



### 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

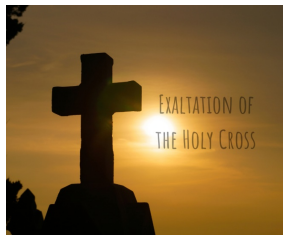
**St. Mark's Catholic School is a ministry of St. Mark's Catholic Community that fosters academic excellence, rooted in the Catholic faith, and Christian values.**

### Letter from our Pastor

Dear families of St. Mark's

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

This feast day celebrates three key history dates:



**320 A.D.** The discovery of the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. It was found by Helena, the mother of emperor Constantine.

**335 A.D.** The dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Jesus tomb).

**628 A.D.** The recovery of the true cross that had been taken by invading Persian armies.

For Christians, the Roman cross (invented as an implement of capital punishment and extreme shame) is instead a symbol of salvation and joy. Jesus rose from the dead, and because of his work on the cross, those who acknowledge him as Lord and Savior, those who submit their lives to following his teaching, are promised eternal life with him. Jesus overcame the world, and all the disorder of the world. He defeated death itself.

We embrace the cross. We pick up our individual "crosses" each day, bearing hardship, seeking to assist others, and working to boldly proclaim the truth of Christ crucified and risen to a confused and doubting world.

Bless you all in your witness of Faith.

Fr. John

## Letter from our Principal



Dear St. Mark's Families,

What a wonderful week to be a St. Mark's Lion!

Art Club students began working with clay and will use our kiln for the first time ever! Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council members! After Mass on Wednesday, candidates shared their speeches with the middle school, and we are so proud of every student who stepped forward to serve. The Student Council has a busy year ahead—planning activities, giving tours at our Open House, running the snack shack, handling flag duty, hosting the talent show, leading morning announcements, and more. Their leadership is a wonderful example of how we rise together as a school.

Today we ended our week in a beautiful way—spending time in Adoration with Father John in our chapel. Afterwards, Father John visited our 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 8th grade classrooms, sharing his joy and wisdom with our students.

Thanks to the generous support of our Home and School Association, our 6th graders will be heading to the McCall Outdoor Science School next week. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience this special opportunity to learn in God's creation.

Next week, we will also complete our MAP testing. Your children have been working diligently, and we are very proud of their effort and perseverance.

Finally, next week marks the halfway point of the first quarter. Progress reports will be available in your FACTS Family Portal on Friday afternoon.

Thank you, as always, for your prayers and your partnership in helping St. Mark's thrive.

Blessings,  
Donna Gordon



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### Policy Highlight

#### **After-School Pick-Up Policy**

For the safety of all our students, pick-up from the street is not permitted. All children must be picked up from the school parking lot using our designated dismissal procedures. This ensures that students are supervised, traffic flows safely, and everyone gets home without unnecessary risk. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

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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.

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**Our thoughts and prayers are with our 6th graders**



as they venture to McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) next week. Thank you to our 6th grade teachers, students, chaperones and Home & School for making this possible for our students.

## Spirituality Spotlight

### Upcoming Dates:

**9/17- Wednesday:** Student Body Mass @ 8:30am hosted by Mr. Groninger's 7<sup>th</sup> grade

**9/17- Wednesday:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade teaching Mass with Fr. John @ 8:15am – School Chapel

**9/17- Wednesday:** Altar Server training @ 3:30pm

**9/20- Saturday:** Parish Picnic and School hosted Mass @ 5:00pm

### **St. Mark's School Altar Server Training**

**Wednesday**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30**

St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. John is excited to offer an Altar Server training for students in grades 4-8 who have received their First Holy Communion to help as Altar Servers during our Holy Mass. This training can be for those new to Altar Serving or as a refresher for those who have already been trained.

Please meet in the Church Sanctuary at 3:30. Training is expected to last 30-45 minutes.

Sign up [HERE](#)

### Parent Prayer Group

Wednesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

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!

