

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
for week of October 20, 2019

*The Mission of St. Mary's School is:
To Grow Disciples of Christ*



DATES to note:

This Week

Saturday, October 19 **Homecoming** for both U of I and WSU. Students in band have been working hard for both the parade and game. Should be a great weekend for the Vandals!

Monday, October 21 Feast of St. Ursula—patroness of the Ursuline Sisters (the religious order that founded the school in 1908)

Tuesday, October 22: Parents and students are invited to meet **Mayor Bill Lambert** at St. Mary's Parish Center between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday October 22 at the Parish Center. Mayor Lambert will begin to walk to school by 7:45 a.m. Once at school all those who walked with him to school are invited to have hot chocolate, coffee and donuts in the school cafeteria. ALL are invited for this fun time. Mayor Lambert will stay for morning assembly with the students.

Wed., October 23 **Mass** at 9:00 a.m. Grades 6, 7 and 8 are the prayer leaders.

Thursday, Oct. 24 RETAKES of pictures



A, All students (PS 8) Immunization records **must be up to date and on file** at the school. First report to the state (required of every school) is due November 1. If your child's records are not up to date, your child will not be able to attend school until they are current, **or an exemption is on file at the school. (K through 8 are the only students allowed to have an exemption.)**

B. REMINDER: the school's policy dealing with **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/ILLNESS** states "Since children are near each other in a classroom, illnesses can spread rapidly. If a child is running a temperature, has a rash, has inflamed eyes, or has been sent home from school for these symptoms, please do not send the child back to school until he/she is healthy. **Students must be free from fever and vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.**" (Handbook page 24). We know it is hard, but it really is important for the child and other students to be as well as possible. In a school community (as in a family) illnesses do spread quickly! Thank you for understanding.

C. Please note starting Monday, October 21st, students may no longer wear shorts. Once weather changes for the better, usually it's in the Spring on May 1st shorts may be worn again.

D. Sign-ups for conferences (October 31 and Nov. 1st) on Google doc should be live this coming week. Be on the lookout for an email from the school office as to the link.

E. We will be having **childcare** on the conference days. Be sure to let the school know if you will be needing childcare on October 31 and November 1st. You can sign up with the office or the childcare staff.

F. Last year, *Jonathan Billings* **taught art** to the students. This will be happening again this year. He started today with grades 3 through 5th. He did a great job connecting All Hallow's Eve (i.e. Halloween) with All Saints Day (November 1st). Students were aware of the connection. He had them do a project using the acronym HALLOWEEN and the students came up with a saint for every letter. They have a "homework" assignment to read the origins of Halloween to the family outload and finish their little display and put it on display at your home.

Henry Anne Lucy Lucy Olga William Elizabeth Elizabeth Nicholas



The **Jog** was a great event. **Thank you** all who came and helped make it such a great success. We had 86% of all families present. The students showed their physical ability and strength by doing **1,840 laps in one hour**. This is equal to **440 miles** (approximately) running the Kibbie track in one hour! WOW.... Thank you again for your wonderful support. Special gratitude to the parents in PS and PK who came and participated in this event!

*REMINDER: deadline for pledge sheets + money collected is **November 1**.*

Special kudos from Stacey Thornycroft, Chair of the Jog, to all those who assisted her on making Jog so smooth. Stacey wanted to acknowledge the following people specially:

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| a) Bryson Armstrong | i) Sister Margaret Johnson, osu |
| b) Jennifer Beller | j) Joy Newlan |
| c) Debbie Johnson | k) Joe Plummer |
| d) Becky Couch | l) Julia Polito |
| e) Monica Eggleston and family | m) Jillian Poxleitner |
| f) Sarah & Tyler Flanders | n) Peggy Quesnell |
| g) Deanna Gilmore | o) Dianna Spellman |
| h) Natalie Johnson | |

And a special thank you Stacey for all your work too!!



Monday,	October 21	Fish sticks + tater tots
Tuesday,	October 22	Bacon + Pancake casserole
Wednesday,	October 23	Taquitos + rice
Thursday,	October 24	Muffin tin cheeseburgers
Friday,	October 25	Pizza

The food listed above are only for the main dish of the day. However, each meal has veggies + fruit (fresh normally).



- Flyer about *Spooky Family Fun Event*
- *Booklet of Businesses* who have supported Auction last year. You received a copy of this booklet a few weeks ago. However, there were 5 businesses that we had forgotten to add. We are sending you the updated booklet of the 233 businesses. If you do patronize any of these businesses, would you thank them for their support? Thank you.
- Flyer for *Trunk or Treat* on October 27 from 4 to 6



Attached you will find the flyer for **St. Mary's upcoming Trunk or Treat event** at the Parish Center on October 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. To make this event a success donation of yummy treats of *cupcakes, cakes, or cookies* are needed. Can you help in donating some of these items? This is a great event and so much fun for the kids of all ages and families! If you would like to donate, please respond to 208.310.9217 or jillann.blume@gmail.com so they can know how many to expect.

- Please plan to bring any donations to the family center on Sunday October 27th between 8:00am and 3:00 pm.
- If anyone would like to create a "Trunk" for the event, please contact 208.310.9217 or jillann.blume@gmail.com as soon as possible.



