

Come to us God almighty,
Send your Spirit.
Ignite the fire in our hearts,
Feed your flame within.
Rushing wind blow on us,
Grow the sparks and spread them,
Let your Spirit prepare,
Strength and equip us.
Come to us Lord Jesus,
Send your Spirit.
Let it proclaim who you are,
And multiply your presence,
Throughout the earth.
Ignite its flame to fill us
with generosity and caring.
Come to us Spirit of truth,
Consume us with your fire.
Let your power shape our world,
with love and peace and justice.
Let your love fill our world
with compassion, and joy and hope.
Amen.



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
St. Mary's Parish School
Week of May 24, 2021



Happy Pentecost!



Hot Lunch + information for the date/day

- Monday, May 24:** **NOTE: CHANGE in lunch schedule:** spaghetti and meat with garlic bread
Garden Club meets after school today.
- Tuesday, May 25:** Fish sticks + tater tots + corn
- Wednesday, May 26:** **NOTE: Change in lunch schedule---from Monday:** Creamed chicken + green beans +mashed potatoes + biscuits
- Thursday, May 27:** Pasta casserole with hamburger + veggies
Garden Club meets today after school.
- Friday, May 28:** ‘Spacos’ (spaghetti in tacos with meat balls) + Cole Slaw
Happy Birthday Mrs. Swam, Kindergarten teacher
Mass at 9:00 Grade 1 are the prayer leaders
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.

Please NOTE the following:

- ❖ *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

- ❖ 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 2nd. 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 8th Grade attend Klemgard and the Preschoolers and PreK will have their own “little” Klemgard at school.

- ❖ **IF you are planning on driving students (not just your own) to Klemgard please see the following information that was sent by Debbie to us recently. The requirements are from the Diocese.**

Thank you so very much for volunteering to drive for the upcoming field trips and hopefully, Klemgard all-school picnic on June 2nd.

As a result of some of you completing your driving video requirements, the diocese has contacted me regarding some *additional* paperwork they do not have on file.

Fortunately some of the parents had previously completed some of the paper work because the documents are the same as in previous years. PLEASE NOTE: there have been several additions of which we had previously not been aware due to *COVID restrictions this year and not allowing volunteers in the school*. If you volunteering on driving students other than your own, review the following requirements and complete the necessary ones that will allow you to drive other children. Otherwise, there are no requirements to drive your own child.

School Volunteer and Driving Requirements:

1 - Catholic Mutual Group Training (Insurance Co.) - **cmgconnect.org** You will need to create an account and complete some training.

a - Please complete the **Driving Video** and print out the **Driving Certificate** and return it to the *school* with your paperwork. If you have already completed the driving video in a previous year, I should already have the certificate on file and you do not need to complete it again. If you are not sure, please print out another Driving Certificate and send it in to the school.

b - Please complete the **Safe Environment Training** video. Normally this is done in-person in a group setting, but there are no sessions planned for this time of year. There will be some sessions in the fall after school begins. If you have already taken this training, you must watch a renewal training on-line. If you have never taken the in-person Safe Environment training, then you must take it in the fall when it is given; this training lasts an hour and it is mandatory that everyone attends at least one in-person Safe Environment training. It is also mandatory that some training is completed every year; either the Safe Environment Training renewal or some other safety video on-line through the CMG website. It is for your safety and the safety of the children in your care. These trainings are on file with the diocese and constantly monitored for updates.

2 - Completion of the **Diocese of Boise Volunteer Acknowledgment Receipt** - The three policies on this receipt are available for reading and viewing on the Diocese of Boise website at: **catholicidaho.org** You can find them by clicking "offices" in the top menu bar, then go the HR section, and click on Safe Environment. Underneath the quoted paragraph to the right of the photo is the link to the three policies. Please read them and then complete the acknowledgement receipt and return it to the school with all the completed paperwork for final signatures.

3 - **Diocesan Background Check** - This is not an FBI fingerprinting background check. This is an internal diocesan background check. Please complete and return to the school.

4 - **Private Vehicle Driver Form and Private Vehicle Use Application** - Please complete and return to the school.

5 - Please provide a current copy of your insurance policy showing you meet the required insurance coverage if you are volunteering to drive students on field trips or to our annual picnic.

Again, if you would like to drive St. Mary's students, then these are all required and I must send them in to the Diocese next week for approval. The diocese is expecting these and will do a speedy process of approval in anticipation of our field trips and picnic our last week of school.

I also want to let you know that I have sent a packet home of the documents to be completed with one of your children. Please look for them.

We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and drive. We are looking forward to a quick turnaround of the completed documents. Should there be any questions, please feel free to call next week at 208-882-2121.

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</i> dozen 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.

Some Questions

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

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

Q. Will any of the procedures change before school is out on June 4th?

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 4th. Masks will not be required either at Klemgard (June 2) nor at the Mass on the Grass (Friday, June 4th) since we will be outdoors. However, any unvaccinated adults who are present must wear masks.

Q. For the school's Summer Program, will the children have to wear masks?

A. As a school, we must follow CDC guidelines for our young people. The school is in constant contact with Dr. Carol Moehrle, Director of District Health who provides us with the advice we need to follow for the safety and healthy of all the students who are not vaccinated.

Q. When will St. Mary's Church open up and be back to things as they were before the pandemic?

A. The weekend of June 5/6 St. Mary's the following will happen:

- 1) The new Mass schedule will begin—no limit to numbers coming to Mass
Saturday Mass is at 5:00 p.m. in Moscow
Sunday Mass in Genesee at 7:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass in Moscow both at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- 2) Communion will be offered under both species
- 3) Face masks are no longer required. However, anyone who wishes to use them, they are free to do. IF someone needs social distancing, the front three rows are saved for them, as well as the choir loft. All ropes will be taken down beginning that weekend too.
- 4) Liturgical ministries will begin to be fully operative again.
- 5) Parish Center is fully opened.

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!

❖ **Summer Program IS happening:**

Program will start:	Tuesday, June 8 and end August 13, 2021.
Time of Program	7:00 a.m. till 5:30 p.m.
For ages	3 (have to be potty trained) through age 12: activities appropriate for age groups involved
Cost	See attached forms for Summer Program

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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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!

Future DATES to note:

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*
Fun Run for the older students---more details to follow...
- June 4 **Last Day of School**-- the last Mass of the school year at 9:00 a.m. and school ends @ 1pm
- June 6 8th 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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