

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER for St. Mary's Parish School
Week of September 13, 2021
Third Week of School



Starting tomorrow, Monday September 13 through Friday, Sept. 16, students in grades 2-8 will be taking their **MAPs tests each morning**. Please encourage your children to do their very best. Also, help them understand that it is okay if they are not be able to answer *all the questions*. Why? If students are able to answer many questions, it means the questions are becoming harder and very often beyond their grade level. Encourage your child(ren) to do the very best they can, knowing there are questions that they are able to do!



What is the best way for a student to prepare for testing?

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before each test day. For the best sleep, **all electronics**, including TV, should not be used two hours before retiring.

- Make sure your child eats breakfast the day of the test.
- Make sure your child wears comfortable clothes on the day of the test.
- Let your child know that s/he needs to take the test *seriously* and do his/her best. Goal is to see how much they already know.

Some good strategies child can do when s/he is taking the test are:

- ✚ *pay close attention to directions*
- ✚ *ask questions about the directions if they are not clear*
- ✚ *read each question carefully*
- ✚ *eliminating wrong answers right away, then concentrate on remaining choices*
- ✚ *double check answers if possible*

*Our students have done well on MAPS tests. In fact, it has been reported that last year students' test scores went **down** across the country. However, the majority of our students increased in their test scores. It helped greatly that we were in school daily all year!*



We would love to have someone(s) play guitar with Peggy Quesnell on Fridays at Mass at 9:00. Please call the office (208-882-2121) if you are able to help. Thank you!

Our **Fifth graders** are going to McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) for the week of September 20 through September 24. It's a wonderful program in all aspects. Our school has been involved yearly from the very beginning of the camp in 2001.

**CALLING FOR
MALE VOLUNTEERS!**

However, this year we are desperately in need of **ONE more male chaperone** for the week (could be shared with two or three males giving two or three days overnight). IF you can assist with the

chaperoning for the full five days or if you can give two or three days, please email Ashleigh Bright ASAP: **Ashleigh Bright** ashleigh@stmarysmoscow.org or call the school, 208-882-2121. Thank you so much!



Items to note this week:

- Monday, September 13: MAPS testing: Language Arts
Hot lunch: little wieners tater tot casserole with beans, cheese
 Foundation meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the school.
- Tuesday, September 14: MAPS testing: Reading
Hot lunch: Mac n Cheese with ham
 School Board meeting via ZOOM
- Wednesday, September 15: MAPS testing: Math
Hot lunch: Crème Brule and bacon
 The school's **Garden Club** meets after school for Grades 3 through 8th. (3:00 to 3:45)
 RCIA meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
- Thursday, September 16: MAPS testing: Science
Hot lunch: Orange Chicken over rice
 Latah County Fairs begins at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday.
- Friday, September 17: Father Joe has meetings all week in Boise so there is no Mass at the Church. We will gather as a school community for a prayer service (9 to 9:30) in the school gym. Parents are welcomed to attend. Reminder: masks are required.
 MAPS testing: make-up tests for those who were absent
Hot lunch: Pasta with hot dogs
 Catholic Women's League **Rummage Sale** 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 18: Catholic Women's League **Rummage Sale** 8:00 a.m. to noon

Q. We want our child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year. What do we know? When will the classes happen?

A. If your child is in 2nd grade and is ready for First Reconciliation and First Communion, please register at St. Mary's Parish on/by **September 15th**. Parents and children will meet once a month, with classes beginning September 26th. For more information call 208- 882-4813.

Q. Moscow School District website has information about a saliva test that can be taken to detect COVID. Does St. Mary's have such access to these tests?

A. Yes, we do. There is no cost. Just call the office (208-882-2121) for the test. On page 4 of this Newsletter there is more information about the test called VAULT.

Q A parent wrote to say she has noticed that some of the students are wearing what would be termed as *short shorts*. And some girls are wearing very short skirts. She wanted to know if the Handbook has changed in its directives?

A. No, it hasn't. I refer parents to please share with your children that their clothes need to follow the directives in the Handbook under "dress code" regarding shorts AND skirts (page 28 of the Handbook). Please remind your children that wearing shorts at school is a privilege; not a right. S/he if they don't follow the "dress code", may lose their privilege of wearing shorts. Thank you!

Q. Is St. Mary's still needing a picture of our whole family?

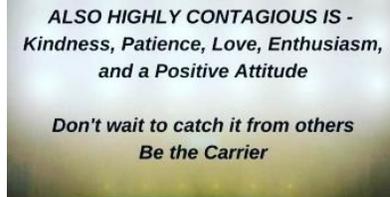
A. YES, please!!! If you would please send your family pic to: office@stmarysmoscow.com OR sistern@stmarysmoscow.com We'll print off and display them. Those who done this in the past, we'll still use yours OR if you send us an updated one, we'll use that one. Thank you!

Q. What are students to wear on Friday at Mass IF the uniforms haven't come yet?

A. *If your child doesn't have an "uniform" then s/he needs to wear a three button down shirt OR a polo shirt; and dockers (blue/black or beige pants). Skirts may be worn. **NO jeans, please.***



*to one of our parents, Char Scheibe,
on recently becoming a lawyer!*



From one of our parents: Karen Richel wanted everyone to know about an **upcoming conference** that is filled with information of financial resources from over 30 sponsors that want to help you make the most of your money and reach the dreams you have. (*Flyer is attached*).

For those who attend St. Mary's Church: the church is seeking persons—children, men and women (ages 9 to 99) who are willing to be altar servers at Mass. Also, parents could serve with their child; siblings with each other, etc.) As Fr. Joe wrote: *"If you have served in a ministry at St. Mary's before, please now we would love for you to return to that ministry. You can pick a different one or stay with the one you know."*



Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? Or becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who would? Classes will begin on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Each one is invited to **come and see what we are about.**

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VAULT	
Test Type	Saliva-based PCR (Rutgers Test) - IBX - Infinity Biologix
Turnaround Time	24-72 hours
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDHW (Idaho Department of Health & Welfare) purchased bulk tests to stage at the Public Health Districts and facilities/entities for priority populations • Individuals will need to register for the test at COVID.VLT.CO (not .com) • The test can be taken at the facility/entity or at home • The test needs to be witnessed by a person. There is no special medical training needed to witness the test. Staff need to be trained with the PPT slides from VAULT • Tests administered in person at the facility/entity will be the easiest to witness. Staff can also watch the individual on a video chat or Zoom call if needed • VAULT covers the standing orders for the tests • Each test has a prepaid UPS mailer. Individuals complete the registration, take the test, put the test in the biohazard bag, put the bag with the test back in the padded envelope and tape it shut, and put the padded envelope in the prepaid mailer. • Samples need to be taken to a UPS Store. Do not drop the samples at one of the secondary UPS "access points" or freestanding drop boxes that may accept packages but don't always offer the full range of UPS services (e.g., next day air). • To find a UPS store to drop off samples, visit the website at: https://www.theupsstore.com/tools/find-a-store
Billing, Cost, Reimbursement	FREE--IDHW has paid for the tests and analysis
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals tested will get their reports by email or by logging onto the COVID.VLT.CO site for results • VAULT will report all results to IDHW