



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## Braves' Bulletin – October 27, 2011

### Calendar of Events

Red Ribbon Week	Mon. – Fri., Oct. 24 – 28
End of First Quarter	Fri., Oct. 28, <b>Noon Dismissal</b>
Family Day	Sun., Oct. 30, <b>Attend Mass Together!</b>
Safe Environment Class	Sun., Oct. 30, (1 p.m.), St. John's Parish Office – Downstairs w/ Jackie Hooper # 342-3511
Book Fair	Mon. – Fri., Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, Library, <b>All Welcome!</b>
All School Mass	Tues., Nov. 1 (8:30 a.m.), <b>All Welcome!</b>
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Thurs., Nov. 3, <b>Noon Dismissal</b>
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Fri., Nov. 4, <b>No School</b>
Daylight Saving Time Ends	Sun., Nov. 6 ( <b>set clocks back 1 hour</b> )
Friendship Feast	Thurs., Nov. 10
HSA Meeting	Tues., Nov. 15 (2 p.m.), Staff Lounge, <b>All Welcome!</b>
School Board Meeting	Wed., Nov. 16 (5:30 p.m.), Library, <b>All Welcome!</b>
Thanksgiving Break	Wed., Nov. 23, <b>Noon Release</b>
Thanksgiving Break	Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24 & 25, <b>No School</b>

## **A Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents,

I again want to **thank each of you for bringing your precious children to St. Joseph's.** We feel that we have a beautiful school, offering an outstanding education, and you will never find a more loving and committed staff. Of course, I feel truly blessed to have such wonderful children and parents to work with. Your support of your children and the staff is awesome, and we appreciate you always!!

Again this week, we are having a lot of fun with **Red Ribbon Week.** Please reinforce with your children that there is a purpose for all that we do this week, besides the fun and prizes. We are thinking and talking about drugs and saying "NO" to drugs! **I want to thank our staff who planned and prepared for this week: Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Baccay, Mrs. Betsy Miller, and Mrs. Kimbrell.**

Please don't forget that we have a **noon release tomorrow, Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for the end of first quarter.** Teachers will spend the afternoon updating **PowerSchool, putting comments on report cards, and preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences.** **Conference will be held on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m., and Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** I would recommend that all parents also prepare for conferences. We have a very short time and much information to share. Please think about your child's feelings about school, things they love, and maybe some things that they are struggling with. Teachers appreciate knowing as much as possible about each child. This is a very enjoyable experience, and we want everyone to feel comfortable and informed. Please remember that conferences are only 15 minutes in duration, so it is important that both parties are prepared, as teachers may not visit longer than the allotted time. Others are waiting for their times, and if teachers get behind it is impossible to catch-up.

**Next week, Oct 31- Nov. 4 will also be our annual Book Fair!** This is a favorite of students, parents, and staff. It is an opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping. We will have books for adults and children, and all profits will be used for new library materials. Mrs. Phillips has each child make a wish list to give parents ideas for Christmas. She also has teachers list books that they would like to have for their classroom. She has many shopping ideas for you! **A huge thank you to: Mrs. Phillips, Miss Cammann, Miss Hesla, Mrs. Kimbrell, Mrs. Chris Miller, Mrs. Oliveri, and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class for their hard work in preparing for the Fair!**

Respectfully,  
Antonia A. Bicandi



**Note From Fr. Henry:**

Many Tuesday mornings I have the privilege of celebrating Mass with your children. The children are engaged in the Mass, and their enthusiasm and joy gives me energy as well. Catholic parents have an awesome responsibility of helping young Catholics to know and understand the Mass more deeply, so that as they grow, they can remain connected to the central celebration of our faith, the Eucharist. Parents, as the first teachers of the faith, need the Eucharist and the love and understanding that it brings, so that parents can help their children understand their own faith.

Because we believe Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, it is a great privilege for us to celebrate together with Jesus. We also believe that our whole Catholic identity centers around what we believe about the Eucharist, that it is the source and summit of our faith. The Eucharist should feed us, help us to understand how God is working in our lives, and help us to model our lives to be more like Jesus. That is one reason why we have so many opportunities during the weekday and weekends for parents to refresh their souls, renew their spirits, and spend time with Jesus. Our weekday Masses are at 8:30 am Monday through Friday in the lower level chapel, (except on school Mass days, when Mass is in the Cathedral) and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we also celebrate Mass in the chapel at 12:15pm. We have a Mass in the Cathedral at 8:30 am every First Saturday, and we have six Masses each weekend so that this important celebration can fit into your weekend schedule.

Everyone, especially parents, are welcome to come celebrate the Mass every time they are available. I hope to see you all there often!

*Rev. Henry Carmona*

Fr. Henry Carmona, Rector

## Nurses' Notes

### Stress Busters:

- Take a deep breath, take another one.
- Get at least 30 minutes of brisk exercise a day—more if you are feeling stressed.
- Count your blessings.
- Talk with someone or access a support network.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Get enough rest.
- Remember that everyone you see is carrying some kind of burden.
- Laugh often.
- Don't sweat the small stuff.
- Focus on loving rather than being loved.
- Restrict or eliminate caffeine, alcohol, tobacco.
- Be good, do good.
- Do your best, leave the rest.
- Remember that every problem has a gift in its hand.
- Remember that "not everyone can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love."
- Remember Babe Ruth struck out 1330 times.

