

## St. Mary's Parish School Newsletter

### Week of February 14, 2022



Where Respect, Resourcefulness  
and Responsibility is Lived

*Thank you, parents, for praying for the Bright family. Samson is home! It will be a little while before he can return to school. Until then we continue praying for him and his family. Mrs. Bright will be returning to school on Tuesday, February 15.*



World Marriage Day is celebrated every year on the second Sunday in February. The purpose of World Marriage Day is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honor husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices. Blessings on all families.

❖ Monday, Feb. 14

❖ Tuesday, Feb. 15

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

*Welcome back to school, Mrs. Bright!*

*School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom*

❖ Thursday, Feb. 17

*Math Contest for Grades 7/8*

*Zoom meeting for Title One Families (6 to 7 p.m.) with Lacey Watkins*

❖ Friday, Feb. 18

*Uniforms required*

***Grade 4 are the prayer leaders at 9:00 Mass—all are welcome Mass with Fr. Tom Louck's or Fr. Chase since Fr. Joe is in Boise.***



Congratulations to Adam and Katie Herrenbruck Family on the birth (Feb. 4) of their daughter, Helen Grace. Big sister Mae Ruth (PK) is holding the newest member of the family. We wish them many blessings!

🌿 Such a big  
miracle in such  
🌿 a little girl 🌿



**Monday, Feb. 14**

**Tuesday, Feb. 15**

**Wednesday, Feb. 16**

**Thursday, Feb. 17**

**Friday, Feb. 18**

Hamburgers + chips

Quesadillas (ham/cheese) + corn

Baked potatoes (choice of toppings)

Nachos beef dip (chili with cheese over tortillas chips)

Hot dogs + chips

## A Question about Hot Lunch

- Q.** My child has told me that s/he is limited in what she can eat at hot lunch. Is this true?
- A.** We serve a balanced meal daily. There is the main entrée along with fresh veggies (with a selection of 3 to five fresh veggies daily---such as, carrots, peppers, cucumbers, celery, tomatoes, pickles) and selection of two to three fruits daily (apples, pears, oranges, pineapple). *Sometimes* there is dessert. There is always milk (white or chocolate). We encourage the students to eat some from each selection. They are welcome to eat as many fruits/veggies they want. They are welcome to come back for seconds too. The *only condition is to eat what they take*. Do let us know if your child is still hungry. It is true that some (very few) students only want the main entrée and nothing else. So, it is important that they have some veggies and fruit for balance. We'll be glad to share with you what we know of your child's eating habits.



Earlier this week you received an email from our Fundraiser Coordinators: Dianna Spellman and Natalie Johnson. Here are their reminders about the School's yearly Auction coming in the Spring (May 14):

**Family donations: DUE on/by April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

- ❖ Attach a completed donation slip to your item(s) and making sure they are *detailed* and clearly written.
- ❖ IF you are doing a **class quilt** –it counts as your *family donation*.
- ❖ Remember you are required to sign **for only ONE committee spot**. The link for sign-up is:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hObmftSgGZdcrFwAhInKpoojqroOQoyT5BAjqlTM2Kw/edit?usp=sharing>
- ❖ Any questions? Please call or email to talk: Dianna Spellman 208.301.3232  
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**PS** Attached to this Newsletter are: family donation sheets and Information sheet re. Auction with ideas for family donations. Last year's auction was a huge success thanks to all the awesome items brought in by St. Mary's family donations. The packages/baskets worked really well. Keep that in mind when deciding what you are planning on donating this year. Below is the same list from last year with some new additions to help generate ideas. Remember, you can always team up with another family to create a deluxe package or basket.

### *Some Dates to Note in the Days/Weeks Ahead*

- Monday, Feb. 21: **NO school** and no childcare: Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, Feb. 22: **CHEF for a DAY** will be Aubrey Vogl, Grade 6—parents “bought” this at Auction 2021--- We are excited to have this “chef” in the making! She is making lemon pepper chicken noodle dish. She is also doing a special dessert for this meal too! (Desserts are her specialty!)
- Wednesday, **Feb. 24/25 BAKE Sale to assist the Bright Family** with their expenses (son Sampson was in the hospital for two weeks after being air flighted to Spokane!) **and Heifer**

**International** to provide money to buy animals for Third and Fourth World countries.

Friday, Feb. 25: Our upper grade boys will leave for the Hallissey Tournament in Boise. We send them off with our blessings! Safe travels!!!

**Friday, April 1:** The school families are responsible for Soup and Bread for Lenten Supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Following the supper, there is the Stations of the Cross that follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Church. The School Families are responsible for this prayer too. ALL families are invited to come to both events---it is **not limited to Catholics**. Please come! *More information will be coming soon. Please put this date on your calendars.* Note: this is **the date** for the school. Last week's Newsletter had an incorrect date.



IF you happen to have any boxtops for education "lying around", please send them to school ASAP. One of the parents, Joy Newlan, is collecting them and will submit them to the company for us.

*Please consider using the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt*, find participating products and **instantly** add cash to your school's earnings online. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and follow directions.

All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. *Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and they do add up fast!* Use this referral code **ABVB86W8** when you sign up and you'll get *20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/29/2022*, while supplies last! Download the Box Tops for Education app here:

[https://btfe.smart.link/c2jdfkw?referral\\_code=ABVB86W8](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jdfkw?referral_code=ABVB86W8)

When you sign up, you will be asked to enter a referral code on the "Create Account" screen which is **ABVB86W8** (this is my code—Sr. Margaret). Thank you so much for doing this for **your school!**

### **For your reflection:**

- ❖ We are first loved by God at the moment of conception in our mother's womb. This love remains a constant in our lives. The truth is: God's love is our first valentine. So, whether we celebrate openly or desire the day to fall off the calendar, we can all celebrate God's love on Valentine's Day. We do this by reflecting on his word to each of us individually:  
"You I have chosen, my friend; I will never let you go." — Isaiah 41
- ❖ "I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you." — Jeremiah 31
- ❖ "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father." — John 15
- ❖ "Nothing, therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried or being persecuted. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, nor any power or height or depth, nor any created thing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus, our Lord." — Romans 8