

# WELCOME TO ST. MARIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41

Greetings and welcome to St. Maries Joint School District No. 41. For years, St. Maries School District has been recognized as a leader in quality educational opportunities. We recognize the role of parents in the success of our students, and we are humbled by the level of trust our parents demonstrate by allowing us to teach their students. We have accomplished a great deal through close cooperation between teachers, administrators, parents, patrons, and local businesses all working toward the common goal of helping our students become successful. We are dedicated to providing an educational culture that will continually assess the knowledge, changing needs, and challenges of our students and adapt our practices to prepare them to become successful citizens.



Heyburn Elementary School

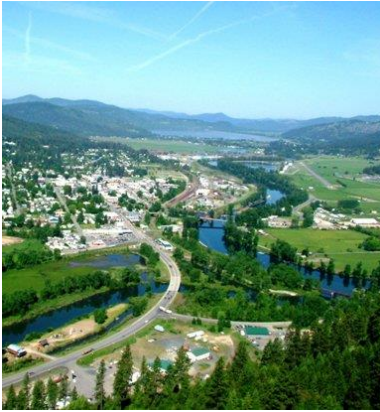
St. Maries is conveniently located near the University of Idaho in Moscow, North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, and Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. These outlying areas offer exceptional post-secondary educational opportunities, cultural opportunities, entertainment, and shopping while affording our residents the opportunity to live in our beautiful community.



Idaho Education Network Classroom

## School District Highlights

- All District Schools are Four- and Five-Star Schools as determined by the State Department of Education.
- Development of Response to Intervention (RTI) Program focused on individual student growth.
- Implementation of Common Core State Standards.
- Small class sizes: Heyburn Elementary School's student-teacher ratio of 21:1 is lower than the Idaho state average of 24.1.
- The high school graduation rate of 96% is higher than the Idaho state average of 82%.
- Increased on-line and blended-learning courses, as well as advanced-learning opportunities at the secondary level.
- Successful Health Occupations Program in partnership with local medical service providers and area colleges at secondary level. Students participated in a live kidney transplant via the Idaho Education Network technology link.
- Development of Agriculture/Forestry Program as secondary level.
- State-qualifying athletic and co-curricular activities programs.
- Recognized by Governor Otter in previous State-of-the-State Address for advancements in the use of technology.
- Close working relationship with local Emergency Medical Services and law enforcement agencies.
- Security upgrades to all four schools.



St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 would like to be the first to welcome you to our community of St. Maries, Idaho!

St. Maries was established at the confluence of the St. Maries and St. Joe Rivers in the heart of the scenic St. Joe Valley in 1913. Logging and business opportunities surrounding the timber industry have been the principal economic factor since the valley was first settled.

Major employers in the immediate St. Maries area of Benewah County include Potlatch Corporation, Stimson Lumber Company, Benewah Community Hospital, Valley Vista Care Center, Idaho Department of Lands, United States Forest Service, Peet Shoe Dryer, Jack Buell Trucking, and the School District.

You can access information concerning St. Maries through the St. Maries Chamber of Commerce website [www.stmarieschamber.org](http://www.stmarieschamber.org). The website of our local newspaper, *The St Maries Gazette Record*, published each Wednesday, is [www.gazetterecord.com](http://www.gazetterecord.com). The St Maries School District website is [www.sd41.org](http://www.sd41.org). Another website: [www.stmariesid.com](http://www.stmariesid.com) has an excellent six-minute video, "*St Maries... Hidden Jewel of the Gem State.*"

There is year-around recreation in and around the area. Summer activities include trout fishing on the St. Maries and St. Joe Rivers. Boating down the St. Joe River will connect recreational enthusiasts with over a dozen small lakes which eventually empty into the vast Coeur d'Alene Lake system, roughly 30 miles long. Aqua Park is located on the St. Joe River and has boat docks and a sandy beach to enjoy the summer weather. St. Maries boasts a beautiful nine-hole public golf course and four popular city parks: Aqua Park, Vic Camm Park, Central Park, and Mullan Trail Park. Central Park is the core of many community events and the location of a swimming pool, picnic facilities, a playground, basketball and tennis courts, softball fields, a dirt track, and a soccer field. Our community offers an abundance of hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing activities during the winter months as well. St. Maries is indeed a community for all seasons.

Within walking distance of downtown, visitors will find the Benewah County Fairgrounds with a well-groomed horse arena, RV hookups, and a dumping station. The St. Maries Public Library and a bowling alley are located in downtown St. Maries, as well as numerous local businesses offering a variety of shopping opportunities.

The Route of the Hiawatha Bike Trail traverses through the local mountains, running through old railroad tunnels and offers a spectacular ride. The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes is another paved biking system that is a must for all ages.

St. Maries is the gateway to the St. Joe National Forest, which has hundreds of miles of gravel roads that can be accessed by vehicle, motor homes, horses, and ATVs. Camping can be enjoyed at small campgrounds along the river or along old logging roads throughout the area forests. Idaho is one of the few states that allows the licensing of ATVs for public roads, making it a great way to travel the mountain back roads.

The St. Joe Valley offers a wide range of real estate, from virtual wilderness to very nice river-front homes. There are six realty offices in St. Maries;

- ST. MARIES REALTY 208 245-4508 <http://www.northwest-national.com/st-maries-idaho>
- CENTURY 21 208-659-2619 <http://www.century21.com>
- FOUR SEASONS REALTY 208-245-6898 <http://www.4seasonsrealty.net>
- TIMBER REALTY 208-245-2345 <http://www.stmariesrealtor.com>
- TWO RIVERS REALTY 208-245-2551 <http://www.tworiversstmaries.com>
- DUFFEY REALTY 208-245-2011 <http://www.duffeyrealtyinc.com>