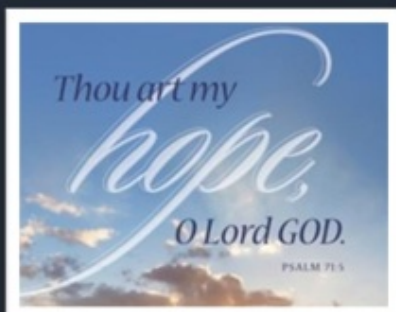
### **September Teaching Masses**

Fr. John and Fr. Celestine will once again be giving our students the unique experience of a teaching Mass this year. Each grade will have an opportunity to experience Mass in a whole new way throughout the school year. Parents are invited to join their child's class in the chapel.

*All teaching masses will begin at  
8:15am in the school chapel.*

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**





## Student Spotlight



On September 6th, St. Mark's students Peter and Megan were two of the Bishop Kelly Mountain Bike Team riders competing at the NICA mountain bike race at Brundage Mountain. It was Megan's first ever race, and she completed her lap successfully! Peter got first place in his category! Coach Annie Boroff was there to lead practice laps and cheer them on. BK's mountain bike team is open to all BK and TVCS students grades 6-12. If you have questions about joining the team, contact Annie at [aboroff@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:aboroff@stmarksschoolboise.com)

## 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>DISCIPLINESHIP</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:

Cameron C, Caleb R, Harry M, Declan S, Georgia B, Theo N, Beauden D, Olivia C, Amaya W, Caroline S (2), Audrey P, Alexa B, Brynn K, Maisie M, Kinley C, Caiden D, Delta M, Joey T (2), Bennett L, Liam C, Christina B, Bri S, Connor D, Layla R, Connor D, Claire M, Quan P (shout out to Quan, who is learning english, for memorizing all of the books of the Bible), David C, Tyler C, Zach H, Abel L, Kinley C, Madelynn J

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, September 15

6th grade to MOSS  
MAP Testing

### Tuesday, September 16

6th grade at MOSS  
MAP Testing

### Wednesday, September 17

8:30a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mr. Groninger's 7th grade  
6th grade at MOSS  
MAP Testing

### Thursday, September 18

6th grade at MOSS  
MAP Testing

### Friday, September 19

6th grade returns from MOSS  
MAP Testing  
Progress Reports in FACTS FamilyPortal  
7:00-9:00 p.m. 7/8th grades TVCS Dance @ St. Mary's

**Saturday, September 20**

5:00 p.m. Student Sponsored Mass hosted by 7th & 8th grades  
Parish Picnic

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, September 21**

Catechetical Sunday

**Tuesday, September 23**

BFD visits 1st grade

**Wednesday, September 24**

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Martin's 7th grade - Teacher Blessing at Mass

**Friday, September 26**

Spirit Day

**Home & School**





# 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.**

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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 am.-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).

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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**

Monday (15)—Perez

Tuesday (16)—Hudspeth

Wednesday (17)—LaMott, Candlemire, McDonald

Thursday (18)—

Friday (19)—Cavazos, Miller

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**

### **2526 Student Council**



President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Social Events
8th Grade Rep-Behrend
8th Grade Rep-Schuette
7th Grade Rep-Groninger
7th Grade Rep-Martin
6th Grade Rep-Hatfield
6th Grade Rep-Huss
5th Grade Rep-Maltby
5th Grade Rep-Workman
4th Grade Rep-Dressler
4th Grade Rep-Eaton

Clara Jameson
Diana Carroll
Brynlee Baxter
Hunter Smith
Aubrianna Smith
Marshall Borgna
Payton Martin
Collin Kirkham
Tate Brady
Noah Molina
Cailyn Jameson
Lydia McDonald
Marcus Borgna
Maddie Brady
Sawyer Huttash

Congratulations to our new Student Council and thank you to all students who ran for office. We all want to make our school a great community, Together We Rise!



If you were absent on picture day or didn't like your photos, Retake Day is Friday, October 3 from 8:30-9:30. If you have a picture packet that you want to exchange for retakes, please return them to the School Office before Retake Day. Students having retakes may wear Free Dress to school then must change back into uniform after their photo is taken.

