

Imagine your child...

Increasing in respectfulness, resourcefulness and responsibility
 Focusing on God's loving presence
 Being guided by devoted and professional teachers
 Being equipped to excel and growing in confidence
 Becoming dream makers and world changers....
Imagine your child changing the world...

St. Mary's Parish School
Newsletter
Week of April 24



Special Blessings on our students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24th

Jocelyn Couch

Soren Kraszewski

Fern Newlan

Ike Shisler

Kathryn Swam

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A tradition that we have had at St. Mary's for many years is **Penny Wars**. This is a project that falls under our Student Council leadership and it is focused on raising monies in a "fun" way for those who most need financial assistance in our society. Our experience has been that this is a great way of helping our students cross the grades to give service to and help those who have most need of our assistance.



How does Penny Wars Work?

For one full week, students bring coins to school. Each class' focus is to have the lowest amount in their class jar by the end of the week. **How to do this?** Pennies will be worth their value of only one cent. However, any other coins including paper money (including checks) that are in the jar count **AGAINST** that class. This is where the *competition* comes into play. Classes want the very lowest amount by the end of the week, so they only put pennies into **their** jar. *However*, with other coins/paper money, (in order to keep the total lower in their own grade jar), they will put higher amounts into the jars of other grades; not their own. Who will benefit from this action? The Bright family (see next paragraphs about the recipients).

At the end of the week there will be two **winning classes**: (1) with *the most positive pennies* AND (2) the class with the **most money**. And both receives will receive a pizza party. (Classes will be pro-rated based on the number of students in the class.) NEW this year, IF the entire school brings in more money than last year, the whole school will have a Bingo party.

Who will be the recipient of the monies this year? The Student Council suggested and all of us agreed that **Ashleigh and Gerry Bright Family** be the recipient of the funds this year to assist them

for the bills surrounding their son, Samson (PK). **Thank you to all who will assist in this fun and most needful venture!**



Monday, April 25 *Penny War Week starts*
Lunch menu **Fiesta Ravioli—**

Tuesday, April 26 Lunch menu **Cheesy Chicken Enchilada casserole + rice**
12:30 **Math Bowl for all grades in the school gym – all are welcome to attend. Thank you to Jennifer Johnson-Leung who will be leading this event.**



Sportsman's Night for **all men**. Come and enjoy a meal together at St. Mary's Parish Center **at 7:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 27 *Administrative Assistants Day*: This is the day we want to say a very **special "thank you"** to those persons who often are working behind the "scenes" at our school or the office at the parish. At our school are: Debbie Johnson (Office + Facilities Manager), Jeannie Farmer (Secretary), Rasheen Acree and Kathy Burton (Co-Business Managers). At St. Mary's Parish office is Lauren Gorache (Secretary). **BLESSINGS** on each one of you!



Wednesday's Lunch menu **Crème Brule + sausages**

Garden Club will be starting after school until 3:45. Students interested in joining Mr. Bart Quesnell in assisting with the outdoor Garden are invited to come and see what is entailed in this most wonderful project during the school year and summer.

Thursday, April 28 Lunch menu **"Students Delight" (Hamburger + noodles + cheese +tomatoes)**

Friday, April 29: Mass at 9:00 a.m. with Fr. Tom Loucks. Grades 6-8 are our prayer leaders
Penny Wars Week ends
Lunch menu **Hot dog Pasta**

Some Questions That Have Been Asked:

Q Is there going to be a Summer Program available for the students this year?

A. Definitely there will be. As soon as we have the activities in place, packets will be sent out. They should be ready within two weeks (or less).

Q. Are there any positions St. Mary's are going to hire for the Fall?

A. Yes, there are. Full time teaching opportunities are available. We are seeking candidates who are creative and caring with a passion for teaching, knowledgeable in curriculum, and able to meet the needs of children with varied learning styles. These full-time positions are for certified teachers. For more information call the school at 208-882-2121. Also, we will be hiring aides for the classrooms as well as childcare providers for our After-School Program. *Please help us spread the word.*

Q. Is there any updated information about Samson Bright?

A. The latest is Samson was released into the care of his parents last Sunday. However, the doctors want him to stay in the area of the hospital for a couple of weeks. We have been told he looks great and is acting like his old self and appears to be in good health!!!! Thank you all for your care, concern and prayers for Samson. We are looking forward to seeing him soon.

Q. A parent has shared about a phone for children that is super reasonable per month. Plus, there is no data or downloading capabilities and no apps too. There is a GPS locator services and alert goes to parents if the phone goes out of zone. The student can make calls and texts. What is the service?

A. The name of the company is GABB wireless. Go to <https://gabbwireless.com> The company says that is a kid phone you can feel good about. The parent who shared this information says it is wonderful. Hope this is helpful to you.

