

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
St. Mary's Parish School
Week of February 15, 2021



Welcome back to the Kirchner Family. Their daughter, Eliana, is in the Kindergarten.



We are soliciting **nominations** (*form is attached*) for our **St. Mary's Parish School Board for this coming year**. The term is for 3 years. This very important committee is doing a great job for our school. Several members' terms are finished this year and we need persons who want to move the school forward in the most positive way possible with Fr. Joe and the new administration. The *attached form* gives the responsibilities and the process of "election". For any questions, please contact a member of the school board: *John Bieker, Steve Farley, Deanna Gilmore, Natalie Johnson, Kevin Kirchner, Erin Linskey, Don Panko, Julia Polito, Karen Richel, Stacey Thornycroft or Father Joe McDonald, as pastor/local superintendent. All nomination forms are due on/by Friday March 5th.*

Dates to note for this coming week:

Monday, February 15: Committee meeting *via ZOOM* focused on "auction plans 2021"

SNOW continues to keep falling....will there be a snow holiday? We'll send out information as soon as we know for sure the wisdom of cancelling OR holding school.

Tuesday, February 16: Connection with all enrolled at St. Mary's *via ZOOM* (*invite was sent to all families/staff*). This is an opportunity to gather "together" as a school community to see each other at least online, toast one another. Hope you will try to join. ZOOM invites have been sent.



Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday---Mass is at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym. UNIFORMS are required today. Today begins the season of Lent in which we try to live the way of **P.E.G.S.** during Lent. For more info see the attached sheet.

Family Feud will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 2:00



Spelling Bee is Friday, February 19 at 1:00... Today, Friday, is a regular dress day—NO Mass.

Please put on your calendars: MARCH 5th. This is a Friday and the school is responsible for Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. ALL are welcome ---one does not have to be Catholic to participate. Please call the school or email Sister Margaret (sistern@stmarysmoscow.com) or text her (208-301-0293) to let her know you'll be there and would like to help. Thank you!



#1 Please make a difference and assist the school financially when you shop online. HOW to do this at Amazon? Sign into Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and type in the charity: **St. Mary's School Foundation of Moscow Idaho**. A percentage of what you buy is given to the school's Foundation.

#2 **Box tops:** PLEASE dig into your purses or look through their junk drawer for *physical box tops*. Next submission is March so our volunteer (**thank you Joy Newlan for doing these**) need to cut and organize them. Don't forget too that you can download the *box top app* and submit receipts via the app or submit receipts to the school office. Thank you so much!

REQUEST---does anyone have a **VCR rewinder they would like to donate?** Please call the school office to let us know. Thank you!

- Latah Realty, LLC are partnering with Book People for an amazing giveaway for the month of February. Bring your child or young adult reader into the store and receive a free book that's been hand-picked for them based on their age and reading level. Head in soon, while supplies last!



Monday, Feb. 15:	Holiday
Tuesday, Feb. 16:	Bolognese (turkey + pasta) if we have school....
Wednesday, Feb. 17:	Fish tacos (Ash Wednesday...meatless meal)
Thursday, Feb. 11:	Waffles + link sausage
Friday, Feb. 12:	Tomato Soup + cheese quesadillas (meatless)

Q. What are the quarantine requirements for traveling?

A. Carol Moehrle has given the following information to us-----there are no quarantine requirements for those traveling in the United States. She still recommends that masks are worn. And monitor for any signs and symptoms for 10 days after returning. **However, if one travels outside the United States, quarantining is required** upon returning.

In last week's Newsletter, some quotes were shared from the students on what they thought about their school experience. The quotes below are from the students in the lower grades. The students from all the grades really gave a "tone" to what was important for them. Yes, one said "St. Mary's School provides a great education for the students." However, the words overall deal with the factors that the students are known, individually, with a sense of caring, respect and love. And isn't that what all human beings want and crave? And when they have it, there isn't anything that they cannot achieve! We are truly blessed to have the staff we have and we are blessed, parents, to have you and your children here at St. Mary's Parish School

- ❖ Our school is open every day. We are glad to be in the classroom and lucky that we can be together.
- ❖ We can learn about religion, and spend more time with God. We get to celebrate Mass.

- ❖ We learn about Science. We do fun activities on religious holidays.
- ❖ We have great friends here. We have a very nice class. Teachers here are happy to help. We do fun projects.
- ❖ We love our school because we include everyone. We get to come to school and the time because we are extra safe. The P.E. and music programs are really fund ad we get to go to church on Fridays. We also love being able to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week!
- ❖ Saint Mary's is a safe place where we get a great education.
- ❖ We get to do music, band and learn to play new instruments.
- ❖ We all go to Mass together each week.
- ❖ The teachers appreciate the students here.
- ❖ People are nice and respectful.
- ❖ The food is good at lunch time.

*Congratulations
& Welcome*

to Eric Lange, the father of Preschooler, Coop who recently was received fully into the Catholic Church community. Blessings and peace to him and his family.

- ❖ **LENT and P.E.G.S.—what is the connection? See the attached sheet for more information.....**
- ❖ **Another source for growing in one's faith life is at <http://stmarysparishmoscow.org/> and click on "Family Faith Formation Program" under the heading of Growing in Faith. Many wonderful activities for the entire family. Also, go to "links" and click on *The Chosen* to view a very good film.**

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