



Good Afternoon St. Mary's families,

We are sending our newsletter a day early since we will be attending professional development tomorrow. Just a reminder: **NO School on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Tomorrow, Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is a professional development day for Treasure Valley Catholic School teachers as well as many public school teachers across the state. St. Mary's faculty and staff will be attending a workshop that will focus on cooperative learning concepts and learning more engaging strategies for teachers to use with their students. We are bringing in a nationally recognized expert to facilitate the professional development! There will not be child care available on this day as Hailey will be attending the professional development as well.

With October comes our St. Mary's *Oktoberfest* celebration and it is quickly approaching. This is our second annual *Oktoberfest* to be held at the Riverside Hotel on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is our biggest fundraiser for the school and helps us be able to keep tuition costs from increasing substantially. **Please come and support our wonderful school!** The evening begins as 5pm. Please click on the link below to purchase tickets – thank you for your support! [www.oktoberfest.afrogs.org](http://www.oktoberfest.afrogs.org)

As the weather gets cooler, please make sure to send a light jacket or sweater for the cool mornings – it is helpful to have your child's name written inside any garments – just in case it is left on the playground.

**Christian Leaders** – our virtue this month is Respect and Responsibility. We will be celebrating this virtue with our students on October 10<sup>th</sup>. *Always admire the differences in everyone and treat them well!*

**Possible Pre-School at St. Mary's** - I wanted to share some exciting news, we are putting together a committee to investigate opening a pre-school here at St. Mary's. 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](mailto:amcampanella@stmarys-boise.org)) so we can start a preliminary list. The first step is making sure we have enough families interested.

**MOSS** – Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are gearing up to go to MOSS the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please click on the link to learn more about this great opportunity our students have: <https://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/mccall-outdoor-science-school>

**Flu Shots** – As we move into flu season, please consider having your child receive the flu vaccine. You will find more information and the link below.

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

**Important information from last week:**

**Student Council Elections** – Upcoming Student Council elections for the 2018-2019 school year will be held in home-room classes on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Being a part of student council is a great way for our students to engage in leadership and teamwork. Student council is for our 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mrs. Lapp, our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, will be in charge this year. She was in charge of student council at her school in California and has some great ideas for us. The St. Mary's Student Council petition must be completed and returned to Mrs. Lapp or Mrs. Emerich no later than 3:20 PM on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteering -CMG connect** - ALL volunteers must now take yearly continuing education through CMG connect – these are videos with a short quiz following. Please create an account designating St. Mary's School as your primary place you will volunteer at <https://boise.cmgconnect.org>. If you are new to volunteering at our Catholic schools, first, you must attend a Face-to-Face Safe Environment Training.

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

- Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – no school for students – all faculty and staff attend professional development
- Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Christian Leader celebration after Mass
- Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary's Ball and Auction – Oktoberfest.
- Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cupcake Wars at 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – 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 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent teacher conferences from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. School child care available from 7:45-4:45.
- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – NO School. Child care will not be available.



Blessings,

**Tammy Emerich**  
Principal

**Weekly Calendar**

- Oct 5 Teacher In-Service—NO School
- Oct 10 Mass (Food) 2nd Grade  
St. Mary's Christian Leaders after Mass
- Oct 11 Picture Retake Day
- Oct 13 St. Mary's Oktoberfest (Riverside Hotel)
- Oct 15–19 5th & 6th Grades to MOSS Camp (McCall)
- Oct 17 Mass (Time) 7th Grade
- Oct 19 End of 1st Quarter
- October 23 Cupcake Wars (Gym) 4:00pm Entry [Form](#) here

**Upcoming Events**

- Oct 24 Mass (Corpus Christi) 1st Grade  
Early release 2:00 pm  
Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30-7:30pm
- Oct 25 Teacher In-Service—NO SCHOOL  
Parent Teacher Conferences—12:00—4:00
- Oct 26 NO SCHOOL
- Oct 28 Fall Festival (Gym & Parking Lot)
- Nov 1 All Saints Mass (Food) 8th Grade

**It's Oktoberfest at St. Mary's.**

Have you purchased your tickets yet?  
**Only one week to OKTOBERFEST!**  
 Hurry, they are selling FAST!

We will be using Mobile Bidding that evening.  
 If you aren't familiar with that concept, check out [this link](#) for all the details.  
 Make sure your cell phone is all charged and ready!



**Calling All Bakers/Artists**

**We Only need 7 More....**

Edible Art is being requested for the Oktoberfest event. [This flyer](#) has all the details.

*Come, Follow Me*

FALL PLEDGE DRIVE OCTOBER 17-19, 2018



102.3 FM | 1140 AM BOISE  
 WWW.SALTANDLIGHTRADIO.ORG  
 Call & Pledge 208-344-4774

St. Mary's is on the air!  
 Friday, October 19  
 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**Nurses Note: FLU VACCINATIONS**

Welcome Fall but let's NOT welcome the flu season. The Saint Alphonus School Health Program will be offering the influenza vaccine in October. This is provided through the state Vaccine for Kids Program and is FREE. We will be scheduling at each school. **Our vaccination day is Monday, October 22nd. We require a completed permission form prior to that day, so we have an accurate count of vaccinations needed.**

Although this vaccine is recommended for all children over 6 months, we can only provide the vaccine to children 5 and older at the school. (Children less than 5 need to get the vaccine through their physician or at the Health Department) This vaccine is recommended for all children over six months. For more information from the American Academy of Pediatrics, click on this link

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/news/Pages/AAP-Issues-Flu-Vaccine-Recommendations-for-2018-2019.aspx>

