



ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

October 28- November 1, 2019

Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been another busy week here at St. Mary's with lots going on in and out of the classroom. Things got kicked off last Sunday with an amazing Trunk or Treat (my first ever). I was so happy to see so many St. Mary's families participating. You all brought so much energy and creativity and made this event so much fun! A huge thank you for the hard work and leadership of Julia Grant, Eric Thomson, and all of the other parents and family members who made this such a success. Also, we were recognizing Red Ribbon Week and trying to teach our students about living a healthy and drug free lifestyle. Thank you so much to Marie Hodge who worked so hard to put together the materials and create the "Drug Free" sign on our parking lot fence. Wednesday was out last Pink shirt Spirit Day of October and we wanted to recognize a very special parent for their courage and strength in your battle against cancer. We love you Tina! I also want to thank our PTO for their generous gift to Tina and her family, and a big thank you to everyone who bought a t-shirt and made this event possible. We truly are a family and No One Fights Alone! The end of the week was filled with the amazing Halloween parade by our PK-4th graders and class Halloween parties. You will just have to look at the photos in the link below to understand how cute they all were. Also, thank you parents and family members for making their class parties so much fun! Finally, we celebrated All Saints Day today with Mass and a recognition ceremony for our Christian Leaders for the month of October who sowed the Fruit of **Faithfulness**.

When I think about this time of year, I am constantly reminded by the fact that, it's COLD outside! Parents, **PLEASE** be sure to send your children with appropriate attire to go outside for our 2 recess periods. We will be going out as long as the temperature is 25 degrees or above. If your students are not appropriately dressed, the teachers, who are on their break, will have to watch them inside. Please help us by sending them to school with appropriate cold weather clothing.

Before I sign off, I want to remind you all that after today, we only have 7 short weeks before the end of the second quarter and 1st semester. How time flies! Please be sure to be checking your Plus Portals account to see where your student stands in their classes. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher first to ask questions or get clarification. If you are having technical issues, call Mandy in the main office and she can help. I will also be speaking to our teachers to reemphasize the need for clear and consistent communication with you parents on the progress of your children. We want to create and promote partnerships with open communication.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and please keep us all and the holy souls in Purgatory in your prayers tomorrow on All Souls Day and at Mass this weekend. 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:

- **Do you have TOO much Halloween Candy???**

A senior at Bishop Kelly High School is working on a campaign to collect donated Halloween candy and donate it to Boise's City Light: Home for Women and Children & The Ronald McDonald House. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this valuable ministry.

Nice to Know:

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

It's that time of year again. Click [HERE](#) to get all of the info for the upcoming Book Fair at St. Mary's.

- **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 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.

- **Rake Up Boise:**

We will be sending out information soon about when and where to meet up on November 9th.

- **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 6** Student Mass: 6th Grade – Food Pantry
- **November 7** Book Fair (Noon – 4:00) in the Gym
- **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

Important Dates (On the Horizon):

- **November 13** Student Mass: 5th Grade – Talent
- **November 20** Student Mass: 2nd Grade – Time, Christian Leaders Recognition Ceremony
- **November 27-29** Thanksgiving Break (No School)

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

When Mr. Olmes was holding his son Owen (1 yr. old) for the Halloween parade, a preschooler said to him, "Is that a baby???" (I just had to laugh!)