



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Braves' Bulletin – January 5, 2012

Calendar of Events

Family Day	Sun., Jan. 8, Attend Mass Together!
Open House	Sun., Jan. 8, All Welcome!
All School Mass	Tues., Jan. 10, All Welcome!
8 th Grade Play	Thurs., Jan. 12 (Time TBA)
BK Basketball	Thurs., Jan. 12 (7:30 p.m.), St. Joe's School Night (see flyer)
End of First Semester	Fri., Jan. 13, Noon Dismissal
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Mon., Jan. 16, No School
H.S.A. Meeting	Tues., Jan. 17 (2 p.m.), Staff Lounge, All Welcome!
School Board Meeting	Wed., Jan. 18 (5:30 p.m.), Library, All Welcome!
Catholic Schools Week	Sun. – Sat., Jan. 29 – Feb. 4
First Reconciliation	Sat., Feb. 4 (2 nd graders)
Crab Feed Dinner & Auction	Sat., Feb. 11, All Welcome!

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from a very long Christmas vacation. I hope you enjoyed the blessings of family and friends over the holidays, and have made some excellent resolutions for 2012! I had a joyous Christmas Eve celebrating with my two brothers and their families, 20 in all. Also, a fun family dance party for New Year's Eve with my children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, most under 7 years old. There was a lot of squealing and giggling going on, and we brought in the New Year in style!

It is wonderful to have your children back here at school, and their enthusiasm is outstanding. They struggled to get back into the getting-up-in-the-morning-routine, but could not wait to get back with their friends and teachers! It has truly been fun to get back to work.

I would like to invite every family to attend 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday at the Cathedral. **Our staff and students will present this Mass for the St. John's community.** This is our way of demonstrating for the parish our pride in our school, and the great job our students do with the liturgy. This is also our opportunity to thank the parish for their continued support over the past 111 years, and to let them see our students as the future of our Church! There will be many students in the Mass, but we would like to have everyone else there for moral support! After the Mass we will have an **Open House at the school to show parishioners and prospective parents our school** and the beautiful new addition. Students will be conducting tours and teachers will also be on hand to visit with families! Please feel free to invite grandparents, friends, and family; the students love to show others their classrooms!

Speaking of support, I would like to thank **Don Curtis, Pat Shalz, Peter Oliver, Alan Winkle, Maureen Ayres, Prudy Ronan, and Beth Gray** for the outstanding job they did in getting the word out about the **Education Tax Credit Donation**. Maureen planned and prepared materials, Don and Mike spoke at each of the six masses at St. John's, Prudy and Beth have done all of the paperwork. What an excellent team! We have had a great return from many generous benefactors, many school families, and many parish families. I am delighted to report that **our school received \$20,000** from the program. It is due to this wonderful support that we are able to enjoy such great staff, programs, and facilities here at St. Joseph's.

I am sure your children have told you that we continue to be enriched by our **Wiegand Foundation Grant**. Over the vacation our projectors were mounted into the ceiling, and new large screens were installed. We are all very grateful and excited to continue learning to implement the new technology. It is exciting, and staff is learning from each other every day. Though we received training, and will continue to have trainings this year, it is really difficult to learn to use this new equipment without a great deal of practice. We are so very blessed to have had an opportunity to apply for and earn this grant, and **I thank God for Linda Shirley every day**. She did such a fantastic job for us, and we could not have done it without her!

We have been very blessed to have **6 new students enroll this week**, and as you will see in the section below, they are in several different grades. It is always fun and exciting to have new students, and we want to **welcome them and their families** into our community! **Reminder; if you have a new student who will be coming to St. Joseph's in the fall of 2012 or 2013, it is important to get them on our pre-registration list.** We are having inquiries daily for next year, but we want to make sure we hold spots for siblings of current students. If you have a child coming to St. Joe's, please contact Mrs. Gray as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Antonia A. Bicandi



Note from Fr. Henry:

Dear School Parents:

As you know, one of our core Catholic values is the value of reaching out to those less fortunate. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, works of mercy our charitable actions where we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. I was very proud of the response of school families to the cry for assistance from our Giving Tree program. Many school families took an ornament from the tree to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters at Christmas time. They made this a family project, teaching their children the value of reaching out to the poor. Then, when some who took an ornament did not return the gift on Giving Tree Sunday, and we were short by 160 gifts, the school families sprang into action and filled in the gaps. It was gratifying to hear of your quick response in filling this need. Thank you for your efforts and the love you showed in responding.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Henry Carmona". There is a horizontal line under the name "Carmona".

Fr. Henry Carmona, Rector

Thank You!

Before the dust settles too much on the Christmas season, I wanted to send a quick recap of this year's Giving Tree. This year St. John's parishioners helped approximately 135 families and provided nearly 800 gifts at Christmas. I did have quite a bit of extra work this year due to an unusually large number of gift tags that were not returned and we all owe a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Bicandi and the parents from St. Joe's. In particular, Todd and Paula McCurry made an amazing effort both financially and in terms of time spent to make sure the Giving Tree program worked. Frankly, we would have been unable to fulfill the Giving Tree requests without their help.

