



**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**St. Mary's Parish School**  
**Week of May 17, 2021**



*Students who assist with the Garden Club after school are enjoying the work of their labor. They are snacking on a plate of freshly grown veggies!!!*



*The Garden Club has requests for the following items:*

- ❖ *Two bales of straw and*
- ❖ *Strawberry plants (need many of these).*



*IF you are able to assist with either one (or both) call Bart Quesnell to let him know what you can do. You can call or text him at: 208-727-7734*

*Also, needed the grass around the Green House needs to **be mowed**. Does someone have the time to do it?*

**Flowing from the recent CDC Statements, we want to respond to questions we have received:**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we published some questions regarding the continuation of wearing of masks. However, given the recent items that have been published recently, namely:

- ❖ what Governor Little announced on May 11 stating that he was moving Idaho out of Stage Three into Stage Four
- ❖ a letter that was received from Bishop Peter releasing new guidelines around the removal of COVID restrictions
- ❖ the new guidelines regarding masks that were announced on Thursday, May 13 by the CDC for those who have been fully vaccinated

We are answering the following questions that have come to our attention.

**Q. Will Mass on Fridays this year be open for “visitors” to come? And, will Mass return to church this year?**

**A.** No to both questions. **However**, since the last Mass of the school year, (June 4) will be outside ALL parents/parishioners are welcome to come. Those who have not been vaccinated, will need to wear masks.

**Q. Will masks be required when the school (Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> graders) go to Klemgard Park?**

A Since the students will be out in the fresh air on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. masks will **not** be required.

**Q. Will any of the procedures change before school is out on June 4<sup>th</sup>?**

A. The changes have been made **ONLY** for those *who have been fully vaccinated*. Unvaccinated people, which at this point means children are **still required** to wear masks and practice social distancing.  
We, the teachers and staff who work with your child(ren) will continue to wear masks while working with them.

**Q. Given the new guidelines from the CDC, are you going to allow the children to be outside without masks on?**

A. According to CDC guidelines, children still need to wear a mask and continue to practice social distancing in order to be protected. It's important for the children to be in well ventilated spaces too (and as you know, our classrooms *are* well ventilated).

**Q. How long will be children be required to wear masks?**

A. For this school year, it is required through the last day of school, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Masks will not be required either at Klemgard (June 2) nor at the Mass on the Grass (Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>) since we will be outdoors. However, any unvaccinated adults who are present must wear masks.

*We hope these responses addresses your questions. Do know, Fr. Joe or Sister Margaret are here to answer any others you may have. Thank you for both your understanding and support!*

**Hot Lunch** + information for the date/day



**Monday, May 17:**

**Sausage, egg, and cheese casserole/ fresh veggies/ oranges**  
Last day of campaigning for Student Council positions  
Garden Club meets after school today.  
5:30 p.m. Foundation Board meeting via ZOOM

**Tuesday, May 18:**

**Nacho dip with hamburger, cheese, etc. + chips + veggies + fruit**  
8:15 Speeches for those running for Student Council with voting by students afterwards

**Wednesday, May 19:**

**Chicken or tuna salad + chips + veggies + fruit**

**Thursday, May 20:**

**hot dogs + chips + veggies + fruit**  
Garden Club meets today after school.  
***Happy Birthday to Erin Fitt (PS teacher)***

**Friday, May 21:**

**Taquitos (beef or chicken) + rice + corn + fruit**  
Mass at 9:00 Grade 2 are the prayer leaders  
New Student Council officers will be installed after Mass  
Staff meeting at 2:30 p.m.

***Family Promise of the Palouse's "Comfort Food" from Your Car***  
see further information on page 5 and the attached flyer.

**Please NOTE the following:**

- ❖ A wonderful tradition our school has had for over 45 years is a day at **Klemgard Park**. The park is between Pullman and Colfax and it has 59 acres of land that includes a trail, wide open spaces, an area of play equipment and a barbecue pit. Well kept bathrooms, etc. It's just a space and place for the whole family. Given that it is outdoors and given the recent CDC guidelines, we are hoping as many parents who can will join us for the day of fun and sun. *(There have only be two of the 45 years we've been rained out and had to make the school into Klemgard!!!)* Below is some key information for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please call if you have any questions. Given their age and length of day, we have found it best to have only students from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade attend Klemgard and the Preschoolers and PreK will have their own "little" Klemgard at school.

