



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## Braves' Bulletin – January 19, 2012

### Calendar of Events

Family Day	Sun., Jan. 22, <b>Attend Mass Together!</b>
All School Mass	Tues., Jan. 24, <b>All Welcome!</b>
Safe Environment Class	Thurs., Jan. 26 (2:30 p.m.), Diocesan Pastoral Center Rsvp with Eleanor Smith – <a href="mailto:esmith@rcdb.org">esmith@rcdb.org</a>
Catholic Schools Week	Sun. – Sat., Jan. 29 – Feb. 4
First Reconciliation	Sat., Feb. 4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)
Crab Feed Dinner & Auction	Sat., Feb. 11, <b>All Welcome!</b>
Open House	Tues., Feb. 14 (9:30 – 11 a.m.), <b>New Incoming Families</b>
Registration Begins (2012-2013)	Thurs., Feb. 16, <b>Current Families</b>
H.S.A. Meeting	Tues., Feb. 21 (5:30 p.m.), <b><u>NEW TIME!</u> All Welcome!</b>
School Board Meeting	Wed., Feb. 22 (5:30 p.m.), Library, <b>All Welcome!</b>
Registration Due (2012-2013)	Tues., Feb. 28, <b>Current Families</b>
Open Registration (2012-2013)	Thurs., Mar. 1, <b>New Incoming Families</b>

## **A Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents,

I want to apologize that in the Christmas excitement I forgot to announce to the community that **Mrs. Baccay had her baby!** The students are all aware, but parents may have missed out. **Aurora Hope was born on December 15th**; weighed in at almost 9 pounds. She has been to school several times and is absolutely beautiful!

**Mardi Gras 2012 is getting closer!** This is the theme of our **47<sup>th</sup> annual Crab Feed and Auction, and we hope that every member of our community will be in attendance.** Please invite your family, friends, and anyone you know that likes to have a great time! This is our most important fundraiser of the year, and the proceeds benefit all families at the school. **Money raised at the Crab Feed goes directly to the operating budget** of our school. This means instructional supplies, extra activities, salaries, maintenance, and utilities. If the Crab Feed does not do well, our only means of making up the difference is an increase in tuition, which is not what we wish to do. **Our chairs and co-chairs are working very hard for a fantastic event;** solicitations are coming in, art projects and class baskets are coming together, reservations are arriving, raffle tickets are being sold, and I've heard about some fantastic live auction items!! Please be sure to thank the Crab Feed families when you see them. If **anyone still needs volunteer hours**, this is an excellent opportunity. There is a lot to do, especially on the day of and the following day for clean-up.

Along the lines of volunteer hours, **please remember that it is important to log your hours on Volunteer Builder on our website** ([www.stjoes.com](http://www.stjoes.com)). The HSA would like to know how much time each of our fundraising activities takes. This helps with decisions on programs that we will continue to have.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Andrea Anderson, our Hospitality Chair,** and her committee from Miss Cammann's class for a wonderful faculty lunch last Friday. **A delicious lunch was provided by Stephanie London, Theresa Scheingraber, Curi Stock, Danielle Krawl, Kathleen McRoberts, Alison Tate, Bridget Henson, and Nicola McIntosh. Thank you all very much for taking care of our staff!**

**Catholic Schools Week** will soon be upon us, **January 29-February 4.** The theme this year is "Faith, Academics, and Service---Catholic Schools". We are very excited to celebrate the week and remind your children of the commitment their parents have shown in giving them the very best education available. A list of special events will be forthcoming, but please plan for Thursday, February 2, which is "**Dress as Your Favorite Saint Day**"! This is one of the events that the children love and remember for years. They will be learning about a saint, dressing like that saint, and they must be prepared to tell about their saint.

**Registration Packets will be going home on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** with the youngest sibling. The packet will also include your incoming kindergartener. **Registrations are due back to Mrs. Gray by Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will open enrollment to new incoming families on March 1<sup>st</sup>. It is very important that we know who is returning so that we can plan accordingly.

**Open House for new incoming families and interested families will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you know of families that might be interested, please invite them to this Open House. They will have an opportunity to meet a few parents and tour the school with one of our OUTSTANDING 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Please remember that the very best recruitment tool we have is word of mouth, parent-to-parent. Please talk to others about the great things that are going on here at school.

**Report Cards were distributed yesterday,** so make sure you ask your child for theirs. Please congratulate them on the wonderful job they have done this semester! Please sign and return the envelope.

**Congratulations to Jake Appleton, Cameron O'Brien, Cece Fitz, Andrea Wilson and Julia Lewis**

who all won Round 2 of the **Hoop Shoot** this past Saturday at Boise High School. Good luck as you advance to Round 3 this Saturday at Timberline High School! We are so proud not only that these St. Joe's students won 5 of the 6 age brackets, but that they also represented our school well through good sportsmanship!

