



## ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

September 9 – 13, 2019

### Week in Review:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we have just finished our 4<sup>th</sup> week of school. I guess it is true what they say, "Time flies when you are having fun." It has been such a privilege seeing and hearing about your students in action in and out of the classroom. It is great to see them being actively engaged in learning and working well with their fellow students. It was also a great thing to see our preschoolers join us for the first part of mass on Wednesday and see Fr. John give them such a warm and delicious welcome. Thank you Fr. John for making them feel so good about being in mass!

This week, we also remembered the events of September 11, 2001. I am sure you all have a very personal story from this day. I know my memory is still very fresh, as I was in Washington DC on that day with my uncle and know many people directly affected by the events. Please continue to offer your prayers up for all of those affected by the events, and we continue to keep our lives focused on Christ Jesus and take comfort in his love and power over evil.

And in typical St. Mary's fashion, we closed out the week with a fun and energetic event...the MOSS Fun Run! Seeing all of our students (PK-8) get outside and run off some of that energy we see every day was a great thing to see. In addition, we are very grateful for the financial benefit it generated for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders going to the MOSS Outdoor experience in just a few weeks. I wanted to say a big thank you to our business sponsors: **Fall Creek Homes** for the granola bars and **Peterson BMW of Boise** for the apples and water bottles. I also wanted to thank the families that donated the individual prizes for the event as well as all of the parents and families that came and volunteered to make this event so fun. I love the energy and fun this community brings with them!

Continue to stay plugged in by looking at the weekly slideshow. 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:

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

Redbird is a morning program to enrich students' math skills and knowledge throughout the year. We are in the final stages of getting Redbird set up for this year and we will let you know next week about the details, cost and other helpful 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.



**Nice to Know:**

• **Homework Club:**

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

• **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](#) for the flyer.

• **News from the Parish:**

The diocese is hosting a Women's Conference on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

St. Mary's Parish will be offering a Bible Study opportunity here at the parish that will run from October to May. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

• **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.

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

- **September 18** Student Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Time
- **September 20** TVCS Dance @ St, Mary's, Grades 7-8, (7:00 – 9:00 pm)

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

- **September 23** Family Fall Festival @ Payette Brewing Company (5:00 – 9:00 pm)
- **September 25** Student Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Food bank
- **October 4** Catholic Educator's Conference (No School)  
St. Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students
- **October 18** End of First Quarter
- **October 23** Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Release)
- **October 24** Parent Teacher Conferences (Half day)
- **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...

Preschooler: "Can we have a huggie day?" "What does that mean?" "It means we hug all day at school!" (Melted my heart!)

Father Bruno came to visit the 1<sup>st</sup> class the other day. The kids were in the middle of centers when he came in, and he greeted Mrs. Elliot and her helper, Mrs. Meadows, who is in her 80s. When he was leaving Mrs. Meadows called out, "Bye Father!" One of the girls in the class, said to Mrs. Meadows in astonishment, "He's YOUR father?????" (So Cute!)