



Happy Friday St. Mary's,

We have had a busy "short" week. Most classes are in full swing with tests, quizzes and assignments abounding! Just a reminder, we have our student lead St. Mary's Parish Mass this weekend at the 5:00 PM, Saturday evening Mass. This is a great way for us to connect with our Parish and show case what amazing students we have at St. Mary's! It is recommended that your child wear a St. Mary's uniform shirt with a logo – this helps identify our kids. Those students who read, bring up the gifts, etc. can count their time for their service hours. In addition, those who attend Mass may wear "free-dress" on Tuesday, September 11th. Thank you ahead of time for supporting the school and St. Mary's Parish. As Fr. John says, "The school is the parish and the parish is the school!"

Important: Please opt in to the School Directory on Plus Portals if you haven't already – this must be done at the beginning of each school year.

MOSS Fun-run

Information is going home with kids this afternoon!

When: Friday September 21, 2018

Who: All St. Mary's Catholic School students

Where: St. Mary's Catholic School parking lot

Why: Our 5th and 6th grade students are going to McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) Camp from Oct. 15th to 19th. MOSS is a unique opportunity for our students to learn about Idaho ecosystems, critical thinking and teamwork. Our school's investment for our students, teachers, and chaperones to attend MOSS is over \$11,000. The MOSS Walk-a-Thon will also help raise money to offset the \$234/student fee that would otherwise be paid by our 5th & 6th grade families.

PTO

Our first PTO meeting was last evening. Patti Walborn, our PTO president, hosted at her home. We had a great turn out with great energy and enthusiasm for the 2018-2019 school year. Thank you to all who attended – remember, all parents, teachers and staff are PTO members and meetings are opened to all.

Information from Last Week:

Student Safety

In order to have a smooth flow of traffic the before school drop off process is as follows: Enter in from the alley way off of 28th street, drop child/children off and then exit through the gate off of 28th (right across from Pizza Hut). Avoid the front driveway as this area is usually pretty busy with limited parking access. Remember, you can drop your children off any time after 7:30 AM.

After school, for kindergarten - 4th grades please meet out front and let your child's teacher know you are taking your child – we will not let children go into the parking lot unattended.

School Fees

Milk will be available on Tuesday, September 4th – if you want your child to have milk, you must first pay the \$25 fee for the year. In addition, there are additional fees required for some grade levels:

8 th grade graduation fee (required for all 8 th graders)	= \$45
Spanish literacy fee (required for K – 4 th grade)	= \$45
MOSS fee (required for 5 th – 6 th graders)	= \$20
Kindergarten Milk snack fee (optional)	= \$25
Yearbook fee (optional K-8 th grade)	= \$20

Please notify Mandy Campanella – amcampanella@stmarys-boise.org if you have questions. If you haven't yet paid the required fees, your account will be billed in September.

Supporting St. Mary's

A great way to support St. Mary's when you are doing your shopping is through Fred Meyer – you can link your rewards # to our school and we get a monetary return back each year – every bit helps! You can also link your Amazon account to the Creegan Foundation which is set up to support St. Mary's School – this can be done through Amazon Smiles. Again, thank you for your support!!

Plus Portals:

Important: Please opt in to the School Directory if you haven't already – this must be done at the beginning of each school year – it is a great way to connect with other families in your child's class and the school. Go to your profile and click on Directory Listing – there is a check box for you to opt-in to the school directory.

Please log in to Plus Portals to access class calendars, assignments and student grades. Returning families will use their credentials from last year to access the site. New families will get an email with directions to log in.

New Hire

I am excited to let you know that we have hired Hailey Yraguen – she will be the kindergarten teaching assistant and after school care coordinator. Hailey is very familiar with our Catholic Schools as she attended Sacred Heart and Bishop Kelly. She is a wonderful, faith-filled person and we are blessed to have her join our team!

After School Care

Our after school care has changed a little bit this year. Last year, families were charged for a month's care with little flexibility of having a drop-in option – that fee was \$320. Our current pay structure is \$20 per day on a drop-in basis. If families know their child will be attending **every day after school**, they will be billed \$350 per month. During the school year, Hailey Yraguen will be providing after school care for students. Students will have time for a snack -Students should bring a snack and a drink. Students will be given 15-30 minutes of outside time (weather permitting). Students will have time to work on homework, read, and or play board games (if finished with all school work). Care will be in the 1st grade classroom. A student roll sheet will be kept and parents will be billed for child care. Care is from 3:30 – 5:45 each school day. **Parents will be charged an additional \$10 if child is not picked up by 5:45. An additional fee will be assessed if child is not picked up by 6:00 PM.**

After School Care will only be provided on days that school is in session. Care will not be available if students do not have school; ½ days are the exception. Again, this might change if we see we have more families who need care for their children.

Blessings,

Tammy Emerich

Principal

Weekly Calendar

Sept 8	Student Led Parish Mass 5:00 pm Church
Sept 12	Mass (Time) 6th Grade St. Mary's Christian Leaders after Mass
Sept. 17 -28	Fall MAP Testing (2nd–8th grades)
Sept 19	Mass (Talent) 5th Grade
Sept 21	MOSS Fun Run (Playground) afternoon
Sept 26	Mass (Corpus Christi) 4th Grade
Oct 3	Mass (Treasure) 3rd Grade

Upcoming Events

Oct 5	Teacher In-Service—NO SCHOOL
Oct 10	Mass (Food) 2nd Grade St. Mary's Christian Leaders after Mass
Oct 13	St. Mary's Oktoberfest (Riverside Hotel)
Oct 15—19	5th & 6th Grades to MOSS (McCall)
Oct 19	End of 1st Quarter
Oct 24	Early release 2:00 pm Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30-end

October Lunch Orders

Due September 19th

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

[October Lunch Orders](#)

[October Blimpie Slips](#)

It's Oktoberfest at St. Mary's.

