



ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

October 14 – 18, 2019

Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was a very interesting week here at St. Mary's with lots going on. Our morning Prayer Square was a bit light as our 5th and 6th grade students were having the times of their lives up in McCall at the MOSS Outdoor Camp. I had the opportunity to run up to MOSS on Tuesday morning and spend a few hours with two of the groups. If you have never gone, I highly encourage you to do it. It is truly God's country. Back here in Boise, our other students have been busy finishing up the first quarter and making the most of their opportunities in the classroom. On Wednesday, our 7th and 8th graders had the opportunity to go to a trade show in Nampa and learned a little bit more about life after school. The kids commented on how wonderful the experience was, (and the full size candy bars) and I also heard how well our students represented themselves and St. Mary's in their interactions at the show. On Friday, I had the joy of watching our 4th graders and Mr. Peters put on a wonderful musical performance. It is so great to see our students at every level getting into learning.

I want to remind you all that next week are our Parent/Teacher Conferences. See below for the schedule. You should have/will be contacted by your child's teacher regarding the specific time slot for your conference. Please take time to read all of the info below because there is a lot of exciting things happening here in the next few weeks. I wish you all a safe and blessed weekend, and I look forward to getting back to work with your students next 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:

- **Rake Up Boise:**

We are looking to form a LARGE St. Mary's team for Rake Up Boise to show our love and service to this great city. Click [HERE](#) to put your name on the signup sheet to participate with St. Mary's for this great event. Please sign up by **TODAY**, October 18th. If you need more info about Rake Up Boise, click [HERE](#).

- **Pastorelas:**

Pastorelas are a Mexican tradition telling the story of the birth of Jesus through a dramatic performance. Our amazing parent, Liliana Tena, is working to bring this to St. Mary's School this year. Practices will take place at St. Mary's on Friday afternoons from about 3:30-4:30. The school is working to have a school performance on Friday, December 13th and another performance for the parish on Saturday, December 14th. More details to come. Please email Liliana Tena if you have any questions.

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- **Pink Shirt Order:**

We still have some T-shirts left, so if you want one, talk to Mandy in the office or Meghan Goodwin.

- **Safe Environment Training at St. Mary's:**

There will be a face to face training in the parish office next Monday, October 21st @ 6:00 pm in the parish office. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Nice to Know:

- **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 will be \$175. If you have questions, please email Mandy Campanella.

- **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 October.

- **Homework Club:**

Are you looking for a structured time and place for your child to complete their homework or get extra help? Well then, the St. Mary's Homework Club is for you! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **Volunteers:**

Want to be a volunteer/chaperone/driver this year at St. Mary's? Please click on the [LINK](#) to see the specific information for volunteering and bring a driver for school events.

- **News from the Nurse:**

Click [HERE](#) to read a short message from our nurse on tips for preventing the cold and flu. Click [HERE](#) to read a short message about keeping your sick kids home from school.

Important Dates (Right around the Corner):

- **October 22** ***Spirit Day:*** Students can wear their **PINK** St. Mary's Shirt OR other St. Mary's spirit shirt with dark blue jeans or uniform pants.
- **October 23** Student Mass: 8th Grade – Time AND **Grandparents Mass**
Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30 – 7:00 pm (Early Release @ 2:00 pm)
- **October 24** Parent Teacher Conferences from 8:00 – 12:30 (No School)
- **October 25** No School (School Offices Closed)

Important Dates (On the Horizon):

- **October 27** [Trunk or Treat and Spartanfest](#) @ St. Mary's (4:00 – 6:00 pm) Parents and kids are encouraged to dress up. They will also be having a costume parade around the block.
- **October 30** ***Spirit Day:*** Students can wear their **PINK** St. Mary's Shirt OR other St. Mary's spirit shirt with dark blue jeans or uniform pants.
- **November 1** Student Mass: 7th Grade – Treasure (All Saints Day) we will be our recognizing Christian Leaders at Mass and a reception for the nominees and their families after Mass in the Gym.
- **November 6** **Student Mass: 6th Grade – Food Pantry**
- **November 13** **Student Mass: 5th Grade – Talent**
- **November 20** **Student Mass: 3rd Grade – Time**
- **November 27-29** **Thanksgiving Break (No School)**

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

Mr. Olmes, instructing a group of 8th grade boys to tuck in their shirts. One boy's response, "But we are going outside, and I need the flexibility!" Although an unsuccessful excuse, I can appreciate his quick thinking and witty response!