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Together We Rise – With Our Priests and Grandparents

Our school theme this year is *Together We Rise*, inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "*Encourage one another and build each other up.*" At St. Mark's, this means we recognize that no one grows in faith or knowledge alone—we rise higher when we support one another.

- **Father John** will guide us in rising together in prayer through monthly Adoration with our students and staff. He will also visit classrooms by invitation, sharing on topics of faith, curriculum, or areas he feels called to speak about. In addition, Father John will offer Teaching Masses for each grade level, helping our students rise in their understanding of the Mass and the gift of the Eucharist.
- **Father Celestine** will join our school community in a joyful and relational way, playing with students on the playground and being present in classrooms whenever invited. His presence reminds us that we rise together not only in worship, but also in friendship and community.

Grandparents play a beautiful role in this same spirit. You rise with us every time you pray for your grandchildren, attend their events, share your wisdom, or simply encourage them with love and presence. Your faith, your example, and your continued support are a gift that lifts up not only your grandchildren, but our entire school community.

With the guidance of our priests, the dedication of our teachers, and the love of our families—especially our grandparents—*Together We Rise in faith, in knowledge, and in love.*

-Donna Gordon

Principal, St. Mark's Catholic School



Welcome

Welcome to the St. Mark's Grandparents' Club for the 2025-2026 school year!

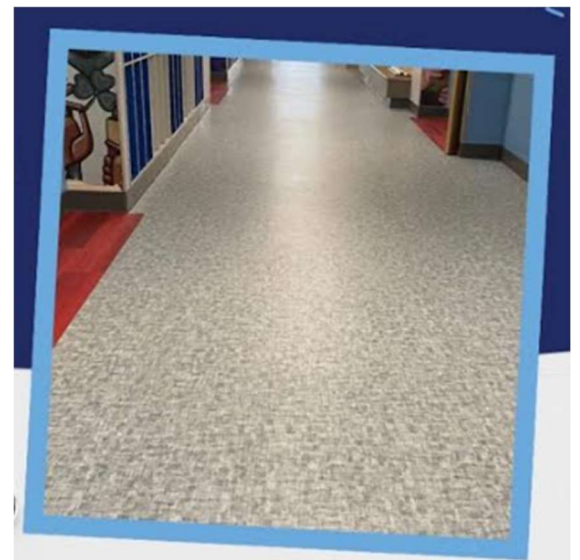
My name is Emily Cainguitan, and I am excited to serve as the new Coordinator for Grandparents' Club this year. I have one daughter who is currently enrolled in Kindergarten at St. Mark's School. She also attended Preschool here for two years before that.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about Grandparents' Club. Also, please let me know if you need to update your contact information. You can reach me at: emily.cainguitan@gmail.com. I am here to help!



What's New?

- * This year marks our 58th anniversary!
- * We have over 350+ students enrolled at St. Mark's Catholic School this year.
- * We are welcoming 50 new families and three wonderful new teachers to our community!
- * The new flooring for the elementary was installed over the summer, and our school is looking better than ever!
- * A new electric kiln was purchased and installed for use in the art classes. Students in the art classes and Art Club will be using the kiln throughout the year to create their very own ceramic art projects.
- * The preschool playground area has been updated with a beautiful, new wooden play structure and sandbox.



Volunteering Requirement - SEW Certified

Before being allowed to volunteer at the school in any capacity, you are required to pass a background check and become SEW-certified. SEW stands for Safe Environment Workshop. This is done by attending a live SEW class one time, and then each year after, you will be required to view a video to keep your status current.

Go to virtusonline.org, create an account, click on register for training, and find a class at St. Mark's and sign up. If there are no upcoming classes available at St. Mark's, please contact the school office. Once there is enough interest for a live SEW class, then they will schedule a new class at St. Mark's. This class may also be taken through another parish in the diocese, if needed.



Volunteer Opportunities

- * **Lunchroom Helpers** -- Four lunchroom helpers are needed each day from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM to serve lunches and clean tables in the lunchroom. Volunteers are given a free lunch. All are welcome to volunteer weekly, monthly, or occasionally. Please contact the school office if interested.
- * **Library Helpers** – Volunteers are needed to help in the library during the following times: Tuesdays @ 1:30-3:30 PM, Wednesdays @ 11:15 AM-1:15 PM and 1:15 PM- 2:45 PM, Thursdays @ 9:00 -11:15 AM. Please contact Mrs. Rosania at brokania@stmarksschoolboise.com.
- * **Walking to and from Mass on Wednesdays** – Volunteers are needed to accompany students and staff when walking to and from Mass on Wednesdays. We are also welcoming crossing guards to help students safely cross Northview. Please contact the school office if interested.
- * **Foster Grandparents Program** – St. Mark's partners with the [Foster Grandparents Program](http://AgingStrong.org) through AgingStrong.org. Foster Grandparents volunteer in schools to support children with extra attention, encouragement, and care. We are blessed to have one Foster Grandparent already and would love to welcome more! Volunteers also receive a small stipend for their service. If you are interested, please contact **Asia Miller, Lead Director, at (208) 947-4280** for more information.
- * Check out the Friday Facts weekly email or the St. Mark's Facebook page for announcements regarding great upcoming volunteer opportunities to serve around the school.



We're on the Web!

<https://www.stmarksboise.com/>

Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/smkschoolboise>

Save the Date!

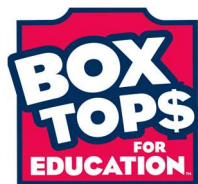
- ◆ Farmstead Community Event
– Monday, October 6, 2025
- ◆ Grandparents' Club Fall Mass
& Reception – Wednesday,
November 5, 2025
- ◆ School Dinner Auction –
Saturday, February 7, 2025

Everyday ways to support St. Mark's School

* Link your Fred
Meyer/Kroger Card to
St. Mark's School



* Sign up to earn
money for St. Mark's
School with Box Tops
for Education



[https://www.boxtops4
education.com/](https://www.boxtops4education.com/)
or through the App
Store

Upcoming Events



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:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Idaho's Original Corn Maze | • Farmyard Games |
| • Hayrides | • Bee Line Ziplines |
| • Corn Poppers | • Grain Train Ride |
| • Cow Train Ride | • Farm Animals |
| • Huge Slides | • 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**

Grandparents' Club Fall Mass & Reception

Please join us on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025, for our Grandparents' Club Fall Mass and Reception. Students may sit with their grandparents during mass. You will receive a special blessing.

Following mass, there will be a small reception for grandparents only.

We hope to see you there!


We ♥ Our
Grandparents

What is Lion PRIDE?

Each week in the Friday Facts email, you will see the names of students who have earned Lion PRIDE Recognition. Lion PRIDE stands for our School-Wide Learning Expectations:

- Perseverance -- Every Day, Every Time
- Respect – Others, Self, and Property
- Integrity – Honesty in All You Do
- Discipleship – Following Jesus' Example
- Excellence – Strive for Success

If you see your grandchild's name listed, that means he or she embodied one of these attributes during the week! On the following Monday, all these recognized students are entered into a drawing for a small gift card of choice!

 LionPRIDE		Practice MAKES Saints				
PERSEVERANCE <i>Every Day - Every Time</i>	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	LUNCH ROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOMS	CHURCH
	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 Quickly 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 & Quickly Report any Inappropriate Behavior Use at Appropriate Times	Be Kind Be on Time
DISCIPLESHIP <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

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Thank You...

Thank you for being a part of the St. Mark's Grandparents' Club for the 2025-2026 school year! We look forward to a year filled with faith, fun and fellowship! Thank you for your continued support!