



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Braves' Bulletin – November 10, 2011

Calendar of Events

Friendship Feast	Thurs., Nov. 10
Safe Environment Class	Thurs., Nov. 10 (7 p.m.), Holy Apostles, w/ Patty Blazek pblazek@holypostles.net or #888-1182 x3009
Family Day	Sun., Nov. 13, Attend Mass Together!
Safe Environment Class	Sun., Nov. 13 (10:30 a.m.), Our Lady of the Rosary, Cindy Anderson CAnderson@OLRBoise.org or #375-6651
All School Mass	Mon., Nov. 14 (8:30 a.m.), All Welcome! **Special Date**
HSA Meeting	Tues., Nov. 15 (2 p.m.), Staff Lounge, All Welcome!
School Board Meeting	Wed., Nov. 16 (5:30 p.m.), Library, All Welcome!
Wine Raffle Tickets Due	Fri., Nov. 18, School Office by Noon
Rake-Up Boise	Sat., Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Break	Wed., Nov. 23, Noon Release
Thanksgiving Break	Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24 & 25, No School
Safe Environment Class	Thurs., Dec. 1 (5:30 p.m.), St. Mark's, w/ Phyllis Sawyer psawyer@stmarksboise.org

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Mass Change---Next Monday, November 14, we will celebrate our All School Mass. The change is to allow our priests to attend training. Please make sure your children are in Mass dress on Monday!

Hooray! We are finally able to move into our new building. Thank you all for your patience, especially in the mornings and at pick-up. I realize that it has been a long couple of months. Beginning immediately, the students will all enter and exit through the new front doors that face our playground. In the morning children will line up in front of the new doors and teachers will pick them up there. Gates are back up and functioning like before. Parents will return to using the front doors, and all students will now be released onto the playground in the afternoon. **All other doors will be locked**. If your child is late in the morning, please remind them to enter from the new doors. Once school has started, you must enter through the 8th Street fence onto the playground. We are delighted with the new space, and I thank the teachers and students who have been displaced since August. They have done a wonderful job, and I appreciate them.

Thank you all for an outstanding **Parent/Teacher Conference** experience. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience, and the teachers especially had a great time and were delighted to meet with each of you! **A special thanks, also, to Andrea Anderson and Jacqueline Kite-Powell** for planning and arranging a beautiful Basque meal for the staff during the conferences. **Thank you to those families who prepared the food: Julia Achabal, Ana Asla, Mary Bieter, Alison Berriochoa, Debbie Bidaburu, Jolly Eck, AnaMarie Guiles, Angie Howard, Nere Lete, Julia Nemeth, Melissa Wolfe, and Rosa Ysursa.**

Please don't forget that **tonight is the St. John's Friendship Feast**, and our entire school is invited to help out. Ours is always one of the BEST because our students and families do such a great job of gathering warm clothing, hygiene products, and food. Our Student Council, middle school, and their parents are in charge of planning, preparing, and serving the dinner for our homeless guests. We also collected warm clothing: hats, gloves, coats, jackets, sweatshirts. Thank you all and God Bless you!

I am very sorry to say that due to some miscommunication, **St. Joseph's will not be a part of the Festival of Trees this year**. St. Joe's has been a vital part of the festival since its beginning, and I am very sorry that we are not in it this year. I feel that the students, our families, Saint Alphonsus, and the Boise community at large will miss our participation. We have helped raise outstanding amounts of money and community pride in the past, and I pray that we can get back into the spirit of the festival for next year!

