



Happy Friday St. Mary's families,

What a great turn out for our Oktoberfest event last Saturday evening. It was a great night – a big thank you to all who came out and supported our wonderful school; it looks like we have surpassed the goal of raising \$100,000 for the school! A heart-felt thank you goes out to the team who helped make the event a great success: Lizzie Hammerle – auction chair, Kelly Lodge, Lynne Williams, Lori Sato, Jessica Beckley, Joelle Phillips, Brie and Ron Sandow, Meghan Goodwin, Christina Cuevas, Julia Smock, Abbey and Dane Miller, Manny Guzman, Ginger Myrick, Terry Moore. What a blessing you all are to our school.

Pre-School at St. Mary's – I got the go ahead from Fr. John to open a pre-school for the 2019-2020 school year!! I have formed a committee and we met last week to develop the schedule for next year. This [form](#) is now available on our website if you or someone you know would be interested in enrolling your child in our St. Mary's pre-school. Please email Mrs. Emerich or Mandy Campanella (amcampanella@stmarys-boise.org) if you have any questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Today is the end of 1st quarter. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th from 2:30 – 7:30 PM and Thursday, October 25th from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. We have scheduled times for K-5th; 6th – 8th grade will be held in the gym arena style as we have done the last two years. **Wednesday, October 24th is early release at 2:00 PM and NO SCHOOL for students on October 25th or October 26th.** There will be child care on Wednesday, October 24th from 2:00 – 5:45 and Thursday, October 25th from 7:30 – 4:00. Please let Ms. Hailey know if your child will be attending the child care on Thursday, October 25th.

Mark Peters – will be available to meet with parents on Wednesday from 2:30 – 7:30 PM

Alica Grant will be available to meet with parents Wednesday from 2:30 – 5:30 and 12:00 – 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 25th.

Ms. Luz - will be available to meet with parents Wednesday from 2:30 – 3:30 and 12:00 – 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 25th. They will be in the 6th grade classroom.

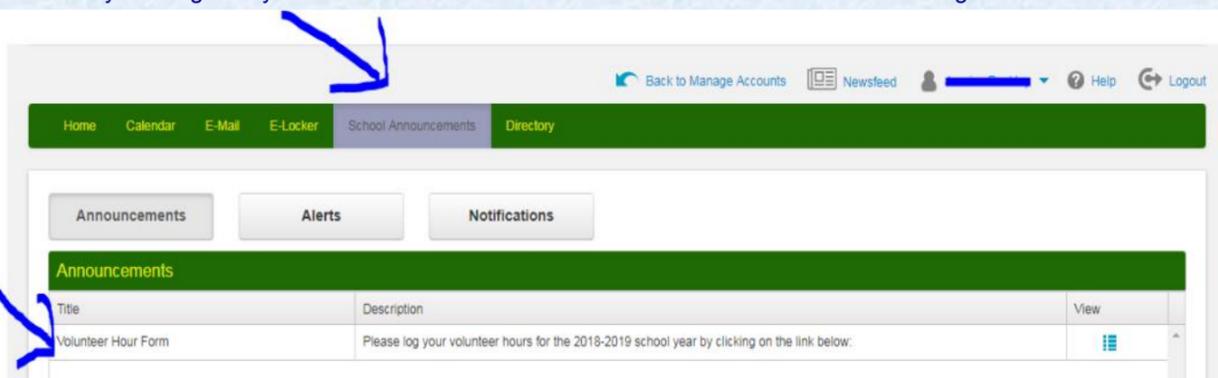
Ms. Calamia will be in the library.

1st Quarter Honor Roll – We will recognize students for 1st quarter honor roll on Wednesday, October 31st at 8:20 right after morning prayer. This will take place in the gym. We do not have Mass that day as we will be going to Mass on November 1st – All Saint's Day- a holy day of obligation.

MOSS – Our 5th and 6th grade students are finishing up their week at MOSS. From all accounts and great pictures, the experiential learning opportunity has been a great success!

MAP Scores – Fall MAP scores will be available to you at parent-teacher conferences next week. All Catholic schools across our state participate in this standardized test.

Volunteer link is active on PlusPortals – The Google form is now active to begin logging your volunteer hours for the 2018-2019 school year. Log in to your account and click on School announcements: Please see diagram below:



Here are some upcoming dates to make sure you have in your calendars:

Friday, October 19th – End of 1st quarter

Tuesday, October 23rd – Cupcake Wars at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 24th – early release for students at 2:00 – **no late start** - Parent teacher conferences from 2:30 – 7:30 PM – school child care available from 2:30 – 5:45 PM

Thursday, October 25th –Parent teacher conferences from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. School child care available from 7:45-4:45.

