

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 May 2 - May 6, 2022



Penny Wars has been overwhelming this year!!! Thank you each and everyone for being so super generous to Samson and his family. It's going to take a few days to get ALL counted and to find out who brought the MOST pennies in (after being drowned in silver) as well as which class brought in the MOST money over all. Stay tuned for the results...



Special and deep gratitude to each teacher/staff person who makes St. Mary's Parish School so very special for every student. What a wild ride teacher have had — *the mystery virus, the sudden shift to virtual, the shaky return to in-person classes, teaching through masks, the infection-upick shutdowns, pivoting and pivoting until vertigo hits.* And yet these mighty heroes have lifted our children above it all.

4 DELIGHTFUL FACTS ABOUT TEACHERS---THESE ARE DEFINITELY ABOUT OURS!

- Putting in the Hours:** One study indicated that the average workweek for teachers was 53 hours.
- Focusing on What's Important:** In one survey, teachers made it clear they were not in it for the money -
- Fighting for Our Students:** Teachers are second only to the US Military as the occupation that most heavily contributed to the well-being of society, according to one study.
- Cramped Coffers:** Studies show that at some point, 94% of teachers go into their own pockets for classroom purchases.



see them outside (or inside) on Friday.

is a long standing tradition at St. Mary's. This year *principal for a day* will be celebrated on **Friday, May 6**. This year we will have Co-Principals: **Anna and Ben Linskey**. They received this "honor" by having it earned for them at the school's annual auction last year. Friday is Anna's birthday so she is having a special gift to be principal on *her day*. Be sure to say "hi" and Ben when you



Idaho Gives is coming up on May 2-5. This is an opportunity to support non-profits throughout Idaho. However, it is very special for St. Mary's because it includes our St. Mary's School Foundation. As you know, the foundation exists solely to benefit our parish school. The Foundation contributed more than \$115,000 to the school this year, supporting both scholarships and academic programs. Gifts to *St. Mary's School Foundation Endowment* are invested in the endowed principal. This generates more investment

income every year, averaging a 5% return of the endowed value. This provides ongoing and reliable financial support for the school and its students *in perpetuity* because the principal is never spent. Won't you consider donating to the Foundation for the sake of the school? To make a gift or learn more you can visit www.idahogives.org and put St. Mary's School Foundation Endowment Fund, Moscow, Idaho. Please get the word out about the possibility of donating to the Foundation to your friends, etc. Please consider passing the information out via FACEBOOK or any other means you may have. Thank you so much!



Do you feel called to serve on our School Board? There is a vacancy on our Board since one of the members was filling in for one year of service. He is not free to continue serving so there is an open position. If you feel called to serve, fill out the attached form and return it to school by this **Friday, May 6th**. If you have any questions, please talk with School Board President, Kevin Kirchner, Chairperson 310-745-4143 kevinbkirchner@gmail.com Thank you!



Monday, May 2 **Garden Club today (note this is a change only for this week) 3:00 to 3:45--open to all (see Q and A for more information about the Garden Club)**
Lunch menu **Mac and Cheese with ham**

Tuesday, May 3 Lunch menu **Taco Wraps in Romaine**

The Catholic Women's League will be leading a Rosary this **Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. We will remember all those who have passed away this last year while we pray the rosary. All members of the parish are invited to join us. After the rosary, the CWL will hold its May "dessert" meeting for all the women in the parish center. Bring a friend and join us on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

For all Altar Servers--- Pizza Feed Invitation---The Knights of Columbus are inviting **all Altar Servers** to the annual Altar Server Pizza Feed that will be happening today: starting at 6:00PM till 8:00PM at St. Mary's Parish Center. Please come and enjoy pizza and some time spent with other Altar Servers from both St. Mary's and St. Augustine's parishes. Please RSVP to Bill Kerr, rrekllib@hotmail.com

Wednesday, May 4

Lunch menu **Creamed chicken+ mashed potatoes+ biscuits**

Thursday, May 5

Lunch menu **Nacho Beef Dip with chips**

Friday, May 6:

We'll gather at 9:00 a.m. for a prayer service in the gym—all are welcome. We'll be doing a living rosary (see Q and A for more information) and the Crowning of Mary. Uniforms are required.

