



## ST. MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

November 25 – 29, 2019

### **Week in Review:**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this message finds you a little relaxed and rejuvenated after a few days away from the craziness of school and work. Thanksgiving is such a special time in our country where amazing traditions involving food, family, and fun (shopping?) come alive. There is so much to be grateful for this year, and so, I would like to say thank you. I am very thankful to God for my amazing wife and children whom God has blessed me with and have helped me on this new stage in my life. I am thankful for Fr. John and the rest of the people on the hiring committee for taking a chance on a guy from Virginia to join the St. Mary's family. I am thankful for your incredible children that I have the privilege of interacting with each day. They are truly special, and I am reminded of that every day. I am also grateful for you parents and family members who work so hard to support your children and the St. Mary's community. You are why St. Mary's is such a warm and supportive community. Thank you so much for this wonderful start to a new school year, and I pray that God will continue to bless you and keep you in his care.

Just a reminder that the semester ends in three weeks, so be sure to be in communication with your child and their teacher to know where they stand in the class and can be done to improve grades and show growth.

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:**

- **Christmas Toy Store:**

St. Vincent de Paul believes that every child should be able to celebrate Christmas. Click [HERE](#) to check out the flyer of how you can help those in need.

- **iGive Catholic:**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the National Day of giving and it is a great opportunity to support St. Mary's in its various initiatives. Click [HERE](#) if you would like to fill out a paper donation form, or you can go to our giving site by clicking [HERE](#).

- **Winner Winner Chicken Dinner:**

We had three winners in the Diocesan Thanksgiving Art and essay contest. Ella Sheppard won first place for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division, Julia Ashmead won second place for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division, and Grace Ahn won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. See their work in the Idaho Catholic Register. Great work ladies, we are so proud of you!

- **St. Mary's brings home hardware from the Festival of Trees:**

St. Mary's took home third place in their division at the Festival of Trees! A HUGE thanks to all the volunteers who made this tree look so special.

- **Dress Code Announcement:**

Now that we are in the colder season, shorts will no longer be allowed for school dress.



### **Nice to Know:**

- **Early release:**

On Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, students will be released at 2:00 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars.

- **PTO Event Successes:**

The Fall Fest raised about \$700 and the moms centerpiece party raised \$720. Thank you PTO for putting on these events and making them such a success!

- **St. Mary's Holiday Market:**

December 6-8 is the Holiday Market in the gym. Here is the schedule: Friday, December 6, 2019 (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM); Saturday, December 7, 2019 (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM) **\*Santa Claus will be joining us on this day from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM\***; Sunday, December 8, 2019 (9:30 AM - 1:00 PM)

- **Calling all Alter Servers:**

Attention students grade 3-8! Are you interested in becoming an altar server at St. Mary's for school and parish masses? Please fill out this [FORM](#) to be contacted by Kimberly Smith. If you have any questions/concerns, please email [altarservers.stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:altarservers.stmarys@gmail.com).

- **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 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. A second performance for the parish will be on Sat., December 21<sup>st</sup> after the 5 pm Mass. Please email Liliana Tena (<mailto:lilianat5@gmail.com>) or Amaya Eiguren (<mailto:ameiguren@stmarys-boise.org>) if you have more questions.

- **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):**

- **December 4** Student Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Corpus Christi (**Need gloves, coffee mugs, personal hygiene products**)
- **December 6-8** St. Mary's Holiday Market in the Gym

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

- **December 9** Student Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Food Bank (**Need tuna, hand and foot warmers**)
- **December 10** St. Mary's Christmas Program. 6:00 pm in the Church (More info to come)
- **December 18** Student Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Talent (Christian Leaders Recognition Ceremony)

You can always check out the school calendar on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

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

Sorry, it was a really short week. I am sure we will have lots this coming week.