



ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

October 7 – 11, 2019

Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was recently telling a group of people that it feels a bit weird constantly telling people that it has been another great week at St. Mary's, but our incredible community keeps amazing me. I am not gifted enough to describe how wonderful our students, teachers, and families are.

I am humbled and grateful for your generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication to the success of everyone in our school community. We have been so blessed to receive generous gifts from our families. We recently received three sets of two way radios from one family to help fill the need of increased communication and security on our school campus. On Wednesday, we received a truly stunning hand hewn wooden cross from Thomas and Toni Goonan, and it was blessed at our student Mass. We also dedicated and blessed our new school security doors after our student Mass and recognized the generous family who provided the resources to buy and install them. There are so many more examples of generosity of time, talent and treasure from you all, and we are truly blessed and grateful for your generosity.

Our wonderful students also continue to work hard and demonstrate their learning in engaging and interactive ways. I have seen the 5th grade class give presentations on their Spanish speaking countries and the 7th graders present on the civilization of ancient Egypt. The success of these and all of our students is in large part to the engaging and meaningful learning opportunities created by their hard working teachers. They continue to encourage and work with your students, and I can't thank them enough for their work.

There are a lot of things going on in the month of October, so be sure to check out the events and dates below. I do want to call your attention to the fact that October 18th is the end of the first grading quarter. I also want you to keep in mind that our 5th and 6th grade students will be at their annual outdoor education camp (MOSS) all week. Please keep these students, the attending teachers, and the chaperones in your prayers.

Thank you St. Mary's for another great week working with your wonderful students, and I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable 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:

- **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 *before* October 18th. If you need more info about Rake Up Boise, click [HERE](#).

- **Pink Shirt Order:**

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

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

There will be a face to face training in the parish office on 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 starting and will run 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 school year. Click [HERE](#) to order hot dogs for the whole 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.

- **A Will and Estate Planning Seminar (CANCELLED):**

Important Dates (Right around the Corner):

- **October 16** Student Mass: 1st Grade – Corpus Christi
- **October 14-18** MOSS Science Camp for 5th and 6th Grade students
- **October 18** End of the First Grading Quarter

Important Dates (On the Horizon):

- **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)
- **October 27** [Trunk or Treat and Spartanfest](#) @ St. Mary's (4:00 – 6:00 pm) *Time change*
- **November 1** Student Mass: 7th Grade – Treasure (All Saints Day)

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

A student was handing out cupcakes this week. Before handing them out, the student said, "Don't worry guys. I got the flu shot." (Now that is what I call food safety!)