



**Grandparents' Club**  
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## Together We Rise

**Dear Grandparents,**

My heart was so full on Wednesday, November 5th, seeing so many of you gathered with us for Mass. Nothing brings me more joy than watching our students nestled close to their grandparents, worshipping together. The church was filled to the brim—and overflowing with love. For those who were unable to attend, please know that we felt your presence in spirit and prayed for you with gratitude.

As we enter the Advent season, we do so with joyful hearts. We have planned a beautiful, full-day Advent retreat for your grandchildren on December 4th. They will spend time in worship and praise alongside their teachers and Bishop Kelly juniors who serve as campus ministers. The day will be filled with music, prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Students will also create a special nativity craft to be shared with the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Store, spreading Christ's love beyond our school walls. Our 7th graders will perform an Advent play, and our Spanish class will share the story and tradition of *Las Posadas*. It is sure to be a meaningful and memorable day for all.

Thank you, grandparents, for the love and support you give so generously—not only to your families, but to our school community. Your presence in the lives of our students is a treasured gift, and we are deeply grateful for your support of Catholic education.

With appreciation and warm blessings,

**Donna Gordon**

Principal, St. Mark's Catholic School

## What's New?

\* In the first quarter, we honored 24 recipients of the Virtue of the Quarter certificates. This quarter's virtue, Justice, calls us to give to God and others what is rightly due to them, treating each person with fairness, kindness, and respect.

\* We recognized 59 middle school students who achieved Honor Roll distinction for the first quarter!

\* Our teachers attended the John Newman Catholic Educators' Conference for professional development and workshops, focused on collaboration and spiritual renewal.

## Grandparents' Mass & Fall Reception

Thank you to all of those who joined us for the successful Grandparents' Mass and Fall Reception.

We sincerely appreciate your support and hope you had a wonderful time!



## 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](http://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. 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.
- \* **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](#) through [AgingStrong.org](http://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>

Upcoming Events

**Save the Date!**

- ◆ Chipotle Fundraiser – Wednesday, December 10, 2025
- ◆ Christmas Program – Monday, December 15, 2025
- ◆ School Dinner Auction – Saturday, February 7, 2026
- ◆ Grandparents’ Club Spring Reception (at the school) – Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**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.boxtops4education.com/>  
or through the App Store



**School Christmas Program**

Monday, December 15  
6:30 PM at St. Mark’s Church

\*Featuring Grades K-5, Advanced Orchestra, and School Choir

\* The concert will be livestreamed on the parish Facebook page and on the parish website

([www.stmarksboise.org](http://www.stmarksboise.org))



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **ST. MARK'S SCHOOL**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH | 5-9PM  
205 N MILWAUKEE ST, BOISE, ID, 83704

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **YMPZ2Y9**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



St Marks Catholic School Auction

**BUFFALO,  
BOOTS  
&  
BLESSINGS**

February 7<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Bishop Kelly - The Reg

### 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!

	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	LUNCH ROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOMS	CHURCH
 <p><b>PERSEVERANCE</b> <i>Every Day - Every Time</i></p>	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
<p><b>RESPECT</b> <i>Others, Self, &amp; Property</i></p>	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
<p><b>INTEGRITY</b> <i>Honesty in All You Do</i></p>	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
<p><b>DISCIPLESHIP</b> <i>Following Jesus' Example</i></p>	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
<p><b>EXCELLENCE</b> <i>Strive for Success</i></p>	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

Practice  
MAKES  
Saints

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-CATHOLIC SCHOOL-

We are incredibly blessed and grateful for your support of our school community.

We hope your Thanksgiving is filled with blessings and joy!

