link](#). This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your



Parent/ Teacher Conference

child's teacher and discuss their progress.

Note for Middle School Parents: Conferences will be held in an open forum in the gymnasium during conference hours. There is no need to sign up, and you will be able to meet with teachers at your convenience during the scheduled times. Thursday, October 23 and

Friday, October 24.



St. Mark's is looking for 3-4 dedicated volunteers to serve on a new Basketball Committee. This group will play a key role in:

- Hosting our Grades 3-6 Tournament – ICSI
- Coordinating our Hallissey Tournament teams & coaches

This work requires strong organization, teamwork, and clear communication. If you are interested, please email Bobbi at brivas@stmarksschoolboise.com with a short note about your background and why you'd like to help. Planning is already underway so please reach out soon. Thank you for supporting our student athletes and helping St. Mark's basketball continue to thrive!

Ms. Hatfield, our 8th grade art teacher, is asking for calendars with pictures, from past years. Please bring your donations to the School Office.



Sunday, October 5 starts Fire Prevention Week. [Click here](#) to view a video on fire safety.

Child care **WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE** on Thursday, October 23 during Parent/Teacher Conferences because the gym will be used for conferences.

Who's Hungry? 🍽️

Come out to Texas Roadhouse and help support the Gem State Falcons Wheelchair Basketball Teams!



October 7th & 8th

3:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Texas Roadhouse 3801 E. Fairview Ave in Meridian

Bring your friends and family for a great meal — and an even greater cause. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to support the Gem State Falcons!



 (208) 887-9401
3801 E Fairview Ave. | Meridian, ID

FUNDRAISING
DINE-IN OR TO-GO

»» **Support** ««

Gem State Falcons wheelchair basketball
Co-ed & Prep NWBA Teams
October 7th and 8th
3pm – 10pm

10%
DONATION NIGHT

Support Idaho's Gem State Falcons NWBA wheelchair basketball team by presenting this flyer to the Boise Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to this amazing group of adaptive athletes!



TVCS Events/Sports



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

BISHOP KELLY

YOUTH FALL CAMP



HOSTED BY GEORGE REIDY, FORMER NNU PLAYER
DIRECTOR OF HOOPS4HIM - IDAHO



AND BISHOP KELLY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYERS

- **SKILL DEVELOPMENT + 3V3 GAMES**
- **BOYS & GIRLS, GRADES 3-8**
- **OCTOBER 19TH, 1:00 - 4:00 PM**
- **BISHOP KELLY HIGH SCHOOL GYM**
- **\$50 PER CAMPER**

- **REGISTER:**

SCAN THE QR CODE



PROCEEDS SUPPORT BISHOP KELLY BOYS BASKETBALL.

Dear TVCS Families,

Early Winter sports begin Monday October 6. Early Winter includes:

Wrestling: 6th through 8th graders - Practices are 4:00-6:00 pm at Bishop Kelly
Coach: Chad Blue and Manny Ybarra

7th Grade Girls Basketball - Practices 4:30-6:30 at St. Joe's
Coach: Erin Heffner

8th Grade Girls Basketball- Practices 4:30-6:30 at St. Ignatius
Coach: Anthony Loiate and Carl Wilson

If you are interested in participating, please complete the **registration form** on the **TVCS website**.

Thank you

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

Preschool Happenings



Some of our preschoolers got in the football spirit sporting either Notre Dame or Boise State colors. Fall brings football.. but our students favorite sport today may be basketball.



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

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

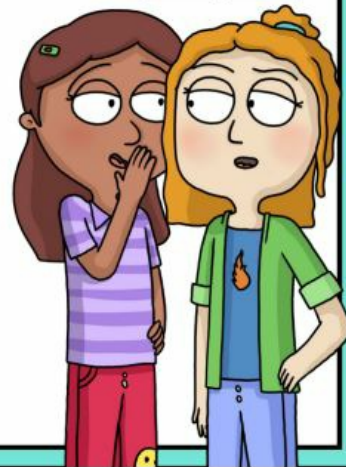
Friendship SELF-CHECK

Before you speak or act, ask yourself:

1. Am I being the kind of friend I'd want to have? ☐ YES ☐ NO
2. Would I be okay if this was said about me? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Am I adding kindness or taking it away? ☐ YES ☐ NO
4. Am I letting everyone have a turn to join in? ☐ YES ☐ NO
5. Would I be proud if my family heard me say this? ☐ YES ☐ NO
6. Am I solving a problem and making things better? ☐ YES ☐ NO
7. Would I feel good if someone did this to me? ☐ YES ☐ NO
8. Am I treating others the way I want to be treated? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you wouldn't want this to happen to you, then you know the right thing to do.

 WholeHearted School Counseling



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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