



Happy Friday St. Mary's Families,

Another busy week here at St. Mary's. Students continue to take MAP tests – our standardized assessment. We had our teacher vs. students four square and dodge ball tournaments on Wednesday afternoon – both competitions were very fun! On Saturday, May 4th at 5:00 PM our 2nd grade students receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist - First Holy Communion. What a blessed day for these children – a big thank you to Mrs. Horrocks and Mrs. Chumich for preparing our students to receive this Sacrament!! On Sunday, May 5th, we will have our St. Mary's family picnic – please see the information below.

Next Wednesday, we celebrate our May Christian Leaders – our virtues this month are Spirituality and Love! Our 8th grade students will be going to Cottonwood on their 8th grade religious retreat Tuesday through Thursday.

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

- Lead pre-school teacher
- Part time Spanish teacher

Kindergarten/Pre-school Update

St. Mary's will not be combining our kindergarten and pre-school for the 2019-2020 school year. Instead, we will have separate kindergarten and pre-school classes– we will combine, for an hour a day in our Spanish class. We are excited about the increase in our enrollment numbers. We will be opening up the pre-school teaching position and will accept applications through mid-May. If you know someone who would be a great fit for our school – please encourage them to apply. Here is the link to our webpage for more information: https://www.stmarys-boise.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=387726&type=d&pREC_ID=880844

Spanish Literacy Program

We are looking for a part-time Spanish teacher to contribute to our Spanish Literacy Program. The job will be posted today. If you know someone who would be a great fit for our school – please encourage them to apply. Mrs. Grant will not be returning next year as she is moving to Oregon to join her husband who currently lives there – we are sad to see Mrs. Grant go as she has been a great addition to our faculty this year!

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

New blinds were installed in the school on Friday, April 19th! Thanks you so much for contributing to our Call to Heart! We have also ordered English Language Arts Books for kindergarten – 8th grade – this is a huge investment in our students' learning.

PTO has some great events lined up as we finish out the school year. Save the Date - We will be celebrating the end of year with our St. Mary's families on Sunday, May 5th from 2:30 – 5:30 at McDevitt Park (if you haven't RSVP'd already – please click on the following link the [sign up for St. Mary's Family Day](#). St. Mary's Trivia Night will be on Friday, May 17th from 6:00 – 10:00 in the school gym – get your teams ready! You can sign up by clicking on the following link: [flyer for Trivia Night](#) .

Marketing

Our next School marketing meeting is on Monday, May 6th at 3:30 – we invite you to join us!

Enrollment for Summer Program/Care

We are enrolling students for our summer program – please fill out the attached form so we can get your children on our list for the summer program/ care for the summer of 2019 and bring it to the office as soon as possible. We must have 10 children signed up to be able to offer the program.

Math Help

Mr. Eric Thomson will be offering math tutoring on Tuesdays after school from 3:15 – 4:00. Mr. Thomson teaches pre-algebra here at St. Mary's and is great at working with students. If your child needs some help in math, please have them stay after school on Tuesdays. Thank you Mr. Thomson for helping our students and volunteering!!

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 – 7th 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 information on “summer slide” or “brain drain”: [LINK](#)

Thanks for all you do for St. Mary's School! Thank you for investing in your child's education.

See you at the St. Mary's picnic on Sunday,

Tammy Emerich

Principal

Weekly Calendar

***** Apr 15–May 13 MAP Testing*****

- May 4 1st Holy Communion** (Church) 5:00 pm Mass
- May 5 St. Mary's Family Day** McDevitt Park 2:30–5:30 pm [signup](#)
- May 6-10 Papa Murphy Coupon Card Sales** see [flyer](#)
- May 7-9 8th Grade Retreat** (St. Gertrude's Convent) Cottonwood

Upcoming Events

- May 8 Mass** (Treasure) 4th Grade
St. Mary's Christian Leader Reception (Gym)
- May 13-17 Ball & Auction Buy Ins** see below
- May 14 St. Mary's Spring Program** (Church) 6:00 pm
- May 15 Mass** (Talent) 8th Grade
- May 17 Trivia Night** (Gym) 6:30–9:30 pm [signup here](#)

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



Did you miss the buy in opportunities at the Ball & Auction?

Have no fear, you can still have your student participate:
 Nail Polish for a Week— \$20 per student 5/13-17
 Weird Socks for a Week—\$20.00 per student 5/13-17
 Contact kellodge@gmail.com for more information.



Check out the Plant Sale going on at BK May 9–11th. Here is the [flyer](#) filled with details.

BK End-of-Year Concert

The concert will be happening on Tuesday, May 7 beginning at 7:30pm in the REG gymnasium (located in the main building right next to the fountain) at Bishop Kelly High School. It will feature the Choir, Band, Orchestra, and Guitar Class. Admission is only \$5 for adults, \$3 for HS students, \$2 for younger students and senior citizens, and kids age 5 or younger are free. The BK ensembles will be performing a wide variety of music to celebrate another year, doors will open to the public at 7:00. We hope to see you there!

If you didn't get a chance to buy a spot at one of the following events, there's still time! Take a look at the following events and secure your spot today! Please send your payment to the school office to the attention of Kelly Lodge. Don't miss your chance to enjoy some social time with your fellow St. Mary's parents!

Ladies Night Out - \$40 per person (ladies only!)

Hosted by Megan Griffin and Julia Kertz Grant

Friday, May 10, 6:00pm

Enjoy an evening with friends at Megan Griffin's home on the Boise River. Megan and Julia Kertz Grant host this beautiful and fun gathering every year, and it's always a great time! Get your girls together and buy your tickets today!

Suds 'n Swine - \$50 per person (men only!)

Hosted by Kurt Williams

Saturday, May 11, 5:00pm

Join Father John and your host, Kurt Williams, in celebrating an evening of manly camaraderie and over-exaggerated conversation while noshing on appetizers and swilling amazing beers. Enjoy pulled pork from the smoker with all the trimmings, yard games, and good company. Purchase your attendance today! Only a few spots left!

Splash Bash – \$40 per person (adults only)

Hosted by Lindsey & Luke Smith

Anticipated time and date is late afternoon one day during the weekend of July 12th or 19th

Enjoy an adults-only pool party at the home of Lindsey and Luke Smith with beer on tap, wine and heavy appetizers.

Nurses Note:

Skin Safety



Spring is truly here and so is the sun. Many people love the warm sun. The sun's rays make us feel good, and in the short term, make us look good. But sun exposure causes most of the wrinkles and age spots on our faces and is the number one cause of skin cancer. Nothing can completely undo sun damage, although the skin can sometimes repair itself. Eighty percent of a person's lifetime exposure is acquired before age 18. It's never too early or late to begin protecting your skin from the sun. Now that the weather is warming up, here a few tips to help prevent sun related skin problems.

- Apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or greater 30 minutes before sun exposure and then every few hours thereafter.
- Select cosmetic products and contact lenses that offer UV protection.
- Wear sunglasses with total UV protection.
- Avoid direct sun exposure as much as possible during peak UV radiation hours between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Perform skin self exams regularly to become familiar with existing growths and to notice any changes or new growths.
- Eighty percent of a person's lifetime exposure is acquired before age 18. As a parent, be a good role model and foster skin cancer prevention habits in your child.

Avoid tanning beds.

St. Alphonsus School Health Program

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