Linda Miller  
School Nurse

## Lunch Calendar

You may download our **November** 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 Girl's Basketball**

Oct. 24	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Mountain Home ( <b>Bus departs @ 3 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
	8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Mountain Home (@Sacred Heart)
Oct. 26	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Lone Star (@Sacred Heart)
	8 <sup>th</sup> @ Lone Star ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
Oct. 31	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Nampa South
	8 <sup>th</sup> @ Nampa South ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
Nov. 2	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Syringa ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
	8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Syringa
Nov. 7	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Middleton
	8 <sup>th</sup> @ Middleton ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
Nov. 9	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. Kuna
	8 <sup>th</sup> @ Kuna ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
Nov. 14	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Vallivue ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
	8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Vallivue
Nov. 21	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Sage Valley ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
	8 <sup>th</sup> vs. Sage Valley
Nov. 28	7 <sup>th</sup> vs. West
	8 <sup>th</sup> @ West ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
Nov. 30	7 <sup>th</sup> @ East Valley ( <b>Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart</b> )
	8 <sup>th</sup> vs. East Valley
Dec. 5-7	Tournaments
	7 <sup>th</sup> @ Nampa West
	8 <sup>th</sup> @ Nampa South

### **TVCS Wrestling**

Oct. 29	@ Nampa High
Nov. 1	@ Nampa South
Nov. 3	@ Emmett
Nov. 8	@ Lone Star
Nov. 10	@ Emmett
Nov. 15	@ Kuna
Nov. 17	@ Emmett
Nov. 22	@ Emmett
Nov. 29	@ Sage Valley
Dec. 2 & 3	League Tourney Hosted by Syringa

### **TVCS Dance**

Dec. 9	@ Sacred Heart (7-9 p.m.), <b>\$5 + Student ID + Can of Food</b>
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**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.

## Grant Opportunities

### Opportunity For Middle Schoolers Who've Performed Service Work this Past Year

If you've made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C. next May by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Click here (<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>) to apply and follow the on-screen instructions. Once you have completed your online application, go to the "Certification" page to either email certification instructions to Maureen Ayers at [ayersm@stjoes.com](mailto:ayersm@stjoes.com), or print them out and hand-deliver them to the office. This must be done by **November 1, 2011**. Print out the signature page of your application, sign it, have a parent or guardian sign it, and then either mail or scan and upload it to the application site by **November 1, 2011**. (If you do not have Internet access, please call 877-525-8491 toll-free to receive a paper form.)

All state-level honorees will be announced in February. The top middle level and high school applicant in each state and the District of Columbia, will receive an unrestricted award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D.C., next May 5-8. From two to ten runners-up in each state, called Distinguished Finalists, will get bronze medallions. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. Finally, ten of the State Honorees will be named America's top ten youth volunteers of the year at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., on May 7, 2012. These National Honorees will be awarded an additional \$5,000, gold medallions, crystal trophies, and \$5,000 grants for the charities of their choice.

## Update from Bishop Kelly High School

The Bishop Kelly Foundation invites you to join in the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of their Winner's Choice Dinner and Auction on November 5 at the Boise Center. Ticket information can be found at [www.bk.org](http://www.bk.org). Your generosity allows the Foundation to provide financial support to BK and scholarships to its students. Also check out our online auction at [www.bk.afrogs.org](http://www.bk.afrogs.org) –among the many items are several BK-related donations geared to the elementary schools. Live auction items are also listed for preview, but new this year: you can place an absentee bid on a live auction item if you won't be at the event. Any questions, contact Rita Franklin at 323-4789 or [rfranklin@bk.org](mailto:rfranklin@bk.org).

**October 27 – 30 – Halloween Weekend Fun!** Bishop Kelly Theatre Arts presents the classic Victorian thriller, *Gaslight*, by Patrick Hamilton. A young woman moves back into her childhood home with her new husband. But now, the house holds a secret that is stealing young Mrs. Anton's sanity. Thursday, October 27 through Saturday, October 29 at 7 PM. Sunday, October 30 at 2PM. Tickets at the door: \$6.00. \$5.00 for preschoolers and seniors. This is a family friendly play with a few, short, mildly spooky scenes.

## It's time to start your Christmas...selling!

Do you create handmade items or sell a product or service that would make a perfect Christmas gift? The Bishop Kelly Booster Club is currently accepting vendor applications for our Christmas Extravaganza on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 (from 9AM – 3PM). If you're looking for an opportunity to make a little extra holiday cash, this is the place to sell your wares. Booth space is only \$25! To reserve your spot contact the Bishop Kelly Alumni office at 947-1325 or email BK mom Chris Murphy at [murphcb@aol.com](mailto:murphcb@aol.com)

