



Happy Friday St. Mary's Families,

It is hard to believe that school is almost over the year. We have had a wonderful and busy week here at St. Mary's. On Tuesday evening, we had our music program for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades plus performances for both bands and choir. What a great night of music, singing and sharing of our students' talents – thank you Mr. Peters for all your hard work with our students!

Thank you St. Mary's families and Girl Scout Troop #686 for collecting food for City Light homeless shelter for women and children. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls who are members of this troop collected 939 items!!

Some important dates to mark in your calendars:

- Middle School Finals will take place on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Volunteer Appreciation Mass and Light Breakfast – Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30
- St. Mary's Talent Show – Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
- NO SCHOOL – Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day
- Kindergarten graduation – Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the church
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation – Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the church
- Bowling and picnic at Elm Grove Park – Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> -early release at 2:00 – **NO LATE START** – more information sent in permission slip
- LAST DAY of SCHOOL – Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – MASS DAY and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter honor roll recognition – 10:00 AM Release

Just a reminder, parents are responsible for their children when playing in the playground after school. If there is a conflict, parents should take care of the issue.

**Job Openings at St. Mary's for the 2019-2020 school year**

We have begun our interview process for the following positions for next year – interviews will continue until positions are filled.

- Lead pre-school teacher
- Part time Spanish teacher
- Part time technology teacher

Please visit the following link for more information: [https://www.stmarys-boise.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=387726&type=d&pREC\\_ID=880844](https://www.stmarys-boise.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=387726&type=d&pREC_ID=880844)

**Lost and Found**

Please check the lost and found cabinet outside the gym. It is brimming with items left over the last few months. Contents of the cabinet will either be moved to the uniform closet or given to Corpus Christi House at the end of school.

**Marketing**

The St. Mary's marketing team will be conducting confidential anonymous interviews with St. Mary's families for marketing research purposes. If anyone wants to participate in the survey and/or would like to share a positive story as part of our marketing push, please contact Emily Skoro at [eskoro@gmail.com](mailto:eskoro@gmail.com).

**Uniforms for 2019-2020 School Year**

Just sending a reminder, Mass shirts for both boys and girls must have our school logo for the 2019-2020 school year. All boys must wear a plaid tie either standard or bow tie. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**PTO**

We have three PTO officer positions open for the 2019-2020 school year. Please let me know or email the PTO gmail account at [stmaryscatholicschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryscatholicschoolpto@gmail.com)

**Please Log Volunteer Hours**

Thank you to all who have completed and logged volunteer hours for the 2018-2019 school year. We couldn't do what we do without your help. Please make sure all hours are logged by Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. You may log your volunteer hours in our PlusPortals system (where you check your child's grades). There is a \$25 per hour charge for any hours short of the required 20.

**Avoiding Summer Slide**

This is a great and much needed opportunity for our St. Mary's students! In order to prevent "summer slide" or "brain drain", we will be offering IXL to our returning kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to use over the summer. IXL is an online comprehensive K-12 curriculum that offers a personalized experience for each student in all content areas. We will also offer a summer reading program through Scholastic with incentives to keep kids engaged and reading over the summer. We will be sending an email with more information on these great learning tools in mid-May.

I am seeking parent volunteers to help with an incentive program tied to these summer offerings. Please call or come by my office if you are interested in helping.

Here are a couple of links to a blog with more information on "summer slide" or "brain drain":

<https://www.idtech.com/blog/prevent-summer-learning-loss>; <https://www.idtech.com/blog/summer-slide-facts-for-productive-school-break>

Thank you for making this a great school year!

Blessings,

**Tammy Emerich**  
Principal

**Weekly Calendar**

- May 20–22 Finals for Grades 6–8
- May 22 Mass (Corpus Christi) 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volunteer Appreciation Reception after Mass
- May 24 Talent Show (Gym) 1:45 pm
- May 27 Memorial Day–NO SCHOOL

**Upcoming Events**

- May 28 Kindergarten Graduation (Church) 10:30 am  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (Church) 6:30 pm
- May 29 Bowling @ Westy's then Elm Grove Park Picnic (dismiss @ 2 pm)  
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- May 30 Mass Faculty Honor Roll after Mass then 10:00 dismissal

**NEWS FLASH!!** We will be having a **BONUS** Hot Dog Lunch next Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>!! Payments are due **NO LATER** than **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>!!**



Here is [the flyer](#).

PTO is hosting a Candy Sale after school .... May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>....just in case your kids need a bit of a sugar rush heading into the last week of school. here is [the flyer](#).



**Summer Music Lessons**

Are you or your student interested in private one-on-one music lessons this summer?

If so, Mr. Peters will be offering instruction on any of the instruments :

- Voice
- Baritone
- Trumpet
- Saxophone
- Trombone
- Clarinet
- Ukulele
- Guitar

Students of all ages are welcome! For more information on pricing and availability, or to sign up, please contact Mr. Peters at [mpeters@bk.org](mailto:mpeters@bk.org).

It is never too early to start thinking about Summer and all the activities there to experience.

Did you know that Bishop Kelly hosts a wide variety of sports camps? Follow [this link](#) to check them out.

**Nurses Note: Summer Smarts: How to Stay Cool (& Safe) When the Weather Heats Up**



The summer season is approaching quickly, and while that tends to inspire a carefree life-style in all of us, we shouldn't forget our health in the process. By being aware of the potential hazards to your health, you can take simple steps to ensure that you're protecting yourself, your skin, and your overall health in the hottest months of the year.

Here are some quick (but important!) tips to keep in mind:

1. Use sunscreen—but not just any sunscreen.
2. Drink plenty of water and avoid dehydrating foods.
3. Choose your timing wisely.
4. Avoid direct sun exposure when possible.
5. Know your limit.
6. Look out for those at risk.