



## ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

August 26 – 30, 2019

### **Week in Review:**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been another wonderful week. I will say that I think I feel more tired this week since last week was primarily fueled by jitters and adrenaline. I would like to thank in a big way our PTO for helping to make our Back to School Night a great event. I loved the format and the opportunity for parents to get together and have some adult conversation while seeing and hearing my 1 year old scream and run wildly around the church. I have gotten some feedback on the event, and I am open to hearing your thoughts on how it went, how we can encourage more participation, and how we can make it better.

I have been so fortunate to get into all of the classrooms this week and see the great work done by your students and their teachers. I am constantly learning about elementary and middle school education, and it is great to be a part of it here in this school.

Throughout the year, I will be sharing some photos from the week in my newsletter. I think sharing these photos help you as parents to see the great work being done here and feel more connected to the school. Click [HERE](#) to see the photos.

Please know that there is an open invitation to come and visit us when you are able. Just contact Mandy in the main office to schedule a time. Lastly, I hope you all have a fun and relaxing Labor Day weekend with your friends and family.

### **Need to Know:**

- **September 4<sup>th</sup>:**

There are a lot of things going on next Wednesday. Look below for a detailed list of events.

- **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.

- **Counselor's Corner:**

Amaya Eiguren has a welcome back letter for you. Click [HERE](#) to read her letter.

- **Hot Dog Lunches:**

To assist our 8th grade class in raising funds for their retreat, we will be serving a hot dog lunch once a month this school year. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

- **St. Mary's Advisory Board:**

The Advisory Board is looking for parents to serve on the Board for the current school year. Your input is critical, and your work has a positive effect on our school. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Brian Olmes ([bolmes@stmarys-boise.org](mailto:bolmes@stmarys-boise.org)).



**Nice to Know:**

- 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!
- St. Mary's Food Bank will be hosting a Fall Family Festival on Monday, Sept. 23, at Payette Brewing Company. Click [HERE](#) for more info.
- Stay healthy this year! Click [HERE](#) to read a little note from the nurses that serve our schools.

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

- **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. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **September 18** Student Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Time
- **September 23** Family Fall Festival @ Payette Brewing Company (5:00 – 9:00 pm)
- **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/Out of the mouth of babes:** Funny little tidbits we just had to share...

First grader at the front of the line: "Mr. Olmes, you have funny shoes!"

First grader at the back of the line: "Mr. Olmes, I love your shoes!"

Third grader to their teacher: "A random black ant bit me." (Student is ok)