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Fr. John is very happy to train any students in 4th-8th Grades who have received their First Holy Communion to help as Altar Servers during our Holy Mass. This training can be for those new to Altar Serving or as a refresher for those who have already been trained. It will be offered on **Wednesday, September 17th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary** and is expected to last 30-45 minutes.

Please **SIGN UP HERE**

Contact Trina Hauck at [khauck@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:khauck@stmarksschoolboise.com) with any questions.

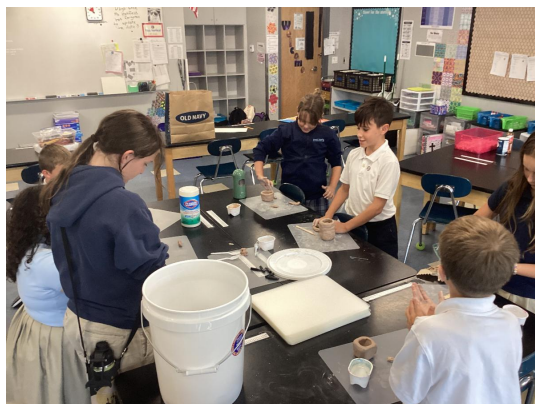
The next school training will be held on October 9 @ 3:30 at the Church.



Parents, if your child is absent from school, please either call the school at 208-375-6654 or email the school office at [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com) by 8:30 a.m. If we don't hear from you and your child is marked absent, you will receive an email to call the school office.

**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.**

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



Art club is working on pinch and coil pot ceramics this week. Projects will be fired in our newly installed electric kilns. Thank you to all the families who donated funds, time and talent to make the purchase and installation of the kiln possible. Ms. Hatfield's and Mrs. Arentz's art classes will be using the kilns during the year to make art projects.

### 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](#)



When dropping off or picking up in the front parking lot, please be courteous and not stop or park in the designated crosswalks.

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 Sunday, 9/14, from 12:30-2:30pm after mass. For more information, please reach out to [jamescjower@yahoo.com](mailto:jamescjower@yahoo.com).



#### • Day Jubilee Pilgrimage - September 19

Join Salt & Light Radio for a Day Pilgrimage on Friday, September 19, for a pilgrimage to historic St. Joseph's in Pocatello for a Jubilee indulgence and Holy Mass. The journey begins at the Cathedral at 8:05am with prayer before the Jubilee Cross and includes stops in Glenns Ferry, Hagerman, Twin Falls, and concludes with at St. Joseph's at 3:00 PM for Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass, relic, and dinner. Learn more and reserve your spot at [saltandlightradio.com/jubilee](http://saltandlightradio.com/jubilee) or call

- **Poland Pilgrimage: Informational Meeting – October 27**

Join Salt & Light Radio's 2026 Pilgrimage to Poland & Lithuania with Fr. Aleksander Dembowski. Pilgrimage dates are June 22-July 2, 2026. Journey through sacred sites in Vilnius, Warsaw, and Krakow, following in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Highlights include the Black Madonna in Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Marian shrines, and cultural treasures of both countries. To learn more join our informational meeting on October 27, 7 PM MT at St. John's Cathedral or via Zoom. Find more details at [saltandlightradio.com/pilgrimage](http://saltandlightradio.com/pilgrimage)

- **Hispanic Men's Congress – November 22**

Radio Católica Sal y Luz tiene el honor de invitarte al Congreso Católico de Hombres en Idaho, un evento lleno de fe, esperanza y crecimiento espiritual. ¡Esperamos verte el sábado 22 de noviembre en la Parroquia de San Jerónimo en Jerome, Idaho! Este congreso está diseñado para fortalecer tu fe, compartir experiencias y vivir un día lleno de enseñanzas y reflexión. Habrá charlas inspiradoras, música y alabanzas, momentos de oración y encuentro con Cristo. ¡No pierdas esta oportunidad de vivir una experiencia transformadora junto a hombres que, como tú, buscan nutrir su espíritu en la presencia del Señor! Para más información e inscripciones, visita [salyluzradio.com/cchi](http://salyluzradio.com/cchi) o contáctanos al 208.860.1024. Aprovecha: insíbete antes del 1 de noviembre y recibe tu descuento.