Q. We still have Rice Bowls at our house. What do we need to do with them?

A. You can drop these off at the parish office at St. Mary's Church. Or you could bring them to school and we'll get them to the Church for you. Thank you for participating in this project for the poor in our world.

Q. When will the students be able to wear shorts again?

A. For this answer we will quote the School's Handbook which says:

SHORTS: From the Parent Handbook pages 25-26: "Normally, shorts may be worn only till November 1 and then from *May 1st till the end of school.....*

REMINDER re. the type of shorts allowed for ALL students, regardless of age: Shorts must come to *the top of the knee or longer.* (NO cutoffs nor skintight shorts or ragged shorts with holes are allowed.)

So, starting on Monday, *May 2 shorts may be worn*. However, please know that the students will be going outside as normal; there is no staying in even if they are cold due to wearing shorts!!!

The regs for wearing for shorts must be followed. Disregarding the dress code may mean the student may no longer be able to wear shorts at school. Also, with uniforms on Friday no shorts are to be worn.



Thank you to all the **parents who came to the Open House** last Thursday. It was so good to be able to come together as a school community and connect with each other once more. There will be more opportunities as we move forward. Be sure to spread the word to your friends and neighbors to consider a St. Mary's education for their children. YOU are the best ambassadors for the school!!

Also, thank you to those who **drop and pick up your children on Lincoln Street**. We truly appreciate you following the bus signs and not parking in the school bus space. You are doing a great job and the bus drivers are really appreciative too!

And we want to say "thank you" to those who have volunteered their time and service in so many ways. We wanted to say a special "thank you" to **Loren Jeglum** for subbing for Mr. Herrenbruck one morning by teaching PE to the students. Thank you for this wonderful support!

Dates to Note in the Days/Weeks Ahead Jill Summer Starts

May 1	Mass at 11:00 at St. Mary's Church for 1 st Communicants and reception afterwards for them and youth who were confirmed on Tuesday, April 26 th . Come and celebrate with them.
May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3	Catholic Women's League will be leading a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in the church. This rosary is to remember all those who have passed away this last year as we pray the rosary. All are invited to come and pray the rosary (women, men and children).
May 4	Bike to School Day
May 2-5	Idaho Gives Week—focus on the Foundation for the School
May 4	Last day for Jessica Bright: childcare aide—she is graduating and is getting married
May 6	NO Mass due to Adoration at St. Mary's----Prayer service led by Sister Margaret: focus will be on Mary with a May Crowning and the Rosary
May 9 - 13	MAPS Testing (Grades 2 – 8)
May 9	Foundation Quarterly Meeting at 5:30 p.m. upstairs
May 10	School Board at 6:00 p.m. in Grades 7/8 room
May 12	Grades 3 and 4 to Dance Program
May 13	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Grade 4 Uniforms required
May 14	Auction at the 1912 Building and online
May 20	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Grades 3/K Uniforms required
May 20-21	Catholic Women's Rummage Sale. Any questions? Call Sylvia Brown at 509-338-1251

May 26	Spring Musical and Band Concert
May 27	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Grad2. Uniforms required
	Grandparent's Day Luncheon @ St. Mary's Parish School
May 30	NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day Holiday (No Childcare Available)
June 3	"Mass on the Grass" at 10:00 a.m. <u>Last day to turn in all Library Books---they are due today.</u>
June 5	8 th Grade Graduation and Mass at St. Mary's at 11:30 a.m.
June 6	Klemgard
June 8	Last day of school with dismissal at 1:30; childcare till 5:30 p.m.
June 13	Summer Program starts

Do you ask your child "How was your day?" and the response is "good" or "ok" or "fine"? Here are some suggested questions you can ask that might reveal more responses. See what you think?

What to ask instead of



How was your day?

-  What did you eat for lunch?
-  Did someone do something funny?
-  What did you do at recess?
-  Did anyone do something kind?
-  Who made you smile?
-  Which of your teachers would survive a zombie apocalypse?
-  Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet?
-  What challenged you today?

-  What new fact did you learn today?
-  Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
-  Did you sing any songs?
-  If one of your classmates could be teacher for the day, who would you pick and why?
-  Did anyone push your buttons today?
-  What is your teacher's most important rule?
-  What was your favorite subject today?
-  What one thing would you change about your school?
-  Who did you play with at recess today?

-  Did anything make you feel scared today?
-  What book did you read?
-  Did anyone cry today?
-  What did you do that was creative?
-  Tell me about 3 different times you used your pencil today.
-  Did anyone get hurt today?
-  What's the one thing from home you wish you had at school?
-  Was anyone absent today?
-  Who did you sit next to at lunch?
-  If you could teach any subject, what would it be?