This year our Ball & Auction event will be an Oktoberfest and is being held at the Riverside on **Saturday, October 13th**. Invitations **Were Sent Out This Week!**

Things to know:

- ◆ **Procurement** is key, we are asking each family to support the effort by donating something for the event. [Here are ideas.](#)
- ◆ We won't be sending raffle tickets home for sale by students, but we will be having a wonderful raffle that evening.
- ◆ Invite family and friends to this great event! The more the merrier.....*more info to come in the next weeks.....*

Our auction frogs website is coming soon!

Nurses Note:

Listed below are the rules and guidelines that our schools follow for illness. Please respect the health and well-being of your child and our school communities by keeping sick kids home. We follow these guidelines in the event that a student is sick at school, and we will call you to come and pick up your child from school if needed.



Fever: If your child has a fever of 100F or greater, or looks or acts sick, she/he should stay home. Call your doctor if your child has a fever with pain, rash, weakness, vomiting or diarrhea. *****May return to school after symptoms are gone for 24 hours and child is fever-free without the aid of fever-reducing medication.**

Vomiting and/ or diarrhea: Vomiting and/ or more than one event of watery diarrhea is a reason to keep your child at home.

*****May return to school after symptoms are gone for 24 hours without the aid of anti-emetic or anti-diarrheal medication.**

Contagious Diseases: You should keep your child at home if she/he might spread a contagious disease to other children (i.e. chicken pox). Please consult with Health care Provider.

Head lice: Parent/Guardian may choose to pick child up from school. Confirmed cases of lice require treatment before returning to school. If treatment is started before the next day, the child may return to school. Most treatments are available over the counter. Families are encouraged to ask their child's health care provider for advice about which treatment to use. The school nurse/staff will also provide education regarding treatment and control of head lice as needed.

Pinkeye/Conjunctivitis: Parent will be notified of suspected eye irritation/infection. Parent/Guardian will consult with the child's health care provider about diagnosis and treatment. Child will not be excluded from the school setting unless meets other exclusion criteria, i.e., fever, severely ill appearance. Antibiotics are NOT required to return to the school setting, as determined by child's health care provider.

Sore Throat: If your child has a sore throat and fever, or a severe sore throat without fever, she/he should stay home.

Cough: If your child's cough is worse than you would expect with a cold, keep her/him at home. If she/he has difficult time breathing or has a fever, call your doctor. Coughs can linger on for 2-3 weeks before resolving, but they should not interfere with most activities.

Stomachache: If your child complains of a stomachache, especially if she/he says it hurts to move and she/he does not want to eat, she/he should stay home and you should contact your Health Care Provider.

Please, for your child's health and safety - AND for the health and safety of other children and staff – keep sick kids home!

Children learn best when they are healthy and well-rested. With the cooperation of all families we can help to keep our children and staff healthy. If a student presents at school with any of the above, we will notify you to come and pick up your child.

If you have questions or concerns, or if there is any way we can help your child, please contact us.

St. Alphonus School Health Program

Kim O'Sullivan, RN, Linda Miller, RN, Sherry Placido, CNA, & MaryLou Cunningham, RN.

Counselor Corner:

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CT

The third week of the year is already over! Hopefully everyone has settled back into the school routine. As I start the school counseling program here, I would like to highlight a few things, so that families have a better understanding of how things work. The following description will be added to the Student Handbook, however, it is important that families read it over now to understand what the school counseling program entails.

St. Mary's is now offering a school counseling program supporting the education of the whole child by encouraging all students' academic, social, and emotional development, with possible career development for middle school students. The counselor works with students, teachers, and the principal to provide students with a safe and supportive learning environment. The goal of a school counseling program is to help all students maximize their individual achievement and assist in removing any barriers to their success. Services provided by the school counselor include: individual and group counseling and responsive services, consultation with staff members and parents, community referrals, classroom guidance lessons, and work on the Student Support Team (developing academic and behavioral support in the classrooms).

In accordance with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) code of ethics, school counselors understand the complicated nature of confidentiality with minors in school settings. The priority is to maintain students' confidentiality except in the following situations: disclosure of abuse, abandonment or neglect; disclosure about intent to harm self or others; to comply with a court order or subpoena; disclosure of the commission of a crime. The counselor will make the child aware of these limits to confidentiality. Students in Idaho are granted "privileged communication" under Idaho Code 9-203.6.

Individual and small group counseling and support is offered on an open-door basis to all St. Mary's students, as well as by self-referral or referral by a teacher or parent. School Counseling services are short term, solution focused services with the goal of more effective education and socialization of the student. These services are not intended as a substitute for diagnosis or therapy. The counselor offers community referrals to the parents for more intensive therapeutic needs. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to determine whether an issue, a parent is contacted to receive permission for further counseling or support. The school counselor provides confidential services while operating with the understanding that parents are the first and primary guides of their children, therefore keeping lines of communication open with parents.