



St. Mary's Parish School Newsletter
Week of April 3, 2022

It is the **Mission** of our school to encourage and challenge our students to grow tangibly in their relationship with God, as they strive to be life-long learners *igniting their faith, knowledge, creativity,*



Monday, April 4: The **financial virtual town hall is from 6:30 - 7:30pm**. Please, join us via Google Meet to learn more and ask questions about the changes in tuition billing being made in 2022-2023. We will provide an overview of our school's finances, further explain this decision, and discuss the financial aid process in detail. The link for the Google Meet meeting is: <https://meet.google.com/ynm-brmm-chj> If you have any questions or concerns please call Rasheen Acree and talk directly with her at (208) 310-5555. We really hope you will join us for this important meeting.

Wednesday, April 6: *Hippo Lecture:* Will be led by one of our parents, Dr. Gracjan. He is giving his final lecture of the spring semester on Wednesday, April 6th. The program is titled *Catholics, Cults, True and False Religions*. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with lecture to follow at St. Augustine's Church.

Thursday and Friday: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, April 8 Join us at St. Mary's Parish Center for a reenactment of the Last Supper of Jesus and the Apostles on Friday, April 8th at 6 p.m. A full family-style dinner will be served along with prayers and songs. Cost is \$5 per person or \$12 for the entire family. This is a wonderful prayerful and delicious meal. ALL are invited to come and participate.

Monday, April 11: Family Auction items are due

- Q.** Would you clarify what is the amount our family's donated item for the auction must bring in?
- A.** That is a great question and one that we wanted to clarify. Please note that your donated family item(s) need to have a ***fair market value of \$200 or more***. If you should have any questions, please call Rasheen Acree, Co-Business Manager and talk directly with her at the school or at 208-310-5555.

Thank you:

This year Jessica Shaughnessy has donated her time to assist the school in so many ways. She has our fabulous cook; subbed in classes when teachers were sick; aided in classes throughout the school and assisted with childcare in the afternoons. And she done everything with a smile! Her husband has finished the next step in military training so the whole Shaughnessy family will be leaving Moscow within a week and traveling to their new home at Camp Pendleton CA. Special blessings and deep gratitude from all at St. Mary's!



- Monday, Chicken nuggets + tater tots
Tuesday, Cheesy breakfast casserole
Wednesday, Baked potatoes (choice of bacon bits, butter, sour cream, green onions, salsa)
Thursday and Friday NO School---Conferences

Some Questions That Have Been Asked:

- Q. Is it now possible for parents to give time as volunteers in school?**
A. YES, it is! Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to assist him/her in any of the class activities. It is wonderful to have the possibility of parents assisting in the school once more!
- Q. Are there specific needs the school has for volunteers?**
A. Again, the answer is "yes". As noted above, Jessica Shaughnessy and her family are moving to California. She has given many hours of service as our cook, helping out in the after school childcare program and aiding in the classrooms. So, if anyone would love to assist in cooking and/or serving hot lunch, aide in a classroom, etc. please call the school to let us know!
- Q. Would you clarify what is the amount our family's donated item for the auction must bring in?**
A. Please note that your donated family item(s) need to have a **fair market value of \$200 or more**. If you should have any questions, please call Rasheen Acree, Co-Business Manager and talk directly with her at the school or at 208-310-5555. Thank you for assisting the school with this important area for the auction.
- Q. We are new to the school and we don't know what "Holy Thursday Retreat Day" is all about? What will the children be doing and can we come and help?**
A. Holy Thursday Retreat has been a tradition at St. Mary's for over 25 years. What we do on this day is have various activities focused on those days leading up to Easter. We help the students know and remember about the events in Jesus' life. We make the activities age appropriate. The day begins with Stations of the Cross and ending with a modified Seder

Meal. We do invite you to come and volunteer. Please let your child's teacher know that you would like to help. There will also be a sign-up for the foods that will at the Seder Meal. This day is a special one for all. Note there is **no** hot lunch that day. All students need to bring a cold lunch.

See this special note about our Musical Concert May 26---

The Lion King Jr. Musical—It is wonderful to be able to once again enjoy our students' musical abilities after these years of the pandemic. So, mark your calendars!!!!

The St. Mary's Parish School students (PK–8th grade) will be presenting a *live* performance of “**The Lion King Jr**”. The students have been working hard and we are excited to have our first “in person” performance since “Frozen”. The 3rd – 8th graders have also been preparing a few instrumental selections for the evening. It should be a fun evening to enjoy with the school community, friends, and family!

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Where: Moscow Nazarene Church

Who: All St. Mary's students in PK through 8th grade

Preschool students and their families are encouraged to come watch and enjoy the performance!! Come and see what your child will be involved with next year(s) of his/her life at St. Mary's Parish School!

Parents' Assistance needed, please: We have some great opportunities for assistance from parents. If you are interested, or willing to help in any of the following areas, please call or text me (Nikki) at 208 874-2229 and let me know what area(s) you are interested in helping. We will need a lot of help with the loading – if you have a pick-up or large vehicle that you can bring, let me know so we can plan ahead and make sure we are covered.

1. Help with costumes, props, and set preparation (starting now – until the performance)
2. Face Painting – Thursday, May 26 – in the afternoon at school (some faces require artistic ability and some are just a solid color – less ability needed)
3. Help load and set-up at the Nazarene Church on Tuesday, May 24- afternoon and evening and finish up details on Wednesday/Thursday during the day
4. Help load, clean up, and return everything to the school after the performance (Thursday, May 26 - evening)

Thank you so very much in advance!!!! We always have wonderful help and support and it is greatly appreciated!

Nikki Crathorne

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