



Good afternoon St. Mary's,

We have made it through our second week of school – what a great energy we have going this year! Our students and teachers are getting everything in high gear and we are off to a great start! Our Back to School Night was a success – we had a great turn out – thank you parents for attending and supporting your child's education!

#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> street, drop child/children off and then exit through the gate off of 28<sup>th</sup> (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 - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 <sup>th</sup> grade graduation fee (required for all 8 <sup>th</sup> graders)	= \$45
Spanish literacy fee (required for K – 4 <sup>th</sup> grade)	= \$45
MOSS fee (required for 5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)	= \$20
Kindergarten Milk snack fee (optional)	= \$25
Yearbook fee (optional K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	= \$20

Please notify Mandy Campanella – [amcampanells@stmarys-boise.org](mailto:amcampanells@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!

#### PTO

Our first PTO meeting is Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. PTO's first goal of the year is to improve participation in PTO! Please see [the invitation](#) to RSVP. (You will need to replace Mrs. Pratt's name in your response)

#### News from Last Week (in case you missed it!):

**School Counselor:** We are so blessed to have Amaya Eiguren as our school counselor this year! She will be here on Tuesdays. She already has some great plans on ways to better support our students!

**Spartan Spotlight:** Our primary means of providing you with information throughout the school year is through our weekly newsletter emailed to you each Friday. I will post the newsletter on Facebook each week and it will also be posted on our school website. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me – I cannot respond to Facebook messages.

**Volunteer Hours:** Don't forget to get a head start on your volunteer hours for the 2018-2019 school year – all families are required to complete 20 volunteer hours during the school year. You will be logging those hours in a Google form on our Plus Portals system (will be available mid-September). Please consider being a part of Religious Education at the Parish level – they are in need of RE teachers – it is a great way to serve! In order to volunteer, first, you must attend a Face-to-Face Safe Environment Training. We will have a Safe Environment training class here at St. Mary's on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. You can also go to <https://boise.cmgconnect.org/site/events> and see when other classes are being offered. ALL volunteers must now take 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: <https://boise.cmgconnect.org>

#### 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, some of the St. Mary's school staff 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Might Change based on need:** 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 2	Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
Sept 5	Mass (Corpus Christi) 7th Grade School Picture Day
Sept 8	Student Led Parish Mass 5:00 pm Church
Sept 12	Mass (Time) 6th Grade St. Mary's Christian Leaders after Mass
Sept 14	MOSS Fun Run (Playground) afternoon
Sept. 17 –28	Fall MAP Testing (2nd–8th grades)
Sept 19	Mass (Talent) 5th Grade

### Upcoming Events

Sept 26	Mass (Corpus Christi) 4th Grade
Oct 3	Mass (Treasure) 3rd Grade
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

### Picture Day!

Wednesday September 5th

Order forms was sent home with your students (watch those backpacks). Additional forms will be available at the office.



### 8th Grade Class Fundraiser:

September 19th Hot Dog Lunch!

Check out [the Form](#) here. Forms are Due **September 8th!**



### 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 are being sent out soon, so be on the lookout.

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:

### Welcome Back!



Please read [this letter](#) of introduction and information to our School Nurse Program

St. Alphonus School Health Program  
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