



St. Mary's Parish School Newsletter
Week of February 7, 2022

It is the **Mission** of our school to encourage and challenge our students to grow tangibly in their relationship with God, as they strive to be life-long learners *igniting their faith, knowledge, creativity,*

Update regarding Samson Bright's condition:

It was this past Monday, January 31, when one of our Prekindergartners, Samson Bright, was injured while practicing hockey. His mother is our upper grade teacher, Ashleigh Bright. Samson's liver was lacerated. He was life flighted from Gritman to Sacred Heart in Spokane. Fortunately, he did not need surgery and he was released from ICU to a regular room. He is improving daily but will need to be in the hospital this coming week.

Many parents have asked what they could do to help the family. One of the parents have set-up a **Go Fund Me** account. Below, is more information from Heather Jones, the parent who is a close friend to the Bright's and who set-up the Go Fund Me Account, wrote the following: "Please consider helping the Bright's pay for these two weeks of unpaid, missed work, two weeks of overnight lodgings since the hospital only houses Samson, their meals, and the immense cost of all of Samson's specialized care. Once the Bright's are back from the hospital, we will be organizing a meal train to help lighten their load and give them a chance to rest from this trauma. If you would like to participate in this meal train, please contact Sister Margaret (sistterm@stmarysmoscow.com) who will give you Heather Jones's contact information.

Here's the link to the Bright's GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/9b3f9b79>



This week is **National Marriage Week: "Called to the Joy of Love"**

Monday, Feb. 7: **Foundation for St. Mary's School meets at 5:30 p.m. at the school**

Report cards will be mailed home this week. NOTE: students who have been out for an extended period of time will receive their report cards once they have had the time to complete needed school work. Mrs. Bright's students will receive their report cards once she returns to school (after Feb. 14).

Tuesday, Feb. 8: **International Day of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking**

Friday, Feb. 11: **Mass at 9:00 with Gr. 5 as the Prayer leaders at St. Mary's Church**

Dismissal at 2:15

Faculty Meeting at 2:30 p.m.

World Day for the Sick

Sunday, Feb. 13: *World Marriage Sunday*



Monday, February 7:	Tacos + cheese, tomatoes
Tuesday, February 8:	Chicken nuggets + French fries
Wednesday, Feb. 9:	Taquitos +rice
Thursday, Feb. 10:	Waffles + sausage
Friday, Feb. 11:	Fish Sticks + tater tots



To two new families:

Kalissa & Jeremy Van Houten and their son, Tyler, to our Preschool;
Corbin & Debrainne Hohstadt and their daughter, Claire, to our Prekindergarten.

Catholic Schools Week Update

We had a fabulous week with various activities set-up by our Student Council. Three key highlights were the Mass on Thursday that the Student Council led;



was held on Thursday...
students beat their teachers



Students gave service by connecting with the Children at St. Jude's Hospital and sending Cards/letters to Samson Bright.

Accreditation this past week

We had a wonderful week with the Team Members who came to give us input on our Self-Study. They shared with us many excellent ideas as well as saying in many different ways what a wonderful school community we have. From the students, to the teachers, to the staff, et al, they were legitimately touched so positively by their experiences here. We will be sharing more in the future Newsletters!

FROM:

Our Fundraisers Team: Dianna Spellman and Natalie Johnson:

*"It is that time again to start work on our **annual dinner and auction!**"*

When: Silent (online) May 7th and Live May 14th @ 5pm

Where: 1912 Center, Moscow

Theme: *An Elegant Night Under the Sea*

This year's auction fundraiser will be different than years past. Please pay close attention to the new structuring of the event as there are multiple changes. Due to the success of last year's online silent auction, we decided to continue the online silent auction, meaning that this year will include both a virtual and a live in-person portion.

The live portion will have one silent table that starts online, but ends in-person at the live event. Also, the live event will be a "hybrid" event, meaning those unable to attend in-person can log in and participate remotely.

Another change this year is that the live auction will take place at a new venue location. Due to these changes, there are additional AND different committee positions for you to participate in. Please read through each description before signing up for a committee. Although

committee *names* may look familiar, the committee *descriptions have changed* slightly. Keep in mind, PROCUREMENT is the *most important committee*, although, historically it's the hardest to fill. If we get at least 10 people signed up, that means each person is responsible for contacting roughly 10 businesses.