We are beginning our **Program for Peace** with student training this week. I am very excited that students will be trained to identify bullying behavior and normal peer conflict. There is a big difference, and though both must be dealt with, they will be dealt with differently. I want to thank those students who have been elected and have accepted the responsibility to be **Peer Mediators**: 7th graders: Ryan Wilson, Belle Lindsey, Matea Bidaburu, Taylor Fuchs, Jacob Russell, Daniel Sabala; 8th graders: Josu Bieter, Ryan Melvin, Isabelle Howard, Abby Cleary, Kaed Benski, and Angie Ngo. These students are calling themselves the **C.O.P.'s ("Children of Peace")**. A special thank you to **Betsy Miller and Kelly Weaver, who are heads of the committee, with the help of Jennifer Sengemann, Carolynne Joy, Sharon Kimbrell, Anne Marcus, Karen Page, Julianne Russell, and Denise Seidler.**

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Phillips and all of her volunteers for the **Book Fair**, it was a phenomenal success, and I appreciate each and every one of you! Please read the attached flyer from Mrs. Phillips.

In this Newsletter, you will see a flyer for the **Wine Raffle**. Please remember that we have cut our fundraising projects considerably, but our costs remain the same. It is very important that everyone support the few fundraisers that we do have. This is a wonderful one, because we all need a little wine for the holidays! **I want to thank Lisa Duplessie and Jann Marie Stockwell for their hard work** in planning, getting donations, and getting tickets out to each family. Remember, this is a GREAT way to involve friends, neighbors, and relatives. There are great prizes for the students who sell the most tickets, as well as, the class that does the best!

Respectfully,
Antonia A. Bicandi



Note From Fr. Henry:

Dear Friends,

Most of you know have wonderful, supportive and loving relationships with friends and family. When you have those relationships, you know that it takes some work to keep the relationships strong, healthy and happy. So it is in our relationship with the Church. As Catholic parents, one of your goals should be to nurture a great love for the Church in your children. How do we show our love for the Church? There are many ways, but a primary way is to follow the "precepts" of the Church. The Church's desire is to have each Catholic grow in holiness, and so the precepts are guidelines for living for a Catholic. The precepts are designed to help Catholics grow in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, and to grow in their love of God and neighbor, the two greatest commandments. The first precept is to rest from other activities and attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, so that you might grow in your relationship with Christ and show how important the celebration of the Eucharist is. You cannot grow in your love for Christ without spending time with Him, listening to His Word, and uniting with Him through the Eucharist. The second precept I discussed last week, and that is to reconcile with God and the community by the confession of sins. The third precept is to honor the Easter season, and the death and resurrection of Christ, by receiving the Eucharist during that time. The fourth precept is to observe days of fast and abstinence, which helps us to prepare for and reflect on the great solemnity of the year. The fifth precept is to help provide for the needs of the Church according to one's own ability. Just as you provide for the needs of those you love, you grow in holiness by providing for the needs of the Church that you love. Over the last month, we have been talking about stewardship as a way of life, as a disciple, and that stewardship is a matter of contributing the gifts God has given, gifts of time, talent and treasure, to keep the Church strong and vibrant and able to accomplish the work Christ left for us. Those five precepts, contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, are precepts that have sustained the Church for over 2000 years, because by doing those things, Catholics have maintained and deepened their love for the Church throughout history. I encourage you to think about how those precepts are lived out within your own family. In future notes I will talk about corporal and spiritual works of mercy and other Church teachings that help you to live a good Catholic life.

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

New Family

Please help us welcome our newest family:

David & Lynn Jones Student: Reagan Jones – 1CA

bubbly808@gmail.com

***Please be sure to add them to your family roster.**

Lost-and-Found

All items left in our **Lost-and-Found** bucket located at the bottom of the middle stairway off the main hallway will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul on **Friday, November 18**. If your child's name is legible, all items will be returned. Uniform items with no names will be given to our Used Uniform Sale and the non uniform items with no names will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul.

Individual Community Service

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Families! With the holidays right around the corner, right now is the perfect time to start making your **Individual Community Service** plans! Many shelters, food banks, churches, retirement homes and more could use your help! Please try to make an effort to support the community! Please don't forget to complete the form (located on our website and also on the wall next to the school office) and turn it in to your home room teacher. If you have any questions or need further ideas, please contact Bridget Henson at Bridget.a.henson@gmail.com
Thank you!