**Klemgard Park---guidelines, behavior and dress**

**Behavior:** Students are to stay on the trail when hiking. **Grades K, 1 and 2** must be accompanied by at least **one adult on the trails**.  
**Grades 3 through 7** must go with **at least one other upper grade student or adult**.

**Dress:** Socks and good solid –closed toe---shoes (tennis) must be worn for hiking and playing; sunscreen; dress modestly; no "short shorts nor skimpy straps or see thru blouses".

No phones, no iPods, no video games, etc. are allowed. Be ready to play and enjoy the outdoors. Be ready to enjoy God's world!

**Booster seats:** For students who need them are REQUIRED—if you child is not riding in your car.

**Food:**

Gr. Kindergarten+ Gr. 2	each student brings veggies (tray or bag)
Gr. 1	each student brings 2 LARGE cans of Bush's baked beans
Gr. 3 and Gr. 4	each student brings fruit (cut-up pieces OR salad OR trays of)
Gr. 5 and Gr. 6:	each student brings <i>TWO large</i> bags of chips
Gr. 7 and Gr. 8:	each student brings <i>TWO dozen</i> cookies

The Hot dogs (Costco), buns, condiments and juice will be provided by the school. Water and rest rooms are at the site. You may want your child bring his/her water bottle too. School will have some cases of water on site, just in case.

- ❖ **Summer Program IS happening:**

<b>Program will start:</b>	Tuesday, June 8 and end August 13, 2021.
<b>Time of Program</b>	7:00 a.m. till 5:30 p.m.
<b>For ages</b>	3 (have to be potty trained) through age 12
<b>Cost</b>	will be based on number of hours child attends and the age of the child—discounted rates apply for those who sign for a full month

**Activities** will be based on the ages of those involved. Just *some* of the activities **will** be hikes, movies, gymnastics, science, crafts, etc.

**Interested?** contact the school for a registration form or more information.

**Other Items to Note:**

- ❖ **Dessert Recipes** Catholic Women's League is collecting any and all "Dessert Recipes" that will be made into a dessert cookbook and will be available for sale November 1st with proceeds going to CWL. IF you have a delicious favorite dessert recipe please drop off at either drop off box locations in the back of St. Mary's Church or at the Parish Center outside the office. The cookbook will also provide a *gluten free and diabetic section* for those recipes as well. Deadline for collection is August 15th. For more information or questions please contact Cindy Connelly at 509-336-4005.
- ❖ During the month of May, we are inviting **students to bring flowers** for the statue of Mary in the school gym. This is a way to honor the mother of Jesus.
- ❖ *Please tell* others you know about St. Mary's School. **YOUR family is the best ambassador for the school**, so please do invite your friends to consider St. Mary's for their child's education! We are able to give tours after school hours. Also, teachers are available to speak with prospective families too. We have postcards that can be given to interested people. Please call the school office for us to give them to you.
- ❖ *The students of Grades 2 through 8 just finished taking MAPS (Measure of Academic Progress)*, The MAP test is adaptive, meaning that the computer allows for the test questions to adapt to the individual skill levels of all students. If a student answers a question correctly, the questions will become more difficult; if a student answers a question incorrectly, the questions will become easier. The MAP test covered reading, language usage, science and mathematics. The MAPS test is not timed and most students complete the test in less than an hour. If students complete their regularly assigned homework, they are prepared for the test.  
*RESULTS* of the recent tests will be given to you, the parents, with the report cards at the end of school. What are some things we have seen with this recent testing? Learning IS definitely taking place; growth rates of the students are VERY strong. And students new to St. Mary's this year have attained good growth rates in subjects. Students who have been with us for a few years, have even stronger, growth rates. Students who have been with us longer than four years, given their scores and growth rates, continued learning is taking place and each one is moving towards their full potential.
- ❖ **SCHOOL MUSICAL is definitely happening.** The play is Mary Poppins Jr. It is a musical based on stories of Ms. Travers and the Walt Disney Film. As always, music teacher, Nikki Crathorne, has as her focus a play/a musical that teaches truths that will stay with the students. They have a fun time learning the music, the dance steps, etc. but the messages the songs give is what the students are really learning. Listen to your child as s/he sings the songs they are learning. And as you see the video, listen carefully to the words and how meaningful they truly are. The lessons taught are for a lifetime!
- ❖ There are several persons looking for a job (who are willing to be trained) whose unemployment have been cut. If you know of *any place* looking to hire, would you call Sister Margaret (or email her) so she can pass the information on to those who are looking for a job? Thank you!

