

#9 SUMMER NEWSLETTER for St. Mary's Catholic Parish School
Week of August 9, 2021



LAST week for our Summer Program

THEME: Recycle...This LAST week of our Summer Program is filled water day activities. All will be planning activities for the CARNIVAL on Thursday, Aug. 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. PLEASE COME if you can for the whole time, or at least part of the time. Wednesday and Thursday the students will be involved in St. Mary's Parish Vacation Bible School. Any questions? Please call Lori Johnson, Director: 208-669-1119. Thank you so very much!

Students in Grades 5 and higher who would like to work at our Summer Carnival, Thursday, August 12, by running one of the booths, please contact Ms. Lori Johnson at 208-669-1119.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Monday, August 9: Training for School Board members
Boy Scouts mtg. at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
- Tuesday, August 10: School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. Aug. 11-12: Vacation Bible School Theme is St. Joseph. Call 882-4813 (church) and ask for Jenn Morrison
- Wed. August 11-17: Debbie Johnson will be out of the office***(Sister Margaret will be at the school daily.)
- Thursday, Aug. 12: CARNIVAL at the school from 4 to 5:30
Movie, The Chosen, Viewing Party at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center—open for all



Please keep the **Fitt family** in your prayers. They would appreciate your prayers very much for Riley (husband and dad). Thank you!

QUESTIONS we have been asked:

Q. When will we know about the health procedures for school this year?

A. It is our desire to be able to stay open for all the students in all the grades as fully as possible as we did last year. We realize to make this a reality we need to follow the advice of health/medical experts. Since there are three full weeks before school is to start, there are still decisions to make. ***So far***, here are some of the appropriate protocols we will be doing this school year:

- ❖ We will take temperature (students/staff) daily at the kiosk
- ❖ We will continue to have sanitizers available in every classroom/office
- ❖ We will encourage good bathroom habits
- ❖ The classrooms will be fogged twice daily
- ❖ We will continue using humidifiers, purifiers, and fans in every classroom
- ❖ We will continue to have Culligan water dispensers in every classroom

Please know that all decisions are being made for the students/staff to be in school and be as safe as possible.

Q. Will the School Handbook be updated?

A. Yes. This week you will receive the 2021-2022 Handbook for Parents and Students. There are several revisions to it. We hope that it will be more user friendly since it is cross-referenced. The documents that need to be signed are included in the Addenda in the Handbook. (*Internet Policy of the Diocese, Chromebook Policy, Drivers of Students forms and lastly the Contract between parents and the school*). These are due to the school on/by August 31st (first day of school). Reminder: The School Handbook is the official contract (agreement) between the parents and the school. If you ever have any questions, please just ask.

Q. What is the School Foundation?

A. Our school has its **OWN Foundation** from which we receive yearly funds to assist the school in its educational and scholarship needs. *St. Mary's School Foundation's sole recipient is our St. Mary's Parish School.* The Foundation began in 1982 with \$30,000 in its corpus. Over the years, the corpus has grown to today an amount of 2.2 million! Up to 5% of the interest earned yearly is given to the school for its yearly operating budget, starting July 1. Last year in 2020-2021 the Foundation contributed \$96,000 to the school. This year (2021-2022) the amount donated is **\$115,600**. *All contributions make a difference for the students now and into the future!*

To **Sara Flanders** whose birthday is August 13.



Assistant to our Office Manager, Debbie Johnson, is now open. The person to be hired needs working knowledge of computer programs such as Excel, Word, Outlook, Power Point, etc. and must possess excellent phone and people skills as well as being discreet. And given all that does take place in any given day, the person needs to be able to be a *multi-tasker*. It is a position that is filled with many tasks, yes; but the rewards are out of this world!!! If interested OR if you know some persons who would be GREAT in this position, please have them call the school for an application form (208-882-2121). Thank you! The job will remain open till filled.

EVENTS



A. Remember to share your **favorite dessert** recipes with us. The Catholic Women's League is collecting "*Dessert Recipes*" for a dessert cookbook. Please bring your recipe to the church office. The deadline is **August 15th** and collection boxes are at the back of the church and in the family center.

B. Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? Or becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who would? Classes will begin on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Each one is invited to **come and see what we are about.**



For those who attend St. Mary's Church: the church is seeking persons—children, men and women (ages 9 to 99) who are willing to be altar servers at Mass. Also, parents could serve with their child; siblings with each other, etc.) As Fr. Joe wrote: "*If you have served in a ministry at St. Mary's before, please now we would love for you to return to that ministry. You can pick a different one or stay with the one you know.*"

Did you know that whenever you shop on Amazon, you can select **St. Mary's School Foundation of Moscow, Idaho to receive a donation?** Visit www.smile.amazon.com and select us as your preferred charity. Whenever you make a purchase, a percentage of the sale is sent to us. NEW to this is that Amazon Smile is now functional within the Amazon app, makes donating even easier for you to send support our way!



50 + years we saw Earth for the first time from space thanks to Apollo 10 (1969). While the Yucatan Peninsula is obscured by clouds, nearly all of Mexico north of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec can be clearly delineated. The Gulf of California and Baja California and the San Joaquin Valley can be easily identified. Also, the delta of the Rio Grande River and the Texas coast are visible. Note the color differences (greens - east, browns - west) along the 100 degrees meridian.

Have a blessed week! And if you have prayer requests, please let us know and we'll share them with our school community.

Sister Margaret Johnson, osu