- A. A fun event that will start the day after Thanksgiving is the Christmas Tree Sale. We realize that in the fall/winter semester we have the three fundraising events. It is a lot of activity and commitment. Also, they can be a lot of fun for the entire family. More information/sign-ups for the Christmas Tree selling will be coming out within the next few weeks. Later in this Newsletter is information about the Auction that happens in latter part of January.
- B. Moscow Middle School basketball is coming up fast! The first day of basketball practice for boys in **grades 7 and 8 is Thursday, Oct. 24**. *For sixth grade boys, the first day of practice is the following Monday, Oct. 28*. If your child is interested in playing, please make sure to sign up on Register My Athlete **by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 23** so that we can process the information prior to the first practice. The link to Register My Athlete can be found on the Moscow Middle School website under Sports and activities. Link is: https://mms.msd281.org/sports_activities/sports_teams_and_schedules

Please scroll down the page until you see the link to Register My Athlete. Click on the link and follow the instructions there.

C. Children's Sacramental Prep for Reconciliation and Eucharist: If your child is ready to receive these sacraments this year, there will be special classes for both the parents and their children in the parish starting **Sunday, October 27** from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's Parish Center. As you know, your children receive faith instruction daily, including the sacraments. However, these classes on Sunday are for preparation of the sacraments to be *done in the home with a special book*. The first sacrament, Reconciliation, will be on January 31st. For questions or more information, contact Tina Anderson at 208-882-4813 or at musicministry@stmarysparishmoscow.org



We have found our Custodian! Welcome to **Miss Rachel Burton** who will be the one to make sure our school is clean.

**position
available**

During the snow season we need to hire a person who can do snow removal at the school. Person will need to shovel the snow (sidewalks and parking lot) between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. We do have a snow blower and access to a lawn tractor and plow. For more information contact Jennifer Beller at 208-882-2121.



Father Joe blessing of the animals recently in honor of St. Francis



Auction Is coming –Saturday, January 25, 2020---and its Theme is “Under the Big Top”. This Auction is a very important one---it's #45! Below is information about this very wonderful event for all our community!

Parents whose children are in *K through Grade 8* are encouraged to make the Auction a great success by actively participating in a Committee. Parents in Preschool and Prekindergarten are welcome to

participate too. When you volunteer with others, you will gain very much through the fun times you share with others on your committees. Below is a link to the auction committees.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1thbWeAPUcuJ_02hxi8wmkLevsCSqFOVGM9oUGXpkqa8/edit?usp=sharing

Below are the 6 Committees and information about each one. Please choose one or two that appeal to you and then go to the link to sign up. At this site you will find the 6 committee options by clicking on each colored tab at the bottom of the page. The number needed for each committee is provided, extra help is always great beyond the numbers needed. However, please be sure all committees have been filled before choosing to provide extra help to a committee that has met it's numbers. Thank you so much! Quickly sign-up to get the Committee of your choice!

Committee Name:	PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE 15 members minimum—preferably many more
Committee Description/Responsibilities:	Procurement committee members are assigned a grouping of local area businesses to contact for soliciting product, service, or merchandise donations for the auction. Committee members are responsible for contacting each business they are assigned to, picking up donation items from businesses, and delivering them to the school.
Date(s) work is completed:	Begins November 1, 2019, all items due by December 13, 2019
Time:	Various, work can be completed as your schedule allows during the above dates
What else should you know:	Procurement Committee chair, Becky Couch, will provide procurement packet and detailed instructions to parents by Friday, November 1, 2019. If you haven't visited with Becky and received your packet by this date, you will receive it from your child's teacher at parent/teacher conferences.

Please know Procurement Committee is a **key one** and needs *many parents* to assist in working on this committee. Why? Because businesses need to be contacted. So many local area businesses give so generously to the school auction. Would you be willing to give about 4 to 6 hours to connect with businesses? (More parents who sign for this Committee, the less work there is to do!) If your answer is “yes”, please sign at this site.

Committee Name:	Class Project Coordinator
Committee Description/Responsibilities:	The class project coordinator is responsible for finding someone to take the lead on creating a class project for each grade (K-8), preschool and pre-k are not required to complete a class project but can if a parent and/or teacher are interested.
Date(s) work is completed:	Substantial completion of projects/items due December 6, 2019; final completed projects due to the school office no later than January 10, 2020

Committee Name:	Moving Committee---6 members are needed
Committee Description/Responsibilities:	Moving committee members are responsible for moving all auction items from the school to the Best Western and setting up the live auction displays.
Date(s) work is completed:	Morning of January 25, 2020
Committee Name:	Silent Auction Set-up----4 members are needed
Committee Description/Responsibilities:	Silent auction set-up committee is responsible for setting up all silent auction tables, displaying donated items and setting out bid sheets.
Date(s) work is completed:	Morning of January 25, 2020

Committee Name:	Silent Auction Workers—6 members are needed
Committee Description/Responsibilities:	Silent auction workers are responsible for working the silent auction tables during the event on January 25, 2020. Work involves monitoring the tables, closing them down at designated times, recording winning bids, boxing up no-bid items and bagging winning bid items together.
Date(s) work is completed:	During the auction event - January 25, 2020; approximately 5:00 p.m. - end of auction

Committee Name:	Clean-Up Committee—6 members are needed
Committee Description/Responsibilities:	Clean-up committee is responsible for cleaning-up immediately following the event - this involves taking down displays, decorations, etc.
Date(s) work is completed:	Immediately following the live auction event on January 25, 2020; approximately 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Be sure to go to this link as soon as possible to sign-up for your committee of choice.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1thbWeAPUcuJ_02hxi8wmkLevsCSqFOVG M9oUGXpkqa8/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you!