



#34 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
St. Mary's Parish School
Week of May 31, 2021



Happy Trinity

Hot Lunch

+ information for the date/day



- Monday, May 31:** Memorial Day Celebration: No school
- Tuesday, June 1:** **Turkey dinner with all the trimmings**
- Wednesday, June 2:** *Happy Birthday Mrs. Karen Herrenbruck, Gr. 4 teacher*
 Klemgard Park---for Kindergarten through 8th Grade—ALL parents are invited to come!—see information below under “Please note the following”
 PS and PK will have “little” Klemgard at school
Hot dogs with all the trimmings....
- Thursday, June 3:** *Happy Birthday Mrs. Elizabeth McEvoy, Gr. 5 teacher*
Clean out the refrigerator/freezer day: there's pizza, burritos, chicken nuggets, etc.---something for everyone!
Fun Run for the older students
 Garden Club—short 30-minute meeting after school
- Friday, June 4:** **No hot lunch today!**
 Mass “on the grass” at 9:00 a.m. ALL parents are invited!
 LAST day of the school; school closes at 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 6:** Mass at 12:30 p.m. with the 8th graders and their families followed by Graduation Ceremony for our 110th class from our school.
- Monday, June 7:** *Happy Birthday to Louise Oliveira, PK teacher*
- Tuesday, June 8:** **Summer Program begins at St. Mary's**—“Fun in the Sun”—see attached flyer about our program and *some opportunities to share your talents/hobbies with the students this summer.....*

Please NOTE the following:

- ❖ 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 check the information in last week’s Newsletter.**

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 dozen</i> 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.

Recently at Mass, Mrs. Herrenbruck was asked what went through her head/heart when she saw her daughter for the first time after birth and she said, “probably it is what every parent desire and prays for: that she becomes a caring and loving human being and remembers that God loves her.”

WHAT were your desires for your child(ren) when you saw them for the first time? *Why not share them with you child, if you haven’t done so yet?*

- ❖ **Special Announcement about our students in the upper grades and their participation in Math Olympiad for Elementary and Middle School (MOEMS):** This year, MOEMS served over 100,000 students on approximately 2,800 different teams *nationally* and about 50,000 students on about 1,000 teams in more than 30 countries (*internationally*). Since 1979, this competition has provided challenging, thought-provoking problems that stretch the abilities of 4-8th grade students, strengthening their foundation for both assessment tests and more advanced studies. This competition consists of five monthly challenges, from November to March, with five very difficult questions featured each month. Our students always have responded to the challenge with eagerness and enthusiasm.

In the Elementary category for grades 4-6, the following students:

placed in the **top 50th percentile**:

Aubrey Vogl, Mason Poxleitner, and Ali Wilson.

placed in the **top 40th percentile**

and earning third place at our school is *Bella Visger*;

placing in the **top 30th percentile**

and earning second place in our school is *Claire Bernards*;

placing in the top 25th percentile

and earning first place in our school for the Elementary category is *Matthew Ristine*.

In the Middle School category for grades 6-8, the following students:

Earned **third place** in our school

Seeley Johnson

tying for **first place, both in the top 50th percentile,**

Gianna Niehenke and Wyatt Thornycroft

Congratulations to all of our participants this year and especially those who won an individual award. Most participants in these contests rank among the best mathematics students in their schools. Therefore, those who earned an individual award, rank among the *best of the best internationally*.



Summer Program

Attached are flyers about the fun program that is starting June 8th:

Cubs: younger than age 7 and for

Lions: ages 7 to 12.....

We are looking for persons who are willing to give an hour or two this summer to share a talent/hobby you enjoy doing with the students in the Cub and/or Lion level. Some hobbies/talents we'd like to offer are: western dancing, making/creating creatures with balloons, pottery, bike hike on the Chipman trail, tie-dye, rock climbing, pottery, bowling, back packing, demonstrate yo-yo stunts, playing cards, teach chess, knitting, sewing, etc.

If you are able to give an hour or two anytime during the summer to share a hobby, talent with the students please let Mrs. Lora Johnson (208-669-1119) or Sister Margaret (208-301-0293). It would be great to have the students enjoy your talents/skills /hobbies.

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. Summer Program starts on Tuesday, June 8. Just so you know, masks will **not be required**. That is a decision left up to parents if they want their child masked. Any adult *not vaccinated* is required to wear a mask.

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!

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! Date for the release of the video will be coming from Nikki Crathorne, Music teacher.

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