H.S.A. News

Wine Raffle

"Just in Time for your Holiday Entertaining"!!!

The Wine Raffle fundraiser is off and running!! Students and families, please continue selling your tickets to friends and family members through Friday, Nov 18. Information and raffle tickets were sent home with each student on Tuesday, November 1st.

Tickets are \$20.00 each.

We will have two Grand Prize winners. Each winning ticket will receive a CASE of WINE. We will also draw four additional tickets and each of those winners will receive a 1/2 case of wine. Each case and 1/2 case of wine will consist of various red and white wines. There will be prizes for the students who sell the most tickets and a pizza party for the class that sells the most tickets. If you need more tickets, please see Mrs. Gray in the office.

Buy your tickets today!!

Michael Mick
H.S.A. President
860-2155
michaelmick@cableone.net

Nurses' Notes

A Good Night's Sleep keeps kids alert and ready to learn. A good night's sleep, along with good nutrition and exercise, is essential to your child's health, and her success in school. Children who lack sleep may:

- Fail to pay attention in class. In some cases, lack of sleep may actually be mistaken for an attention disorder.
- Fall asleep during the school day.
- Have more discipline problems.
- Be more prone to depression.
- Clearly, these are serious results you want your child to avoid.

To help your child get enough sleep:

- Encourage her to start homework in the afternoon, not late at night.
- Limit the number of extracurricular activities to no more than two.
- Limit TV and computer time. Your child may waste time on these when she should be doing homework or sleeping.
- Encourage your child to "wind down" at night. Try a warm bath, a story or some soft music.
- Encourage a regular bedtime.

Linda Miller
School Nurse

Counselor

THANK YOU to all who completed our school survey for the Program for Peace. The information that you gave us has been very helpful in developing our program. We appreciate your input and the time you took to take the survey. On Wednesday, Kelly Weaver and I trained the 7th/8th grade leadership team to help begin our program. We are very excited to share the program with the students and parents in school wide assemblies on December 1st. Please mark it on your calendar as all parents are invited!

Betsy Miller
School Counselor

Lunch Calendar

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

Chess Program

Attached today is the sign-up flyer for the St. Joe's Chess Program. It is held on Mondays at 7:20 a.m. in our cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Vellotti at 713-2486 or danielvellotti@yahoo.com

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 Girls' Basketball

Nov. 14	7 th @ Vallivue (Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart) 8 th vs. Vallivue
Nov. 21	7 th @ Sage Valley (Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart) 8 th vs. Sage Valley
Nov. 28	7 th vs. West 8 th @ West (Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart)
Nov. 30	7 th @ East Valley (Bus departs @ 3:15 p.m. from Sacred Heart) 8 th vs. East Valley
Dec. 5-7	Tournaments 7 th @ Nampa West 8 th @ Nampa South

TVCS Wrestling

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.), \$5 + Student ID + Can of Food
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TVCS Boys' Basketball

Jan. 9	First Day of Practice
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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.

News from our Parish – St. John’s Cathedral

Women of St. John’s Christmas Raffle 2011

The Women of St. John’s Christmas raffle drawing will be held on **November 20th**. Get your tickets now! This is the only fundraiser that supports the liturgy expenses. Enclose your money and tickets (tickets are located on the wall next to the school office) in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or return to the church office. You may also, drop tickets in the basket for the prize of your choice on November 13th and 20th, when the prizes will be displayed after the masses. Tickets not specified will go into the general drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. Thanks to all who donated items and for your continued support for the Women of St. John’s.

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

Advent Candlelight Concert

Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 PM

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

A candlelight concert featuring music of the season will be presented by local choirs on Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 1500 E. Wright Street in Southeast Boise. Participating choirs are Whitney Women’s Chorale, Bishop Kelly High School Choir, Bishop Kelly String Quartet, and Our Lady of the Rosary Children’s, Teen and Adult Choirs and Ensemble. The family concert is free and is followed by a dessert reception in the parish hall.

