



## ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

November 4 – 8, 2019

### Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is strange saying this, but it has been a fairly quiet week at St. Mary's. Our school and students have been doing so much in the last weeks that it feels odd, but good, to have a "normal" week. Our teachers have been pressing forward with the teaching and learning, and our students have done great work in the classrooms.

I want to share with you about what we are doing this month in relation to Christian Leaders and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. As we focus on the 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit this school year, we will incorporate Kindness Week into November's theme of Kindness. Our Kindness Week will kick-off tomorrow with Rake-Up Boise. We are hoping to have a large team of parents and students to represent our wonderful school. During our official Kindness Week, we would like to honor different groups of our parish and school communities. Please join us during morning Prayer Square (8:00 am) on any or all of the days listed below that may apply to you. Also, if you know anyone in the groups below, please invite them to join us for some recognition and a small reception after the students go to their classrooms.

- Monday: **Military/Veterans**
- Tuesday: **First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)**
- Wednesday: **Grandparents**
- Thursday: **Parish Staff and Volunteers**
- Friday: **Parents**

I hope and pray that you all have a relaxing and fun weekend with friends and family. See you all on Monday for Kindness Week. God Bless!

Continue to stay plugged in by looking at the weekly slideshow. You can't help being amazed and energized by our students' smiles and engagement in their work. Click [HERE](#) to see the photos.

### Need to Know:

- **Surveys, Surveys, Surveys:**

If you haven't had a chance to complete the Parent Survey and the Hot Lunch Survey, have no fear! Click [HERE](#) for the parent survey and [HERE](#) for the hot lunch survey. We need your input to make St. Mary's a better school!

- **Calling all Holiday Marketeers!**

With the holiday market rapidly approaching, we still have room/need for vendors. Please click [HERE](#) to get more info about being a vendor. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for the Holiday Market, please contact Derrick Henry Jr. at (510)921-1986 or Anja Henry at [avanassche93@gmail.com](mailto:avanassche93@gmail.com).

- **St. Mary's Book Fair:**

The book fair is up and running! Come by to get all the latest and greatest books for your kiddos. Click [HERE](#) to get all of the info for this event.



### **Nice to Know:**

- **Frankenstein Lives:**

Bishop Kelly is putting on their production of, Frankenstein, this weekend and it will feature several St. Mary's alumni. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **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 year. Click [HERE](#) to order hot dogs for the year and [HERE](#) to order hot dogs in November.

- **Speech Screenings (This time I am serious):**

The St. Alphonsus School Health Program coordinates free speech screenings for all kindergarten students and any referrals we receive. The screenings will be on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. If your child already receives speech therapy services or you would **NOT** like your child to be screened, please let their teacher know before November 21st! Any questions or concerns, let me know!

- **Ladies night out:**

Georgia White, owner of Boise at its Best, and Julia Grant, are hosting the ever popular "Make Your Own Thanksgiving Centerpiece" party at her floral shop. There will be food, beverages (including wine) and dessert. The event is on Friday, November 22nd from 6-9pm. There are 8 slots on a first come basis so reserve your spot (\$60) by contacting Julia Grant at [jkertzgrant@hotmail.com](mailto:jkertzgrant@hotmail.com) or 208-407-6451.

- **Pastorelas:**

Pastorelas are a Mexican tradition telling of the birth of Jesus through a dramatic performance. Liliana Tena, is leading this effort and she needs more help from students, including people to play some of the characters as well as to help with lighting, set-up/tear-down and other tasks. Practices will be on Fridays at 3:30 until the school performance on Friday, December 13th. A second performance for the parish will be on Sat., December 21st after the 5 pm Mass. Please email Liliana Tena (<mailto:sililianat5@gmail.com>) or Amaya Eiguren (<mailto:ameiguren@stmarys-boise.org>) if you have more questions.

- **Redbird (Morning Math Program):**

The Redbird program is running on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15-7:55 am. The cost for the first semester is \$175. If you have questions, please email Mandy Campanella.

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

- **November 8** Book Fair (9:00 – 4:00) in the Gym
- **November 9** Rake Up Boise
- **November 10** Book Fair (9:30 – Noon) in the Gym
- **November 13** Student Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Talent

### **Important Dates (On the Horizon):**

- **November 20** Student Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Time, Christian Leaders Recognition Ceremony
- **November 27-29** Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- **December 6-8** St. Mary's Holiday Market in the Gym (More info to come)
- **December 10** St. Mary's Christmas Program. 6:00 pm in the Church (More info to come)

### **Wisdom from our young scholars:** Insightful tidbits we just had to share...

During a special allergy presentation, the presenter asked what kinds of allergies the kiddos have. One student yells with confidence, "I am allergic to pazasagna!"