



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER for January 6, 2020

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



Happy New Year Everyone!! Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed your time with family and friends 😊. I have spoken with a few parents in the last few days and they, like us, are excited to begin the new year and the new decade. As you know *January 25th is our 45th school auction*. It is quite heartwarming to see such tremendous support over the years for our school from parishioners, community members, and businesses. It is a true testament to the value of, and commitment to our school within the greater Moscow/Pullman communities. Auction tickets are available both through the office and online at our school website. Please consider attending as well as inviting family, friends, co-workers, and any others you might know to join us in the wonderful and grand event. If this is your first time, welcome – you will truly feel the Spirit moving in among us – If you are a seasoned attender, we are excited to have you help rally everyone and raise the roof as we help support our *Mission to Grow Disciples of Christ*. Many blessings on you and your family this New Year/Decade.

AUCTION For reservations “Under the Big Top” Event on **January 25** now available call the office (208-882-2121).



Today, January 6, we have a **new family** and **two new students**. Our newest family is the Schirmer Family from Davenport, Washing. John is the new anesthetist at Gritman Hospital and his wife, Erika, is a professional photographer. Warren their son is in Pre-K and their daughter is in 9th Grade. The other new student is in Preschool, Samson Bright, is the little brother to Nola in Grade 2; mom is Ashleigh; dad is Jerry. Welcome to both Warren and Samson---we are happy that you are with us at St. Mary's.

New Staff Member Spotlight

Reed Richardson has been aiding this past fall in our third grade as she worked on her degree at the University of Idaho. She did a wonderful job with our students. We have hired to aide in our school She will start Monday, January 13th and her main assignment will be working in our third grade. She will help in other classes as needed. Reed is looking forward to joining us as a full-time aide at St. Mary's. We are looking forward to having her and her gifts fully at school this spring. Please help us welcome Reed.

DATES to note:

This Week

Monday, January 6:	School starts at 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, January 7:	School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the school
Wednesday, January 8:	Mass with students at 9:00 a.m.; teachers are the leaders

Sunday, January 12: Parent meeting for the sacrament of First Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m. Parents meet in the church. This is the last meeting before the Sacrament is received on Friday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus breakfast between the Masses (8:45 to 11) as a fundraiser for the Pennies from Heaven program.



Also, on Sunday is the following **Family Open Gym Time**

On Sunday, January 12, 2020 in the School Open Gym from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—mark your calendars...

Friendly Reminders

School has begun once the students are gathered for morning assembly (8:15 a.m.). If a student arrives after this time the side door is not to be used. Students need to come through the **front door** and then go immediately to assembly. S/he does not need to stop in the office for a “tardy”; teachers will note those who are late. We do ask that the late students wait by the 8th graders and once assembly is finished,

they may join their class.

Coming on Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Center will be a **Safe Environment Workshop**. This program is required of all volunteers/teachers who work with young people (children and teenagers). Please let the school office know if you will be attending (882-2121).

STUDENT COUNCIL
SERVE LEAD INSPIRE

Wednesday, Jan. 22: since there is no Mass so the installation of the new **Student Council Officers** will take place at 8:15 a.m.

PRESIDENT: Gianna Niehenke

VICE PRESIDENT: Katelyn Swam

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS: Sadie Newlan

SCHOOL SPIRIT: Hannah Johnson-Leung

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Anna Linskey

NATURAL HELPERS: Mason Poxleitner



January	6	Pizza Grade 2 choice
January	7	Crème Brule + bacon
January	8	hot dogs + chips
January	9	Baked potato bar
January	10	Pasta with choice of sauces: tomato sauce + meat OR vegetarian

Daily choice of fresh fruits and fresh salad/vegetables

FAMILY PICTURE

Reminder families whose picture is not on the wall, please send your picture via email to office@stmarysmoscow.com or bring a copy to the office. Thank you!



For your reflection

Top 10 New Year's Resolution Ideas for Parents (from the Bright Horizons website:

<https://www.bright Horizons.com/family-resources/ten-new-years-resolutions-for-parents>) :

As parents, New Year's resolutions are a great way to improve you and your family's lives. At the start of another new year/decade: 2020, it is important to reflect on the past year and remind ourselves of your good parenting successes and the ways you have acted in the best interests of your children. However, we are often too quick to be critical of ourselves and forget all the wonderful nurturing you have done. Here are 10 resolutions that might assist and fit your family in 2020. It's given for your inspiration. Those highlighted in blue are from <https://www.bright Horizons.com/family-resources>.

1. *Say "Yes" More.* Try saying "yes" more to spending quality family time and doing things together.
2. *Say "No" More.* When it comes to words children say to you like *I want, I need, everyone has it, and everyone does it*, learn how to say "no."
3. *Worry Less.* Keeping kids safe should be a priority, but don't let your worries about all the large and small highly sensationalized harm that exists out there drive your life. The overwhelming odds are with you. Instead, find ways to make your kids world safer and let them actively explore what's around them.
4. *Listen More; Talk at Less.* Ask "What do you think? What are you feeling? Tell me about it. What would you do?"
5. *Negotiate Less; Explain More.* Our kids deserve to know the thinking behind our decisions and expectations but should *not be equal partners* at the bargaining table. We are the parents.
6. *Read a Little More.* It's not only a good way to spend time together, but reading to your child, with your child, and in front of your child will also help them grow as readers. Grab your books, magazines, newspapers, notes, and visit our Growing Readers website for inspiration.
7. *Write a Little More.* Get in the habit of writing notes of encouragement, love, recognition, responsibility, and daily appreciation of life.
8. *Expect a Little More.* In the new year, expect more from your children, like good behavior, responsibility, manners, kindness, and all of the goodness that lies within your kids.
9. *Expect a Little Less.* Be okay with a little less constant scheduling and enrichment filled days. Slow down, you move too fast. *Children need a lot of slow to grow.* Create a daily schedule for your kids, as well as yourself, that is more balanced and realistic.
10. *Connect More.* Take steps to maintain friendships, and stay connected with family, the community, those less fortunate, and the natural world.

Please note our ***"tagline" *** ***IGNITING faith, knowledge, creativity and service*** is a statement about *who we are* and *what is our focus* here at St. Mary's School. You have and will continue to see this tagline on all school documents and will start to see it in various ways around the school.

This does not replace our Mission Statement.

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