

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
for week of December 1, 2019
The Mission of St. Mary's School is:
To Grow Disciples of Christ



Welcome
New Families

Karia Family; son is Jayce in PS

Diana Juarez Family; daughter is Alina in PK

Paige/Wade Family; son is Raelynd in PS



A huge **thank you** to all who helped unload the Christmas trees at the school lot on November 26. All records were broken! Unloading of 800 trees only took 45 minutes! Congratulations and deep gratitude to Erin Linskey and all who did such a great job!

LINK is: The link for the **Christmas Tree Shift** Sign up is:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mv7_AHmbEa-VjPOiWvK1s4hW2G1K3ZJgXdU6nDbg58/edit?usp=sharing

AUCTION

IF you are looking for your family donation to the Auction: *the following information is regarding a possible donation item for a family or families to get together to purchase and donate to the auction:*

Three Rivers Rafting - willing to sell to us for 50% off normal prices, one of three options for a Lochsa river trip (*described below*) - if there is a family or a few families that want to get together to purchase the other 50% of the trip, this would make a great auction donation! The Lochsa River is rated in the top 10 rivers worldwide for white water rafting every year. There are *three different* options which are:

- a. Full day whitewater raft trip for 4-6 people (\$75/person after the 50% discount, so \$300 - \$450 for 50% of the cost). Includes transportation, all equipment needed for the river, a hot, riverside lunch and a guided trip down 20+ miles of white water.
- b. Relaxing Selway river trip for 4-6 people - kick your feet back, swim and relax for the day (\$42.50/person after the 50% discount, so \$170 - \$255).
- c. River fishing trip for 4-6, full day of all-inclusive fishing, lunch provided (\$125/person after 50% discount, so \$500 - \$750 for 50% of the cost).

For any questions and/or information regarding Auction, contact, Dianna Spellman, chair, at diannaespellman@gmail.com

FAMILY PICTURE

We would like to update and include our new families on the “family wall” in the lower hall. If you would send a picture via email (office@stmarysmoscow.com) to the school of your family, we will update our wall.

This Week

DATES to note:

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| Sunday, December 1: | Beginning of Advent |
| Monday, December 2: | Student Council Campaign Week
Foundation Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Parish Center
Vote this week for the LION mascot you like. See the lions on display in the lower hall. |
| Tuesday, December 3: | <i>I Give donations go live today.</i> Can donate at boise.igiveCatholic.org to make donations to our school. 100% of all funds given comes directly to the school.

School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the School |
| Wednesday, December 4: | Mass at 9:00 a.m. with students of Gr. 6, 7 and 8 are the prayer leaders |
| Friday, December 6: | Feast of St. Nicholas (the real and original Santa Claus)
Math Circle today at 2:30 p.m.
Christmas Parade tonight in downtown Moscow---starts at 6:00 p.m.—school will have a float—come and enjoy the community event. |
| Saturday, December 7: | Safety Environment Training at the Parish Center at 11:00 a.m. Anyone who assists/volunteers in classrooms or drives children are asked to go through this training by the Diocese. It takes about one hour. |
| Sunday, December 8: | Catholic Women’s League breakfast meeting—ALL women are welcomed! Starts at 9:15 a.m.
Sacramental Preparation for first Reconciliation for children and their parents begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center; ends by 10:30 a.m. |



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| Monday, Dec. 2: | Taco salad with choice of ground beef, black beans, lettuce, cheddar cheese, green onions, celery, grated carrots, tortilla chips, tomatoes, etc. |
| Tuesday, December 3: | Buttered noodles + corn + bacon |
| Wednesday, Dec. 4: | Chicken noodle soup + tortilla sandwiches (meat and/or cheese) |
| Thursday, December 5: | Grades 4/5 Choice: Burger bar (students are given a hamburger +bun and they choose their own toppings + condiments= pickles, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onion, ketchup mustard, mayo) + French fries |
| Friday, December 6: | Salad Bar with choice of tomatoes, chicken, tuna, lettuce, tortilla chips, olives, pickles, etc. |



Safety Environment Workshop Saturday December 7 at 11:00 a.m. at the Parish Center. Anyone who works with young people are required by the Diocese to be trained. For more information call Sister Margaret at the school.

December 8: Catholic Women's League breakfast at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. All women are invited to come and have breakfast with other women. Bring a Christmas ornament (wrapped worth \$5) to share with others. Great time to join in a fun time with other women.

December 11: speeches will be given at the Church after Mass. Then voting will take place in the classrooms upon returning to school. Students from Grades K through 8th will be voting for the candidates.

December 17: Christmas Concert. This year the students will be doing the play *Frozen*. Starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church.

December 18 will be the **Pizza for lunch---no cost and Bingo Party** for all grades who have earned 100% of their monies for the Jog-a-thon. (*Requirement was \$200 per child in pledges earned.*)

Here is where each class ranks now as of today (December 1):

Grade K	128%
**Grade 1	110%
**Grade 2	128%
**Grade 3	124%
Grade 4	147%
**Grade 5	83%
**Grade 6	193%
Grade 7	151%
Grade 8	108%

***Some families owe on their jog bills in these grades. ALL but one the classes have gone over 100% due to those students have brought in pledges of \$250 or more per student (24)! GREAT JOB has been done by the school community.*

Several families in Preschool and Prekindergarten also participated and brought funds in for the jog even though they weren't required to do this. So, both PS and PK will have Pizza for lunch (no cost) and Bingo party too.

Also, on December 18 we will award the prizes for **MOST pledges** obtained as well as **STUDENTS** WHO have brought in money of \$250 +. Students will grab money from the jar as following:

- ❖ 1st Place student gets 4 HANDFULS
- ❖ 2ND Place student gets 3 HANDFULS
- ❖ 3rd Place student gets 2 HANDFULS
- ❖ Other students who have placed 4th place and more over \$250 will get 1 HANDFUL (2 for small hands)



Are you or do you know a couple who is going through a difficult time in their marriage? If you answered “yes” then **Retrouville** may assist the couple(s) with their marriage. This is for couples who would like to redisciver their marriage and improved communication. For more information call 509-520-4118 or 800-470-2230 (all is treated with confidential).

The ***Foundation for the School*** is a separate 501 C3 corporation. It was established over 30 years ago for the express purpose of raising monies (from the interest earned) on the endowment (that is, the corpus).

This year, the Foundation was able to provide to the school almost \$97,000. (This amount is equal to \$907 **per student** this year!)

Parents, won't you consider donating to the Foundation? The money you give is never touched. *Up to 5% of the monies earned yearly is given to the school.*

The GOAL of the Foundation is to have a corpus of \$10,000,000. We are 20% there. With ten million dollars, the school's tuition will be about \$500 per year! Why? Interest on ten million would pay for 80% of the school per year. 80% of the budget is salaries and benefits.

Won't you help by donating, preferably monthly, to the Foundation? Every amount helps build towards the goal. No donation is too small! Thank you. *Attached is the information that has been sent to parishioners.* For more information, call the school.

NEEDED

Following items are needed for families that are “homeless” and are on their way of finding housing and jobs. Sister Margaret serves on the Family Promise of the Palouse Board and she has been asked to see if families have any of the following items they no longer need and are clean:

- Luggage + boys or girls socks and underpants (size 2 T through sizes 14/16 large)

If you have either item, would you please drop them at the school and Sister Margaret will bring them to the Family Promise center. Thank you.

NOTE attached flyers for:

- Music Christmas Schedule
- St. Mary's/All-City Band Rehearsal and Concert Information