



## ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

August 19 – 23, 2019

### **Week in Review:**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you parents and family members for joining (and rejoining) our school community this year. Anytime we get back into a routine after 2 months off, there can be difficulties and hiccups. However, I have been amazed by the positivity and enthusiasm from everyone here at St. Mary's. From day 1, our staff and students have been doing great work in our school. And you know what they say...time flies when you are having fun learning! This week at St. Mary's has been so amazing. I have been so fortunate to have been able to visit all of the classes a few times this week, and it is so encouraging to see teachers and students working together to achieve common goals and objectives. I also wanted to say that I was very impressed with our first Mass day of the school year. I had the privilege of sitting with our precious kindergarteners, and I can't tell you how impressed I was with their behavior and their listening abilities. I also wanted to say a big THANK YOU to Mr. Peters and the students who led the choir and singing for the Mass. I also want to say thank you to Fr. John for inspiring us in his homily and kicking off the school year in a meaningful way. Coming from the public school world, it is truly a special event to be able to go to mass during work and school. I can't wait for next Wednesday. I also wanted to say a big thank you to Fr. Camacho and the Hispanic Pastoral Council for surprising our students with a sweet treat at the end of the day on Wednesday. It was a great way to finish the day.

In my visits to the different classrooms this week, I have seen so many examples of engaged learning and learning in a variety of ways. From teacher directed lessons to small group work to full class interactive activities, teachers are working hard to keep the instruction and learning clear, meaningful, and enjoyable. As you sit down with your students this weekend, be sure to take time to ask them what they learned, and perhaps more importantly, what questions they asked. I also wanted to provide you all with a little more insight into what is happening here, so I thought I would share some pictures from this week of the cool things happening at St. Mary's. Please click [HERE](#) to view the photos. I invite you to come by sometime and take a tour with me. I would be so happy to show you the great things that are taking place here. As I close my long winded message, I hope and pray that you have a relaxing weekend. Please read below to get some important tidbits of information. See you all soon! God Bless.

### **Need to Know:**

#### **Back to School Night:**

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your student's teacher and get to know our school community a little better. This year's format will be different and there will be childcare for students PK and older. Please consider coming to meet your teacher and other school staff. Click [HERE](#) to see a full schedule.

#### **Volunteers:**

Want to be a volunteer/chaperone/driver this year at St. Mary's? The diocese requires that all volunteers must undergo a background check AND attend a Safe Environment Training. Please click on the [LINK](#) to see the specific information for the Safe Environment training and the other requirements for volunteering and bring a driver for school events.

#### **Dress Code:**

I realize that this is the first week, and it has been difficult to get all of the logoed shirts in time, but please look over the school's dress code to review the school's expectations. If you have any questions, please contact the school.



### Nice to Know:

Meet your Buddy Family! All new St. Mary's families can be matched up with a buddy family to answer any of your questions and help ease your transition into this wonderful community. It is the goal of St. Mary's parents and staff to make sure that all new parents have the support they need to be successful at our school. If you are interested in getting a buddy family just reach out to Emily Skoro via email at [eskoro@gmail.com](mailto:eskoro@gmail.com). If you would like to be a buddy family to help one of our new families, please contact Emily Skoro as well.

Do you love peaches?! Our PTO is running their annual Yummy Emmett Peach Fundraiser. Check out the [FLYER](#) and order some yummy peaches for you and your family.

Some St. Mary's Students will be doing their Mexican Folkloric Dance at [Latino Fest Boise 2019](#) on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our dancers will be performing at 4:14 pm. Come see the fruits of their hard work!

Attention Micron employees....TODAY ONLY! Micron is tripling donations to registered non-profits and we hope you would consider donating to St. Mary's School. For More information, go to: <https://micron.benevity.org/>

### Important Dates (Right around the Corner):

- **August 27** Back To School Night (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
- **August 28** Student Mass: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Food bank
- **August 31** Latino Fest Boise (Cecil D Andrus Park) 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- **September 2** Labor Day (No School)
- **September 4** Student Mass: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Talent  
School Picture Day  
Salmon Days Field Trip (Grade 5)  
PTO Meeting @ St. Mary's (3:00 pm)  
Safe Environment Training in Parish Center (6:00 – 8:00 pm)
- **September 6** Early Release Day (School ends at 2:00 pm)

### Important Dates (On the Horizon):

- **September 11** Student Mass: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Corpus Christi
- **September 13** Moss Fun Ron @ St. Mary's Parking Lot (1:00 pm)
- **September 18** Student Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Time
- **September 25** Student Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Food bank
- **October 4** Catholic Educator's Conference (No School)  
St. Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Scramble Click [HERE](#) for the flyer and [HERE](#) for the registration form.
- **October 11** Early Release Day (School ends at 2:00 pm)
- **October 14-18** MOSS Science Camp for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students
- **October 18** End of First Quarter
- **October 23** Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Release)
- **October 24** Parent Teacher Conferences (Half day)
- **October 25** No School
- **October 27** Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival @ St. Mary's (3:00 – 6:00 pm)

### Quote of the Week:

Mr. Thomson during a math lesson: "I don't give hard problems, just interesting ones."