Lunch menu **Chicken nuggets + tater tots**

School Board form is due today.

Some Questions That Have Been Asked:

- Q. As a non-Catholic, a question is, why do Catholics pray to Mary? Do Catholics adore or worship Mary?**
- A. To understand why Catholics, pray to Mary, you must first know that Catholics do not worship or adore Mary or the other Saints. We worship God alone. To pray to Mary or a Saint is to ask them to intercede on our behalf, just as we would a friend on earth.
- Since May is a month dedicated to Mary, so one tradition we have at St. Mary's is to bring flowers and put these around a stature of Mary. We will pray the rosary (*composed of Hail Mary's and Our Fathers*) for the children and families in school and your needs. We will also pray for peace in our world, especially the people in Ukraine. This will take place on Friday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.---all are invited to come and pray with us.
- Q. Will the Middle Grade students in the Fall be getting together to check out schedules, teachers, electives?**
- A. Yes, on Wednesday, May 11 there is a social for all middle grades' families (Grades 6-8 for the fall) starting at 5:30 p.m. all invited to pizza, drinks and ice cream. The meeting will start at 6:15. Hope all will be able to come! Middle Grade families should have received a special invitation via email on Friday.
- Q. Can you give us more information about the Garden Club?**
- A. Normally, Garden Club meets after school on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, contact Bart Quesnell—quesnell@moscow.com You can call him at: 208-727-7734. You also can contact Mrs. Quesnell and leave a message with her. Dates for Garden Club dates for the rest of the year are: Monday, May 2 and then the following Wednesdays: May 11, May 18, May 25. There will be other times scheduled as needed for those who are available.
- GARDEN CLUB RULES ARE:**
- Respect the garden, yourself and others
 - Listen carefully
 - Quietly gather after school
 - Tools must be handled safely
 - Wrestling, shouting, throwing anything, or spraying water on others will **not** be tolerated
 - Clean up after yourselves and others! Pick up all wrappers and debris before you leave!!
 - Respect the Garden space
- Q. Do the students, staff and visitors still need to check in at the kiosk daily?**
- A. Yes, everyone does need to do this since the kiosk was not just to check for COVID temperatures. It is a tool to check that all who come into the school has a normal temperature. Thank you for being consistent in doing this daily.
- Q. If my child has a cold do I need to have him/her stay home?**
- A. In order to keep contagion contained as possible, it would be extremely helpful to have the student stay home and get needed rest until the stuffiness, coughing has lessened—which is usually a day or two. To come to school, such exposure is causing others to get sick too. Staying home is being so considerate of others. Thank you!

Q. Why is there a big baby bottle in the school?

- A. We received a request to place the big baby bottle in the school to receive donations for Palouse Network. For more information see this note from one of our parents, Matthew Couch:
- "We are excited to begin our annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser at **Palouse Care Network!** This event will start on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, and will conclude on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th. Thank you to those of you that have participated in **the baby bottle fundraiser** in the past, and to those considering participating for the first time this year. We are thankful for this opportunity to partner with Palouse Care Network in supporting the families we serve in our community. Thank you to St. Mary's School for allowing a big baby bottle to be in the school in which money may be placed. If you wish to make a donate online, you may do this at:
<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/202babbotfun/> Thank you for partnering with Palouse Care Network in promoting a culture of life on the Palouse through the belief that every life has been created in the image of God with purpose and value. *Matthew Couch* Advocacy Coordinator WISH Medical 208-892-9474 wishmedical.com

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

- A. Definitely there will be.

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

- A. Starting Monday, May 2 shorts may be worn (except on Fridays). However, if the weather is really cold, inclement students normally will still go outside, so they should be dressed for the weather! Also, shorts must come to *the top of the knee or longer*. (NO cutoffs nor skintight shorts or ragged shorts with holes are allowed.)

be who
God meant
you to be and
you will
set the world
on fire

-St. Catherine of Siena