There will be a committee chair meeting either the last week of April or the first week of May. First-time committee chair members are welcome, so we encourage those of you who have never done it before to not be afraid of letting your talents show.

To alleviate additional stress that fundraising puts on our front office, we (Dianna and Natalie) have been hired to directly oversee all fundraising for the school. Therefore, please direct all questions, comments or concerns to us.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work to help ensure the auction is our most successful fundraiser of the school year!

Your fundraising team,

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hObmftSgGZdcrFwAhInKpoojqroOQoyT5BAjqITM2Kw/edit?usp=sharing>

(The above item was emailed to ALL families on February 4th. If you did not receive it, please let Dianna or Natalie know as soon as possible.)

Some Dates to Note in the Days/Weeks Ahead

- ❖ Next Sunday, February 13th, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Superbowl Breakfast at St. Mary's Parish Center. The breakfast is a fundraiser for the Moscow Food Bank, Care Net of the Palouse, and the St. Mary's School Foundation. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Mark your calendars and please plan to join us on February 13th for a delicious breakfast in support of the many great organizations in our community! Cost is by donation.
- ❖ Paint and Sip will be on Tuesday February 15th at 6pm at the Parish Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to do a lovely picture (no talent needed, just a desire to do). Jenn Morrison will lead the class and I promise you, you will be delighted with the outcome. Cost is \$5 for the canvas and materials. Call 208-882-4813 to sign-up.
- ❖ **Saturday, February 19th** after the 5pm Mass at the Parish Center. Denise Wetzel, of ReMARKable Farms, will be giving a talk on the history of fasting, types of fasting, prayer, and tips for fasting. She will be using information from the book "Eat, Fast, Feast: Heal Your Body While Feeding Your Soul? A Christian Guide To Fasting". You do not have to have read the book before coming.
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's:** Pope Francis is calling the Church worldwide to an intensive process of encounter, listening, and discernment called a Synod. Bishop Peter launched the diocesan-level phase where he will offer Adoration and Mass followed by table discussions in each deanery of the diocese.
- ❖ **March 25th** at St. Mary's Parish Center: the school families are responsible for Soup and Bread for Lenten Supper at 5:30 p.m. Then the school families are responsible for Stations of the Cross that follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Church. ALL families are invited to come to both events---it is ***not limited to Catholics***. Please come!
- ❖ The Catholic Women's League is sponsoring a **Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 2nd from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Parish Center!** Sister Barbara Jean Glodowski from the Monastery of St.

Gertrude will be leading the retreat at no cost. Participants will need to bring a brown bag lunch. Sign up by calling the Parish Office 208-882-4813.

For your reflection:

What is the REAL value of Catholic Education today?

David Coleman was the keynote speaker recently at the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Conference in San Diego, CA. He began his talk by asserting that the **only force** that science knows that can transform the course of a child's life is a great teacher. He described education as a "soul craft" and added that Catholic educators bring the following to this craft:

1. **Productive solitude** as opposed to the "technology of interruption" that our world pushes. All great thinkers, while inspired by a community, rely on solitude to achieve their most creative work. Since we teach prayer and meditation, we provide young people with much-needed solitude.
2. **Reverent reading of shared texts.** Today, many in education resist selecting texts that all will read. As a result, we don't share a worldview with others nor are we able to join in the "great conversation." As Catholics, we reverently read many shared texts: Scripture, the lives and writings of the saints, Church documents, etc. We also dare to know things by heart—something that is becoming a lost art.
3. **Restful excellence** as opposed to frenzied excellence that the world espouses. The best predictor of success, other than grades and scores, is sustained engagement in a single activity. As Catholic educators, we encourage young people to become architects of their own time.
4. **A sense of gratitude and grace.** When so many young people think that the world is owed to them, Catholic education fosters a sense of grace and gratitude—a recognition and appreciation of the sheer gift of God's grace.
5. **Dignity and pricelessness of ideas.** Rather than being purely utilitarian, Catholic education is truly a "soul craft." We are animated by an idea (the Gospel/Kingdom of God), not simply by the desire to achieve a goal.

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