## **TVCS Events/Sports**



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

## **Preschool Happenings**



Our preschoolers are amazing! They are learning and growing daily! This week we are learning all about the letter Aa. These four students got to share that their names begin with the letter A with their classmates.



### **Church Connection**

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



# *St. Mark's* PARISH PICNIC



**Save the date:**

***Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
after the 5PM Mass***

Dinner and fun  
with your  
parish  
family!



Please sign up to help with this event here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAEA92AABFC1-58097809-parish#/>



**A MIDDLE  
SCHOOL EVENT  
LIKE NO OTHER**

# HOLY FIRE BOISE



PREPARATION



PROCLAMATION



PROFESSION



CELEBRATION

## OCTOBER 11, 2025

**Time: 10:00AM-6:30PM**

Doors open at 9:30AM - Mass at 5:00PM, Family Welcome

**Location: Holy Apostles Catholic Church**

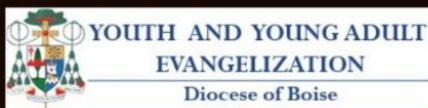
6300 N Meridian Rd - Meridian

**Cost: \$65, register by Sept 20**

\$75 after Sept 20, unable to guarantee t-shirt



**Register TODAY**  
**HolyFireBoise.org**



**Featuring**

*Performing Artist*

**Thomas Muglia**



Notes from the Nurse

# *Time to Roll up your Sleeve!*

**Flu Vaccines are coming to:**

**Date: October 9th, 2025**

**Time: 7:30-9:30**

**Location: Conference room**

**Link to Form: [Click here](#)**

**You can also visit your primary care provider for flu vaccines or your child's pediatrician for a well child visit and vaccines.**



## 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

### **Gain control by giving some up.**

Many adults spend considerable energy trying to control their children. This is only natural. When we see our children out of control, it makes us feel like bad parents.

In fact, there are few things more pathetic than a child out of control. This scares parents and children alike. A child who knows that he is out of control feels insecure. He puts on a tough exterior. But his actions are easy to misread because they appear to say that he cannot and will not be controlled. He needs limits, but, at the same time, fights them.

In these situations, parents can gain control by giving away some control. A small miracle takes place when children are given alternatives rather than orders.

This technique reduces stress in families while preparing children to make decisions that affect their lives. It provides them with wonderful preparation for the adult world in which they will have to live.

Consider the following example of a parent, who, in giving some control to his child, gains more control for himself:

The youngster is making too much noise in the family room. The typical parental response might be, "Quit making so much noise! You're making me mad!" This response is usually not effective since it gives the child the wrong kind of control. He feels that he now has the power to make his parent mad.

This parent, however, gives the child some positive control over his life by offering him alternatives: "You can either stay here with us and be quiet or go somewhere else and make noise." A determined youngster may fight this by saying, "I'm staying here! I have just as many rights as the rest of the family!" The parents calm reply is simply, "That's not one of the options. But feel welcome to come back when you stop making noise."

Providing alternatives is based on the concept that people cannot make decisions about themselves and fight with others at the same time. Parents can easily set the limits children need by taking good care of

themselves at the same time they offer alternatives.

For example, notice that the parent in this example sets limits on the child's behavior without putting him down. The youngsters dignity was maintained as he was left with the decision to make about his behavior. The parents dignity was maintained because he handled the situation in a calm, controlled manner.

Dealing with alternatives and being held accountable for decisions is wonderful practice for youngsters. It prepares them for lifetime of decision making that is required of all responsible people.

Effective parents offer alternatives only if they are willing to make sure the child lives with his decisions. These parents know that children who make mistakes learn and grow. Mistakes are often better teachers than complaining parents.

From article by Jim Fay in love and logic. V. 1 #2.

Have a good week,  
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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