



ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

September 16 – 20, 2019

Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I feel like this week has had more events that should normally fit into a school week. On Monday morning, my daughter and I visited Salt and Light Radio and did a 10 minute spot on the amazing community we call St. Mary's. It was such a great time! If you want to hear the podcast, click [HERE](#).

It is always great to see students involved in hands-on learning and it was great to see this from our older students working to create solar ovens, and other classes engaging in their art instruction.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, I was at a retreat for all of the principals in the Diocese of Boise. It was a great two days and I learned so much from my colleagues. I want to thank our superintendent, Dr. Sarah Quilici for putting together such great learning opportunities. Although it was a great experience, I was sad to be away from this amazing community for so long.

I am looking forward to next week where I can be in the building and see our classes working together to achieve their goals and learn together.

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.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend filled with quality time with family and friends. God Bless.

Need to Know:

- **Pink Shirt Order:**

As most of us know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many of us have close and personal connections to this, and as a family, the St. Mary's community will always support anyone in our family who is affected by this. Click [HERE](#) to read about one of our own affected by breast cancer, and what we St. Mary's will be doing to support her and her family.

- **MOSS Field Trip Reminder:**

Parents of children going to MOSS. Please remember to fill out, sign, and turn in your child's medical history/medication authorization form to the front office no later than Tuesday October 1st. Remember that your child will not be allowed to go to MOSS if this form is not filled out and turned in. Thank you!!

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

We are looking to get our Redbird program up and running the week of October 30th. We will run it on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15-7:55 am. Since we are starting later this year, the cost for the first semester will be \$175. If you are interested in signing your student up for this morning program or if you have questions, please email Mandy Campanella.



Nice to Know:

- **Homework Club:**

Hello Parents! St. Mary's is hosting a parent facilitated homework club after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide an additional resource for students who would like help with their homework. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **Volunteers:**

Want to be a volunteer/chaperone/driver this year at St. Mary's? The diocese requires that all volunteers must undergo a background check AND attend a Safe Environment Training. Please click on the [LINK](#) to see the specific information for the Safe Environment training and the other requirements for volunteering and bring a driver for school events.

- **St. Mary's Food Bank:**

St. Mary's Food Bank will be hosting a Fall Family Festival on Monday, Sept. 23, at Payette Brewing Company. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

- **Speech Screening:**

Speech screenings are done for the Kindergartners, but if parents that would like their child screened, please email our nurse, Janet Campbell (jcampbell@rcdb.org) with their names, age, DOB and grade. This year at St. Mary's the screenings will be done by Amy Whelan who is a speech pathologist. The screening date is set for Thursday, October 3rd and will be done in the Library. The goal is to have the screenings done prior to parent teacher conferences so that you can have the information to share with the parents.

- **Staying Healthy and Fit:**

Here is a little note from our school nurses. Click [HERE](#) to get more information.

Important Dates (Right around the Corner):

- **September 23** Family Fall Festival @ Payette Brewing Company (5:00 – 9:00 pm)
- **September 25** Student Mass: 4th Grade – Food bank

Important Dates (On the Horizon):

- **October 4** Catholic Educator's Conference (No School)
St. Mary's 1st Annual Golf Scramble Click [HERE](#) for flyer and [HERE](#) for registration form
- **October 11** Early Release Day (School ends at 2:00 pm)
- **October 14-18** MOSS Science Camp for 5th and 6th Grade students
- **October 18** End of First Quarter
- **October 23** Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Release)
Grandparents Mass
- **October 25** No School
- **October 27** Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival @ St. Mary's (3:00 – 6:00 pm)

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

Class was talking about Jean Baptiste (Sacajawea's son) in Idaho History. After teacher said that he was in his forties when he died, one of students said, "Forties! That's like a high score for that time!" (Kids perception of age always amazes me!)