Friday, October 26th – NO School. Child care will not be available.

Sunday, October 28th – Fall Festival at St. Mary's – see flyer below

Wednesday, October 31st – Halloween- K-4th grade costume parade and parties – afternoon – No Mass

Thursday, November 1st – Mass Day – All Saint's Day – holy day of obligation

Thank you for all you do for St. Mary's School. We know you have a choice in your child's education – we are blessed that you are part of our St. Mary's Community!

Tammy Emerich
Principal

Weekly Calendar

Oct 19	End of 1st Quarter
Oct 22	Flu Vaccinations Day Permission form required
Oct 23	Cupcake Wars (Gym) 4:00pm Entry Form here
Oct 24	Mass (Corpus Christi) 1st Grade Parent Conferences (2:00 Dismissal) Parent Teacher Conferences (2:30–7:30)
Oct 25	Parent Teacher Conferences (12:00–4:00)
Oct 26	No School

Upcoming Events

Oct 28	Fall Festival (Gym & Parking Lot) 4-7 pm
Oct 31	First Quarter Honor Roll 8:20 Gym
Nov 1	All Saints Mass (Food) 8th Grade
Nov 4	Daylight Savings Ends (set clocks back 1 hr.)
Nov 7	Mass (Talent) 6th Grade
Nov 14	Mass (Treasure) 5th Grade 8th Grade Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
Nov 17	Student Led Parish Mass 7:00 pm

8th Grade Class Fundraiser:

November 14th Hot Dog Lunch!

Check out [the Form](#) here.
Forms are Due **October 26th!**

The Bishop Kelly Foundation at Bishop Kelly High School will hold its 42nd annual Winner's Choice Dinner and Auction November 10 at the Boise Centre.

Tickets include dinner for two and a chance to win a new car from the Auto Ranch Group! The theme for the evening is "Hollywood Knights"--a nod to old Hollywood. Proceeds provide operational support and need-based scholarships at Bishop Kelly. For tickets or more information, visit bishopkellyfoundation.org. Concurrent online auction will run 10/26 though 11/16 at bishopkellyauction.org. Check it out!

November Lunch Orders

Due October 25th

Please read [this information letter](#) before going following the links. You will better understand the process of Lunch Ordering for this year.

[November Lunch Orders](#)

[November Blimpie Slips](#)

FALL FEST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 - 4PM TO 7PM



FOOD-GAMES-FUN

Trunk-or-Treat, Haunted House, Bounce House, Carnival Games & More!

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

UNLIMITED ACTIVITY WRISTBAND: \$5
STREET TACO PLATE: \$6

For more information or to volunteer contact
Julia Grant @ (208) 407-6451

Counselor Corner:

More about Toolbox

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In keeping with the TOOLBOX theme, I wanted to continue reviewing each of the 12 Tools. The third tool is the Listening Tool, which states "I listen with my ears, eyes and heart." Being engaged and actively listening can sometimes be easier said than done in our busy daily lives. Research has shown that one thing children want from the adults in their lives is to be listened to, to be heard. Although adults often may remind children to "listen, look at me to show you are listening," this tool also incorporates the idea of listening with our heart. This is key to strong relationships as well as helping with conflict resolution. We can listen not only to what our heart tells us about ourselves, but also to develop empathy for others.

This leads into the fourth tool, Empathy Tool, which states "I care for myself. I care for others." Empathy is noticing how another person is feeling and being able to understand what that must be like for them. It is about caring about someone else and is the root of tolerance, kindness and forgiveness. The important aspect of this Tool is that we also focus that empathy onto ourselves, to be able to care and understand ourselves. It is important to remember that piece as sometimes at times as human beings we can be harder on ourselves when they feel that have made mistakes or things have not turned out as expected.

I hope that reviewing the Tools is helpful to parents, especially those who may be new to St. Mary's and the TOOLBOX program. I am including a [Parent TOOLBOX Survey](#) to gauge interest in a parent training that provides information about TOOLBOX and how parents can reinforce and support this at home. If students hear and use this common language at school as well as at home, they are more likely to use it across a variety of situations and settings. If there is enough interest, I would like to provide an hour to hour and 15 minute training for parents sometime before the end of the semester. If you have about 2 minutes and are willing to complete the survey, I would greatly appreciate it!

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