After sorting the packages Sunday Dec. 12 and coming to grips with the size of the shortfall on Monday, I contacted Mrs. Bicandi to see if I could talk to St. Joe's parents as they picked their kids up from school. She gave me the ok and contacted the families and staff of St. Joe's to explain the problem. Monday after school, the parents and staff took a huge dent in the list of missing items. Then the McCurry family worked to pick up the rest on Wednesday and Thursday of that week. Due to the quick and generous response of these families,

not only did we cover all of the Giving Tree items, but I was also able to return much of the children's collection money unspent.

Thanks,
Jim Bennett

New Families

Please help us welcome four new families here at St. Joseph's:

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| 1. Mark & Krystan Coyle
1250 Versailles Ct.
Boise, ID 83706
1-859-433-0683
krystancoyle@yahoo.com | Nicholas Coyle – 2SK
Grace Coyle – 4S |
| 2. Kyeryan Lee
1808 Donald Circle
Boise, ID 83706
639-0097
kyeryonlee@boisestate.edu | Minjung Kim – 8Y |
| 3. John & Esther Lam
3591 E. Trail Bluff Lane
Boise, ID 83716
608-8227
wee_esther@hotmail.com | Justine Lam – 1CO |
| 4. Greg & LeslieAnn Schweiger
9369 W. Pandion Ct.
Boise, ID 83714
854-1703
ladingers@gmail.com | Ava Schweiger – 1CA
Anja Schweiger – 4S |

Please be sure to add these families to your family roster.

Crab Feed and Auction

A formal invitation has been sent home today with your youngest student for this year's **Crab Feed and Auction**. Please take a moment to make your reservation now. Also, please invite your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. There are extra invitations if you need one at the school office.

Nurses' Notes

The following New Year tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP):

Preschoolers

- I will **clean up** my toys and put them where they belong.
- I will brush my **teeth** twice a day, and wash my hands after going to the **bathroom** and before **eating**.
- I won't tease dogs or other pets – even friendly ones. I will **avoid being bitten** by keeping my fingers and face away from their mouths.

Kids, 5- to 12-years-old

- I will drink reduced-fat milk and water **every day**, and drink soda and fruit drinks only on special occasions.
- I will apply **sunscreen** before I go outdoors on bright sunny days. I will try to stay in the shade whenever possible and wear a hat and sunglasses, especially when I'm playing sports.
- I will try to **find a sport** (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when bicycling.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a **booster seat** until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be **friendly** to kids who need friends – like someone who is shy, or is new to my school.
- I'll never give out personal information such as my name, home address, school name or telephone number **on the Internet**. Also, I'll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without my parent's permission.

Kids, 13-years-old and up

- I will try to eat two servings of fruit and two servings of vegetables **every day**, and I will drink sodas only on special occasions.
- I will take care of my body through **physical activity** and nutrition.
- I will choose non-violent television shows and video games, and I will spend only one to two hours each day – at the most – on these activities.
- I will help out in my community – through volunteering, working with community groups or by joining a group that helps people in need.
- When I feel angry or **stressed out**, I will take a break and find constructive ways to deal with the stress, such as exercising, reading, writing in a journal or discussing my problem with a parent or friend.
- When faced with a difficult decision, I will talk about my choices with an adult whom I can trust.
- When I notice my friends are struggling or engaging in risky behaviors, I will talk with a trusted adult and attempt to find a way that I can help them.
- I will be careful about whom I choose to **date**, and always treat the other person with respect and without coercion or violence. I will expect the same good behavior in return.
- I will **resist peer pressure** to try drugs and alcohol.
- I agree not to use a cell phone or text message while **driving** and to always use a seat belt.

Lunch Calendar

You may download our **January** lunch calendar at http://www.stjoes.com/calendar_food.html

Student Handbook

You may download our **Student Handbook** at 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. 9 First Day of Practice

7th grade boys will be at St. Joe's at 5:00 the first three days. After that, the teams will be formed and they will have separate practice times.

8th grade boys will be at Sacred Heart at 5:00 – same story.

Jan. 25 7th vs. Mtn. Home

Jan. 30	8 th @ Mtn. Home, Bus Departs 2:45 p.m. 7 th @ Lone Star, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 1	8 th vs. Lone Star 7 th @ Nampa South, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 6	8 th vs. Nampa South 7 th vs. Syringa
Feb. 8	8 th @ Syringa, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m. 7 th @ Middleton, Bus Departs 2:45 p.m.
Feb. 13	8 th vs. Middleton 7 th @ Kuna, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 15	8 th vs. Kuna 7 th vs. Vallivue
Feb. 21	8 th @ Vallivue, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m. BYE
Feb. 22	7 th vs. Sage Valley 8 th @ Sage Valley, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 27	7 th @ Nampa West, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m. 8 th vs. Nampa West
Feb. 29	7 th vs. East Valley 8 th @ East Valley, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
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 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!

Family Bingo

Sponsored by The Hospitality Committee

When: January 6, 2012 7:00 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Who: All Ages!

How Much: \$10 a pack

(Three Cards Per Game, 9 games total, 27 chances to win!)

Great Prizes!!!!!! Refreshments! Fun!

9 games, 2 hours, Fun!

All game proceeds go to the Christian Aid Fund!

