

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
for week of October 7, 2019



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



In discussions with new parents, the reason we overwhelmingly hear *why* you have chosen St. Mary's Parish School for your child(ren's) education due to faith development. A strong academic curriculum is important; however, faith is key for remaining.

Flowing from that realization, I wanted to share a couple of comments made by students yesterday. Yesterday was "Walk to School Day" and we had a couple of University of Idaho basketball players here to help Stacey Thornycroft with this activity (Thank you to all of them!!). After assembly, as these two U of I student athletes were about to leave the building, a kindergartner said to them "Bye guys, I'm going to church!" He said it with strong purpose and was truly looking forward to going.

Then later, at lunch, when we commented on the nice bow tie a young student was wearing with his shirt, he said "This bow tie is for church!" again with purpose and conviction. Also, a very large portion of the students and their families actively attend and serve in church ministries. Know, *you* are making a huge difference in the lives of your children. Know also, that the more active you are as a family, the more your children will remain active as they grow into adulthood. Blessings and thank you for your commitment to helping your children and family grow as *Disciples of Christ*.

Next week, our students will be taking a part in a "Disabilities Awareness Program" every morning at assembly for about 15 minutes. We are working with a doctoral student and her professors from WSU's College of Education. We will watch a video and I will lead a short discussion with students, coming from a Christ-centered approach. I gave a survey to students in 3rd -8th grade to gauge where each one is in their understanding of persons with "disabilities". We are hope-filled excited to see how the students will grow in compassion and understanding. Stay tuned – more to come next week.

School Uniforms: Parents, if you have **not received** your order for uniforms from Educational Outfitters in Boise— please call the school office at 208-882-2121 to let us know what you have not yet received. Thank you.



Security of the front door is now working! Anyone wanting to enter the front door will only have to push the bell to the right of the door (smaller of the two buttons) and wait for the door to be released. Thank you to Father Joe and parishioners for all they did to make the school safe and secure for the students!

DATES to note: _____

This Week _____

Monday, Oct. 7 "Disability Awareness Week" begins at assembly.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 "Disability Awareness Week" continues at assembly

Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 15 youth by Bishop Peter Christiansen at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 "Disability Awareness Week" continues at assembly

Mass with Grade 3 as prayer leaders

Moscow High School Orchestra will have a concert for grades PS – 8th grade....they will be playing in the school cafeteria. All are invited to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 10 “Disability Awareness Week” continues at assembly

Friday, Oct. 11 “Disability Awareness Week” assembly ends

Math Circle begins after school---thank you Jennifer Johnson-Leung for providing this wonderful opportunity for the students in grades 3 to 8. (see below for more information).

Jog-a-thon runs from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome...deep gratitude to Stacey Thornycroft, chair and all who are assisting her.

ONLY 5 days left before the JOG-a-thon at the Kibbie Dome on Friday, October 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Joggers only need to run for one hour.)



See **attached FLYERS** for key information regarding prizes students/grades can earn for participating in the “Sister Incarnation “JOG-A-THON this year

Also attached is a **Map showing where to park** at the Kibbie Dome.

Due to construction and 6th Street being closed at Line Street; one can get to the Kibbie Dome by taking **Stadium Drive or Perimeter Drive** from the Moscow-Pullman highway.

Key Information



Just a reminder re BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION: download the **new Box Tops app**, OR collect traditional box tops OR turn in your receipts to the school office. (See attached flyer for BTFE (Box Tops For Education) for more information.... thank you to Joy Newlan who is the coordinator of this program for us!

FYI: As of this week, we have had three cases of head lice in the school in various grades. Reminder our Policy dealing with head lice/nits

If a student is found with head lice/nits—s/he will need to go home immediately. After treatment, the child may return to school. However, the parent will need to come to school with the child to have the head checked by school personnel before school in order to be readmitted to class. If there are no nits the student may attend class. If there are nits, the parent will need to take the child home and continue the head lice treatment. The school office has some documents regarding head lice that may be helpful to the family. (Updated September 2019)



- Monday, Oct. 7: Tortilla casserole
- Tuesday, Oct. 8: Hot dogs + chips
- Wednesday, Oct. 9: Chicken noodle soup + sandwiches (meat or tuna)
- Thursday, Oct. 10: Sausage McMuffin Casserole
- Friday, Oct. 11: Mac n cheese with ham



Dear Parents,

I am happy to announce that I will be offering *Math Circle* again this fall on Friday afternoons from 2:30-4pm. We will be meeting in Mrs. Bieker's room beginning next Friday, October 11.

The format will be somewhat different than in the past years. For the first 45-60 minutes, students will work in small groups on problem solving curriculum that is tailored to *their* level. Students in grades 3-5 will be working on the [Beast Academy](#) curriculum from Art of Problem Solving, and students in grades 6-8 will be working with material from the [MathCounts](#) competition. I have the full Beast Academy Guide Book library which I will bring for the students to use. While there is *no fee for the Math Circle*, the [Beast Academy Practice](#) books are consumables which cost \$12 each. You may purchase a book for your child, or I can purchase it for you.

The second half of the circle will be a combination of mathematical board games and live, friendly math competitions. In addition, we will have challenge problems that we will work on together as a group, sometimes over several weeks.

I will not be providing snacks this year, but students are welcome to bring snacks, provided that we keep the room neat. If there is interest, students may bring snacks to share.

Please reach out to me with any questions and know that you are always welcome to come play math with us!

Best,

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Needed: parent volunteers (maybe one day a week) to come to recess between 11:45 and 12:15. You choose the day that works for you. If this is something you would like to do, please call the school—2028-882-2121---to let us know. Thank you!

Do you have experience in robotics/coding? We're looking for volunteers to work with 6th-8th graders in learning robotics coding on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. Call the school office for more information or to volunteer.

**JOB
OPENING**

AT THE SCHOOL....Custodial/Maintenance position at the school is still needed. Do let us know if you know anyone who might be interested in this position.

Pray, then let it go.
Don't try and manipulate
or force the outcome. Just
trust God to open the right
doors at the right time.
Amen

