



Good Afternoon St. Mary's Families,

It has really been cold this last week – on Tuesday, we had to keep the kids in for recess. Just so you are aware, if the temperature is colder than 25, we keep the kids inside – this includes the wind chill as well.

Recent opportunity - We have a school counselor coming in on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 2:30. She is volunteering here for the rest of the year. We have a form in the office for students to sign up to see her and teachers can also request her to come to their classrooms and observe. She will be helping our students with academic issues and social/peer interactions. Her name is Gina Gridley and we are so happy to have her here for the remainder of the school year.

Our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be participating in a presentation at St. Mark's on Tuesday morning called Social Media Land Mines & Safety for Teens. The students will be transported by bus and will leave at 10:15 and return to school around 12:30. Here is an excerpt from the flyer on the seriousness of making poor choices using social media, "Students are facing new challenges and consequences as a result of social media. Irresponsible posting can lead to impairment or personal safety, character defamation, strain on family relationships, legal trouble, and can even affect their ability to get into their desired college or be hired into professional jobs in the future". Please let me know if you have any questions.

Re-enrollment

I am waiting on Rediker to give us the go ahead to open our re-enrollment. We will have a Pay Now button for fees. I do apologize for the delay in getting re-enrollment forms out to you. We will send out the Re-enrollment email as soon as we get the approval. . Please check your primary email attached to our PlusPortals system – I have been sending email updates pertaining to the recent news and offering support for our community. **The pre-enrollment form on the website is only for new families – not returning families.**

Important Information from past week's newsletter:

Student Pick Up – Before and After School

Just a reminder, the road way in front of the school is a drive through- please do not stop and wait for your children – you must park in a parking spot or in the parking lot west of the parish hall. This is for student safety!

Volunteer hours in our Plus Portals System

Logging Volunteer Hours- Families now can log the required volunteer hours into our Plus Portals system. In April, I will be looking at volunteer hours to make sure each family has the required 25 hours documented. We no longer have a binder in the front office.

Go to <https://plusportals.com/stmarysboise> and

Log into the system

Click School Announcements in the tab at the top,

Click on View and fill out the form.

Please let me, Mrs. Davis or Mrs. Pratt know if you need help

We need to increase the number of St. Mary's families in our School Directory. Please **OPT IN within the system to be listed in our school directory.** The school directory will be available through our Plus Portals system. Please let Roni or I know if you are having difficulty.

Enrollment and Tuition for Next Year

Tuition has been set for next year- the information is posted on our website under the admissions tab. Roni and I are working on a Pay Now option on our re-enrollment forms – this is taking us a little longer than we anticipated. When it is ready - we will send out the Re-enrollment email. We are going to offer a referral incentive program for our current families – if you refer a new family to our school, they mention your name and they enroll their child/ children for the 2018-2019 school year, you will receive \$125 off enrollment fees for the 2018-2019 school year (this reduction in fees is per family not per child). This referral incentive program goes into effect February 1, 2018 and runs through the first day of school, August 20, 2018. You, our current families, are the best form of marketing we have – spread the word about our wonderful school! Please let me know if you have any questions.

If you have a child entering kindergarten next year, please make sure you get them on our kindergarten list for 2018-2019 school year. Email Mrs. Davis or come to the office.

Thank you for entrusting your child's education to us – we are truly blessed to have you as part of our St. Mary's community.

Yours for Excellence in Catholic Education,


Tammy Emerich

Principal

Weekly Calendar

- Feb 23 **Girl Scouts Selling Cookies** after School
- Feb 28 **Mass (Food)** 1st Grade
- Mar 7 **Mass (Time)** 8th Grade
Christian Leaders Reception after Mass
- Mar 8–11 **Scholastic Book Fair** Gym
- Mar 9 **Speech Contest** Church 1:30 pm
- Mar 11 **Daylight Savings Begins** Spring Forward
- Mar 14 **Mass (Corpus Christi)** 7th Grade

Up Coming Dates

- March 16 **End of Quarter—NOON DISMISSAL**
- March 16-18 **Crusader Tournament** Pocatello
- March 17 **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** 
- March 21 **Mass (Food)** 6th Grade
Christian Leaders Reception after Mass
- March 22 **6th & 7th Graders to BK**
- March 23 **Honor Roll Assembly** after morning prayer
Living Stations of the Cross Church 2:30 pm
- Mar 26- Apr2 **Spring Break--Enjoy!**

St. Mary's Scholastic Book Fair

(March 8, 9 & 11th)

Mrs. Lawley is gathering a team of enthusiastic, creative, and talented volunteers to help out at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair, and would like to invite you to help out.

Check out [this link](#) to find the sign-up sheet to see what roles interest you.

Questions? please contact her by email: jlawley@stmarys-boise.org

March ASAP Registration/Information

You can find it [here](#).

They are offering a Sports Activity Camp....
..... and it sounds like fun!

P.S. 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament ... coming soon.....



The Next.....
8th Grade Class
HOT DOG LUNCH Fundraiser....
Tuesday, March 15th
Forms due to school by March 2nd

Here is the [Order Form](#)



Mark your calendars....and invite your grandparents to our **Grandparents Mass & Tea.**
April 18, 2018

The mass will be at 8:30 am and the Tea starts after mass. More details will follow.



PTO is selling t-shirts for PARENTS to show their St. Mary's School Pride!

[This flyer](#) is also the order form and has all of the details.

Orders are **Due Monday**, February 26th