The boys with too long of hair have been reminded by their teachers and myself on the morning announcements to get it cut by this Monday. Our students are too young to get this done, so I am asking parents to please help us with this. Per our Student Handbook, boys' hair must be above the eyebrows, ears and collar.

Respectfully,  
Antonia A. Bicandi



**Note from Fr. Henry:**

Dear Friends,

Do you read and understand the Bible? As a Catholic parent, the Bible is something that should be a fundamental source of guidance and inspiration. Catholics believe that Sacred Scripture is the inspired word of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, which summarizes what Catholics believe, says that because scripture is the Word of God, "the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She (the Church) never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word (scripture) and Christ's Body (the Eucharist) In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God.' In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them." Because of our Catholic reverence for scripture, here at St. John's we offer many opportunities to become more familiar with Scripture. We have Scripture study classes, we offer reflections on the readings in our weekly bulletin, we provide resources for reflection on scripture during Lent, and we offer an online weekly bible study. We also have special speakers from time to time who are scholars of scripture, who come to our parish and help us to understand the Word of God more deeply. This Friday, all school families are invited to come and listen to Thomas Smith, a scripture scholar who works with Ascension Press, come and speak about The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. This special talk will help us all understand how our celebration of Mass follows from Jewish customs familiar to Jesus, and how scripture in the Old and New Testament helps us to understand these practices and customs, and thus helps us to understand the Mass more deeply. The presentation is at 7 pm in the Cathedral, it is free, and all are welcome and encouraged to come and listen and grow in your faith and understanding of scripture and the Mass.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Henry Carmona". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Fr. Henry Carmona, Rector

## Lost-and-Found

All items left in our Lost-and-Found bucket located at the bottom of the middle staircase on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul and our Used Uniform Sale.

## H.S.A. News

### Required Volunteer Hours

(See Volunteer Handbook on our website [www.stjoes.com](http://www.stjoes.com))

**All families are required to volunteer a minimum of twenty (20) hours per school year, per family. Please be sure to list your hours on our Volunteer Hours Form. These hours are tracked through our Home and School Association. The Volunteer Commitment Form must be completed and returned with your registration. In the month of May, all families will be charged \$15.00 per hour for each hour they have not completed.**

### Volunteers

All hands on deck! The 47th annual Crab Feed & Auction is quickly approaching! We need volunteers to help set up for our big event. Please give of your time on Friday, February 10 and/or Saturday, February 11, 2012. We have many times shifts to choose from:

#### **Friday, February 10**

3pm - 5pm  
5pm - 7pm  
7pm - 9pm

#### **Saturday, February 11**

8am - 10am  
10am - 12pm  
12pm - 2pm  
2pm - 4pm

Feel free to work more than one shift and remember, the hours you spend working on the Auction can be counted toward your 20 hours of required volunteer time for St. Joe's. Please contact Michelle Tullis at 208-631-9357.

### School Spirit

This year the School Spirit section of the Auction is going online! This includes all of the awesome donations from our St. Joe's teachers. Be sure to visit [www.stjoesauction.com](http://www.stjoesauction.com) and see what your child's teacher has conjured up this year!

## Tickets

Tickets sales for the Crab Feed are brisk. Half of all tickets have already been sold, so please be sure to purchase yours today at [www.stjoesauction.com](http://www.stjoesauction.com)

## **Graphing Calculators Needed**

Mrs. Russell is hoping to augment her small classroom set of graphing calculators with used graphing calculators that might be languishing in homes because they are no longer needed by their users. If you have a graphing calculator at home that you are not sure what to do with, she would love to put it to good use during graphing calculator lessons that currently require 2-3 students to share one calculator. Please contact Mrs. Russell at [russellju@stjoes.com](mailto:russellju@stjoes.com) or at 343-4909. Thank you!

## **Nurses' Notes**

We recently had confirmed cases of PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough) within our school community. Please review the fast facts from the Center for Disease Control and your immunization records, including adults. We think this is important for your health and the health of our community. Thanks. If you have questions, please call me (484-5731) or check with Central District Health Department (375-5211).

