



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

for February 17, 2020

IGNITING *faith, knowledge, creativity and service*



On Thursday, Friday Feb. 13 we had our yearly **SPELLING BEE**. There were 27 students in the Bee from First through 8th grade. Don Panko, parent of a Preschooler, was our judge giving out the words. Students went through 13 rounds. Hannah Johnson-Leung, Grade 6, won the Bee with the word disastrous. Cameron Vogl, Grade 8 came in second. ***Congratulations to and blessings on Hannah who will be going to the regional contest in Lewiston in March.***

This Week

DATES to note:

Monday	February 17	NO school due to Presidents Day
Wednesday	February 19	Mass at 9 with 8 th graders as prayer leaders 100 th Day of School Dr. Beller at a principals' meeting in Salt Lake City through the 21 st .
Friday	February 21	Accreditation meeting from 2:30 to 3:00 (Domain 1)



Monday	February 17: NO school
Tuesday	February 18: Shepherd's pie
Wednesday	February 19: Pizza (cheese and/or pepperoni/ham)
Thursday	February 20 Hot Dogs in buns with baked beans
Friday	February 21 Burger Bar (choose own toppings) + French Fries

As always—there is a choice of two fruits and choice of salads and fresh veggies daily



- **February 23**---Catholic Women's Leagues' meeting after 11:30 a/m Mass at 12:45 in the Parish Center—soup and bread will be served. All women are welcomed.
- **Monday, February 24** there will be the burning of palms at 1:00 at the school...all are welcome for this ritual.

IGNITING *faith, knowledge, creativity and service*

Tuesday, February 25 there will be a *special meeting for ALL parents to come and learn about the school finances, and budget/tuition for 2020-2021 school year*. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the school and will last about an hour. Childcare will be provided. Please put this on your calendars.

- **Wednesday, February 26** is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. If you can't make Mass at 9 a.m. and Holy Communion will be given at 12:10 and there is another Mass with ashes at 7:00 p.m.
- **On Feb. 29** Scouts will be providing two meals: breakfast from 7 to 10:00 a.m. and a Spaghetti dinner (all you can eat) from 4 to 6:00 p.m. and both are at the Parish Center. They do this during Jazz Festival Week.
- Please save this date: **Friday, March 6**---the families of the school, RE and parish youth programs are responsible **for bringing soup and bread before the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.** We are also responsible for being the leaders of prayer for the Stations **at 6:15 p.m.** Thank you for putting this date on your calendars.
- **March 12:** CWL Paint and Sip Party
- **April 2** at 7:00 is a Reconciliation Service at St. Mary's
- **April 3** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's will be the Seder Meal.



MATHCOUNTS Update

As reported on last week, several of our middle grade students went to Lewiston and competed in Mathcounts. This is a national program that provides students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to compete in live, in-person contests against and alongside their peers. (It was founded in 1983). Our students earned second place and the opportunity to participate at the STATE level. Special congratulations to:

Ruby Claire Johnson-Leung (grade 7), Carl Stanton (grade 8), and Cameron Vogl (grade 8) and Adrien Reinkek-Quinlan. Special gratitude to parent-volunteer Jennifer Johnson-Leung and her assistant Jordan.

From left to right: Jennifer Johnson-Leung (parent volunteer) Ruby Claire, Carl, Cameron and Jordan (assistant to Jennifer) (Adrien was unable to attend.)



From: Miles Whitling <mwhitling@learfield.com> at the U of I: Another opportunity at U of I to have children be involved at Idaho sporting events, like the T-Kid, is as **ball / mop kids** at Vandal basketball games. If you have any children in 4th through 7th grades who are interested in this, we would love to have them at games. The families would receive *free single game tickets* to any of the basketball games at which their children mop.

IGNITING faith, knowledge, creativity and service

Here are the details about the **ball / mop kid** program:

- Parents sign their children (4th – 7th Grade) up at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1C4jQPpcjsRHGIh7insRlx2rh4FeT-TcoYPjXd1Pfhvk/edit?usp=sharing>
- U of I will contact the families and leave tickets for them in Will Call
- U of I reps will meet them before the game and give them the **mop** kid uniform (*must be returned after the game*)
- Bring them to the facilities staff to be trained

Nikki Crathorne has given us some great information about a way to assist the School Choir in raising funds to their Disney World Trip in June....

If you enjoy good food, the **Garlic Garden Bistro Restaurant at 630 N. Almon St. #120 in Moscow (208-596-4659)** is giving 10% of every order (carry-out or dine in) from **now through June 6th**. There is no limit how many times you participate. The only thing you must do for us to earn 10% donation is to mention St. Mary's School choir fundraiser when you call/dine-in.



Children need quiet time, too!

Personal reflection can lead to prayer

Quiet, reflective time is an endangered species in our culture. For many families, every moment of life is filled with noise and activity, and “down time” is seen as empty rather than rich and full.

“The importance of quiet time is something that our culture fails to respect,” says author Polly Berrien Berends. She sees an overemphasis on competition and social interaction that leads to children’s lives being over-scheduled. “We teach our children to fear silence and solitude,” says Berends. We also distract

them from becoming acquainted with the voice of God within them.

Berends says, “The child whose private, quiet time is respected and protected benefits in many ways. She has a chance to develop her own individuality and sense of self, to follow her own creative passions, to learn that she is good company (if for herself, then also for others), to develop her imagination, and to discover deep inner resources for healing and inspiration. Such quiet time is also a very good preparation for prayer.”

You can help your children to learn how to pray by teaching them traditional prayers, by praying with them, by letting them see you pray, and by protecting their times of quiet. Silence is an acquired taste—especially if we’ve been on a steady diet of noise and activity. But once gained, quiet time will feed your child for a lifetime.

(From Loyola Press: A Jesuit Ministry)

IGNITING *faith, knowledge, creativity and service*