## Comfort Food from Your Car---May 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This year **Family Promise of the Palouse** is having a special type of COMFORT FOOD fundraiser. Family Promise volunteers are providing a Spaghetti Dinner for individuals or families. One needs to preorder and "buy" tickets online at <https://www.familypromisepalouse.org/comfort-food-from-your-car> .

Then on Friday, May 21, all you have to do is stay in your car and your meal will be brought to you!

One can purchase

Pasta with Vandal meats OR  
Pasta that is meatless OR  
Gluten free pasta

COSTS:

For an individual is \$10.00  
For a family of 4 is \$30.00  
For a child is \$5.00

ALL proceeds go to Family Promise of the Palouse to ending homelessness!

For more information call Family Promise at 208-882-0165 or check the attached flyer.

The spaghetti dinners are being made in our school kitchen. Sr. Margaret is a Board Member for Family Promise and she will be assisting in the meal making. Please consider buying a meal for your family. We promise it will be delicious. Also, please tell your friends about this event. Tickets are limited.

### Future DATES to note:

- May 17 Campaigns end today Student Council positions for fall 2021
- May 17 Foundation Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. at the school
- May 18 Speeches by those running for Student Council positions, followed by voting for the new Student Council for Fall 2021 will occur first thing in the morning.
- May 20 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Fitt* (PS teacher)
- May 21 Mass Gr. 2  
Ceremony for new the Student Council officers for fall 2021

**NOTE: Library books are all due ONE week from today.....**

*Today the Family Promise of the Palouse will be having a Spaghetti Dinner  
Carry out...information flyer will be coming out.*

- May 21-22:** Rummage Sale led by Catholic Women's League is scheduled for May 21st and 22nd. Proceeds will be used to benefit others within our community. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Sylvia Brown at (509) 338-1251 or [sylbrown@live.com](mailto:sylbrown@live.com)
- May 27: The Catholic Women's League is pairing with Wild at Art and painting ceramic bowls on Thursday May 27th. All are welcome to participate for FREE if you donate the bowl to the Bread and Bowl Project. If you would like to paint one to keep, pre-order for only \$18. Payment due to the office by May 21st. Call the office with questions or signup via a link on the calendar.
- May 28 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Swam*, Kindergarten teacher  
Mass Gr. 1  
**Library books are due TODAY....any books not turned by today will be charged \$25 (cost to replace the book). Please talk with your children so you won't be charged.**
- May 31 **NO SCHOOL:** Memorial Day Holiday (No Childcare Available)

**Wed. June 2: Klemgard Picnic:** whole school attends this long standing tradition (over 45 years)...given the space and being outdoors at Klemgard we hope as many families will join us as possible. The main dish (hot dogs a la Costco) will be provided by the school. Other items families will be asked to donate. See the note about this in this Newsletter.

June 2 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Karen Herrenbruck, Gr. 4 teacher*

June 3 *Happy Birthday Mrs. Elizabeth McEvoy, Gr. 5 teacher*

June 4 **Last Day of School**-- the last Mass of the school year at 9:00 a.m. and school ends @ 1pm

June 6 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Mass at St. Mary's at 12:30 p.m.

June 8: Summer program begins....see details about this in this Newsletter

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