



## ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

October 21 – 25, 2019

### **Week in Review:**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have started the second quarter off with a bang here at St. Mary's. It has been a short week for our students, but there has been a lot going on in those three short days. We had an amazing student Mass this week where we honored our Grandparents for the love and the gifts they have given to us. We were able to recognize the students who demonstrated high academic achievement after Mass in our Honor Roll Ceremony. We also had our Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday which gave parents and teachers an opportunity to get a face to face opportunity to talk about your student.

A few weeks ago, I shared that we were creating an Amazon Wish List for some of our school wide needs that were not covered in the school budget that was created last school year. Currently, the list has 4 items, and you can click [HERE](#) to see our list. We are looking to get the pencil cases to make individual student drug and allergy bags for our school nurse. The reflective traffic cones are to help in our parking lot to better mark off where our students are in the morning, during recess, and during PE. The mini freezer is to help give our nurse a place to put ice packs for our students that actually are frozen and not just cold. And finally, we are asking for four more projectors to help replace the dying projectors in our building. We have already had some parents and family members step forward and buy other items, and I can't thank you enough for your generosity.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that St. Mary's will be highlighted tomorrow, Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 am on Salt and Light Radio. Since I have a face for radio, I will be on the air talking about our amazing community in the 9:45 am time slot. Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer and get more info.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend filled with lots of rest and quality time with friends and family. 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:**

- **St. Mary's on the Radio:**

Salt & Light Catholic Radio's fall pledge drive is October 23-25. St. Mary's is being highlighted on Friday, October 25 from 8-10am. Tune in or listen online and find the complete guest schedule at [saltandlightradio.com](http://saltandlightradio.com). Brian Olmes will be on the air at 9:45 am on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

- **Ladies night out:**

Georgia White, owner of Boise at its Best, and Julia Grant, are once again hosting the ever popular "Make Your Own Thanksgiving Centerpiece" party at her floral shop. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, 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.



### **Nice to Know:**

- **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. There is a group already practicing, however, more participants are needed, including people to play some of the characters as well as to help with lighting, set-up/tear-down and other behind the scenes tasks. If you are interested in joining, please come to the practice on Friday, November 1st at 3:30-4:30 in one of the upstairs classrooms. Practices will continue on Fridays at 3:30 until the school performance on Friday, December 13th. A second performance for the parish will be held on Saturday, December 21st after 5 pm Mass. Please email Liliana Tena (slilianat5@gmail.com) or Amaya Eiguren (ameiguren@stmarys-boise.org) if you have more questions.

- **Dia de Los Muertos at JUMP:**

This year St. Mary's will have an altar at the JUMP Dia de Los Muertos event. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

- **Rake Up Boise:**

We have had almost 30 people from St. Mary's sign up for Rake Up Boise. Thank you all so much! We will be sending out information soon about when and where to meet up. Be sure to wear your St. Mary's gear!

- **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.

- **News from the Nurse:**

Click [HERE](#) to read a short message from our nurse on having a safe Halloween. Click [HERE](#) to read a short message about keeping your sick kids home from school.

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

- **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: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Treasure (**All Saints Day**) we will recognize our Christian Leaders at Mass and a reception for nominees and families after Mass in the Gym.

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

- **November 6** Student Mass: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Food Pantry
- **November 13** Student Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Talent
- **November 20** Student Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Time
- **November 27-29** Thanksgiving Break (No School)

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

From a third grader who was thinking very hard in class, "I have a brain for *SOME* reason."

When Fr. John asked the students how they know they are loved, a fourth grader responded by saying, "You know you are loved when you are respected." (Wisdom we can all learn from!)