From the CDC:

- In 2010, 27,550 cases of pertussis (whooping cough) were reported in the U.S., but many more go undiagnosed and unreported.
- Coughing fits due to pertussis infection can last for up to 10 weeks or more; sometimes known as the "100 day cough."
- Pertussis can cause serious illness in infants, children and adults and can even be life-threatening, especially in infants.
- The most effective way to prevent pertussis is through vaccination with DTaP for infants and children and with Tdap for pre-teens, teens and adults - protection from the childhood vaccine fades over time.
- Vaccinated children and adults can become infected with and transmit pertussis; however, disease is less likely to be severe.
- Worldwide, there are 30-50 million cases of pertussis and about 300,000 deaths per year.
- Since the 1980s, there has been an increase in the number of reported cases of pertussis in the U.S., especially among 10-19 year olds and infants younger than 6 months of age. In 2010, an increase in reported cases among 7-10 year olds was seen.
- Pertussis is also known as "whooping cough" because of the "whooping" sound that is made when gasping for air after a fit of coughing.
- More than half of infants less than 1 year of age who get pertussis must be hospitalized.
- Vaccination of pre-teens, teens and adults with Tdap is especially important for families with new infants.

- Pertussis is generally treated with antibiotics, which are used to control the symptoms and to prevent infected people from spreading the disease.

For more information go <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html>

Linda Miller  
School Nurse

## Lunch Calendar

You may download our **January** lunch calendar at [http://www.stjoes.com/calendar\\_food.html](http://www.stjoes.com/calendar_food.html)

## Student Handbook

You may download our **Student Handbook** at [http://www.stjoes.com/about\\_handbook.html](http://www.stjoes.com/about_handbook.html)

## Field Trip Driver Requirements

- A photocopy of your driver's license.
- A copy of your declaration of insurance form showing at least **\$300,000 in liability coverage**.
- Forms 1 and 2 found here: <http://www.stjoes.com/forms.html>
- Safe Environment Class.

These will be kept on file for the current school year but must be **resubmitted each school year.**

## Athletics and Activities

**All games begin at 4:15 p.m. All buses depart from Sacred Heart School. Athletes may be checked out from school no more than 20 minutes prior to bus departure time.**

## TVCS Dance

Jan. 20 @ Sacred Heart (St. Paul's Host), (7-9 p.m.), **\$5 + Student ID + Can of Food**

## TVCS Boys' Basketball

Jan. 25	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Mtn. Home 8 <sup>th</sup> @ Mtn. Home, <b>Bus Departs 2:45 p.m.</b>
Jan. 30	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Lone Star, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Lone Star
Feb. 1	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Nampa South, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Nampa South
Feb. 6	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Syringa 8 <sup>th</sup> @ Syringa, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b>
Feb. 8	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Middleton, <b>Bus Departs 2:45 p.m.</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Middleton
Feb. 13	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Kuna, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Kuna
Feb. 15	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Vallivue 8 <sup>th</sup> @ Vallivue, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b>
Feb. 21	BYE
Feb. 22	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Sage Valley 8 <sup>th</sup> @ Sage Valley, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b>
Feb. 27	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Nampa West, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Nampa West
Feb. 29	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. East Valley 8 <sup>th</sup> @ East Valley, <b>Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.</b>
Mar. 5-7	Tournament - TBA

**Attn: TVCS Parents:** From the St. Joe's website click the TVCS button (left side toward the bottom) or go to <http://tvcs.rcdb.org> for all updated practice, game schedules and registration forms. Contact Brock Carpenter at 344-9738 (Sacred Heart School) with any questions.

### **Our Parish – St. John's Cathedral**

#### **HeartSpa Women's Retreat:**

**Where Women are Refreshed in Jesus!**

**Date: January 28, 2012**

**Times: 9 am to 7 pm**

**Place: St. John's Cathedral**

**Cost: \$30 (includes three meals and three spa stations)**

**The Most Refreshing Ten Hours You Will Ever Spend!! Heartspa Women's Retreat:**

Hello Ladies! Prepare for a relaxing getaway at **HeartSpa: Where Women Are Refreshed in Jesus**. You'll grow closer to friends, deepen your relationship with Jesus, and be pampered as well! Together we'll experience meaningful sharing based around the scripture story of Jesus and the woman at the well, spa treatments, and lots of rejuvenating fun! We will begin with a light breakfast on Saturday January 28 and will finish by 7:00 pm the same day (no overnight-to make it easier for moms to get away!) Our HeartSpa Getaway will be held at the St. John's to make it more affordable for every woman in the parish. The registration fee covers three delicious meals and fun and refreshing activities such as facials, pedicures, manicures and take home gifts. Call Rita Davis at 343-4290 for more information, or Lorissa or Bobbi at the parish office at 342-3511 or email [bkdominick@gmail.com](mailto:bkdominick@gmail.com) for a registration form. Take time to relax, make new friends, worship God, and dig deeper into your relationship with Jesus. We hope you'll join us at HeartSpa!

## St. Mark's

St. Mark's Grandparents Club extends an invitation to all our grandparents to join them for coffee and cookies at St. Mark's parish hall following the **All Schools Mass on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Sawyer at [psawyer@stmarksboise.org](mailto:psawyer@stmarksboise.org) or at 375-6651.

