

St. Mary's Catholic School 2025-2026 Weekly Newsletter

May 11th-15th

Upcoming Dates

Tue, May 19th- High School Senior Lunch with 8th graders (Noon),

School Board Meeting 6pm

Wed, May 20th- *The Wizard of Oz* musical at 6pm (School Gym).

Please note the Band Concert has been moved to May 29th

Thur, May 21st- Grandparent's Day (see details below),

Garden Club at 3:15pm

Fri, May 22nd- Mass at 9am (Grade 1 + buddies)

9am for the rest of the school year

Mon, May 25th- Memorial Day, **no school or childcare**

Summer Camps in Moscow-Pullman

We've received a number of summer camp flyers. If you're interested, feel free to drop by the office and grab a flyer!

- Vandal Soccer JR Joe Camp (age 5-13)
- Vandal Hoops Youth Camp (1st-8th grade)
- Idaho Diving Camp
- Vandals Kids Camp (age 6-11)
- Phillips Farm nature Camp

Klemgard Park (Grades K through 8) Food

We are asking for the following foods by grade.

[See the google spreadsheet here](#) to sign up.

K/1: Hot Dogs

2: Fruit

3/4: Hot Dog Buns

5: Cookies or Brownies

6: Veggies

8: Potato Chips or Pretzels



Garden Club Plant Sale

Plants may be sold during lunch time or after school between now and the end of the school year.

JOIN US

For Grandparent's Day!

Join us for Grandparent's Day
May 21, 2026!

Activities start at 7:30am with
coffee and pastries.

Assembly to follow at 8:15am.

Then, join your grandchildren in
their classrooms for the morning.

Enjoy a hot lunch with the children
to finish up the fun!

*Hot lunch is Pasta Shells with meat &
cheese, with salad and fruits*



Reminder for Re-registration

If you haven't already, please re-enroll your child(ren) on FACTS for the upcoming school year. Remember, when you recruit a new family to St. Mary's School, your registration is **free**.

Financial Aid Deadline: July 15th

If you are planning on applying for financial aid for next school year, please know all requests need to be in by **July 15th**. Application Link is here: <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/468PV/landing-page>

Update on Idaho Parental Choice Tax Credit

Since there are remaining funds, Idaho families may have another opportunity later this year to apply for the state's Parental Choice Tax Credit program. The program can help eligible families cover education-related expenses. We will keep you updated when we know more.

Igniting *faith, knowledge, creativity, and service*



Subject: Keeping the Spark Alive This Summer — A Note from Mrs. Bordeleau

Dear Treasured St. Mary's Families,

Summer is almost here — and with it comes the gift of slower mornings, family time, and a well-earned rest. You and your children have worked hard this year, and that deserves to be celebrated.

But here's something worth knowing as you plan the weeks ahead: research consistently shows that students who go three months without any reading or math practice lose, on average, one to three months of academic progress. Educators call it the "summer slide," and it is very real. The good news? It doesn't take much to prevent it.

Just 15–20 minutes of reading, writing, or math each day — even four or five days a week — is enough to keep skills sharp and minds ready for fall. Think of it less like school and more like staying in shape: a little, consistently, goes a long way.

Here are some ideas to make it feel natural rather than like homework:

READING

The single best thing a child can do over the summer is read books they actually want to read. Let them choose. Go to the library together. Read aloud as a family. Even 20 minutes a day of self-selected reading builds vocabulary, comprehension, and a love of stories that no curriculum can replicate.

- **Latah County Library District (Moscow)** — free library cards, summer reading programs, and thousands of titles: lclid.org
- **Epic!** — free digital library for kids through age 12: getepic.com (free for families in summer)
- **CommonLit** — free reading passages by grade level: commonlit.org
- **Recommended book lists by grade:** Cardinal Newman Society K–12 Reading List (cardinalnewmansociety.org/wp-content/uploads/Literature-Selected-Reading-List.pdf) and Catholic Library Association (cathla.org)

JOURNALING

Journaling is one of the most underrated skills we can build in children — and summer is the perfect time for it. Writing even a few sentences each day builds fluency, self-expression, and the habit of reflection.

Some simple prompts to get started:

- "What's one thing I noticed today that I wouldn't want to forget?"
- "If I could spend a whole day doing anything, what would it be and why?"
- "What is something I learned this year that surprised me?"

- For older students: a gratitude journal or a "question a day" journal (write a question you have about the world and sit with it)

A simple composition notebook is all they need. No app required.

MATH

Math is the subject most vulnerable to the summer slide, because it depends on fluency — and fluency fades without practice. The goal isn't to teach new concepts; it's to keep what they already know strong.

- ***Khan Academy*** — free, grade-level math practice with short videos and exercises: khanacademy.org (excellent for all grades)
- ***IXL*** — a tool your child already knows from school! IXL covers math skills for every grade level and is available for home use: <http://ixl.com/signin/dioceseboise>
- ***Math-Drills.com*** — free printable worksheets by skill and grade: math-drills.com
- For younger students: cooking together, measuring ingredients, counting change, and reading analog clocks are all genuine math practice
- For older students: have them be the "family calculator" — let them estimate costs at the store, plan a budget for a trip, or calculate distances

A WORD ON THE WHOLE CHILD

At St. Mary's, we believe learning is about more than academics. Summer is also a beautiful time to grow in faith — saying grace together, attending Mass, doing a small act of service, or simply sitting quietly and paying attention to the world God made. These practices form the whole person, and they matter just as much as any worksheet.

We are so grateful for this community and for the chance to walk alongside your families. We look forward to welcoming your children back in the fall — rested, curious, and ready.

With gratitude and hope,
Dr. Marie Bordeleau

ST. MARY'S YOUTH

CAR WASH

**SATURDAY
MAY 23RD
&
JUNE 7TH
1-4PM**

1420 WHITE AVE.

**STOP BY PALOUSE AUTO CARE ON WHITE AVE.
AND LET US WASH YOUR CAR!**

**We are sending
16 youth to Spokane
on July 10th for the
SteubenvilleNW conference.**

**Cost of the car wash
is by donation.**



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