



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Braves' Bulletin – November 17, 2011

Calendar of Events

Wine Raffle Tickets Due	Fri., Nov. 18, School Office by Noon
Rake-Up Boise	Sat., Nov. 19
Family Day	Sun., Nov. 20, Attend Mass Together!
All School Mass	Wed., Nov. 23 (8:30 a.m.), All Welcome! **Special Date**
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
Progress Reports	Fri., Dec. 2, No School
St. John's/St. Joseph's Alternative Gift Market	Sun., Dec. 4, All Welcome!
Science Fair (Grades 6-8)	Fri., Dec. 9
Christmas Concert	Tues., Dec. 13 (7 p.m.), All Welcome!
Christmas Break	Fri., Dec. 16, Noon Dismissal
Christmas Break	Dec. 19-30, No School
School Resumes	Tues., Jan. 3

Happy Thanksgiving!

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL FROM OUR STAFF AND COMMUNITY! Enjoy this family time together, and remember to discuss how thankful we should be for all of our blessings! There will be no newsletter next week. Our staff and students wish each and every one of our families a wonderful Thanksgiving.

There is another **Mass change for next week**. We will have Mass on Wednesday, November 23, rather than Tuesday. We made the change to celebrate Thanksgiving as a community on our half day! Remember, parents who are able are certainly invited to join us for these Masses.

Please don't forget that **Wine Raffle tickets are due tomorrow, Friday, November 18th**. There will be prizes for the students and they have an opportunity to help their school. This is one of our **BIG fundraisers**, so if you have not helped your child, there is still time to contact grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends, and co-workers. All of these people are generally happy to purchase a chance to win a case of wine and help our school at the same time! There will be **six big winners in this raffle: two will win a case of premium wine, and four others will win a half a case of wines**. **The students that sell tickets will be entered into a drawing for \$25 at the Saturday Market, and the 10 top sellers will have a "free dress" day!**

We are continuing to have confusion with regard to drop-off and pick-up of students. Now that our beautiful new entry is ready it will be the **only door available to enter or exit the school**. Because we are a downtown school it is important for the **safety of your children and our staff to keep all doors locked!** The drive-through will continue to be open (before school), and please remember that this is a **quick drop-off zone**. It is very important that your child be ready to exit the car quickly. This is not a time to kiss goodbye or assist with coats. Please park to do those things and walk your child to the playground. Those parents using the drive-through are generally in a hurry to get to work, so please save the drive-through for those parents. Please remember that **if you arrive at school late you will need to bring your child to the 8th Street gate** to enter the playground to enter our new front door.

After school, the Kindergartners and 1st graders will still be picked up in the classroom, 2nd grade on the Cathedral steps, and all other students (3rd-8th) will be released onto the playground. If you wish, you may have your older students meet you at your car after they are released to the playground. I would recommend that 3rd-5th grade parents meet children on the playground! Parking is now more available in the **Cathedral lot, but this is another area that requires great caution**. Many of our children are very small and hard to see as you leave the lot. **Please use extreme caution!**

Thank you to our middle school students & parents, and the entire school for a fantastic **Friendship Feast**. Last Thursday evening we had more than 120 homeless guests for a wonderful home-cooked meal prepared and served by our **6th-8th graders and their parents**. **The younger grades** made lovely placemats, and I want to thank each and **every family** for the hygiene products, portable foods, and warm clothing that you provided for the event. It was a wonderful, fulfilling experience for the students and the guests commented that it felt like Christmas! Thanks, also, to **Luke Shirley and Neal Maguire** who played and sang for the dinner. I appreciate **Mrs. Julianne Russell**, who was our faculty advisor for the Feast, and Judy Murdock, who organized the evening.

After Thanksgiving break there are **no shorts allowed at school until after spring vacation!** Parents, please help your children with our dress code. Some girls are coming to school with no socks (usually when wearing flats; socks must be red, white or navy), with skirts too short (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee), pants too tight (no skinny pants), wearing boots (with no rain or snow), and their bangs in

their eyes (need to be pinned back). There are, also, many boys with their hair too long (hair must be cut above the eye brows, around the ears and off the collar). Belts are required everyday for everyone in grades 3-8 (solid brown, black or navy). And, only St. Joseph's sweatshirts are allowed for sweatshirts. **Attached today is an updated dress code for your reference.** With your help, our teachers can spend more time teaching and less time monitoring the dress code.

There will be another **Safe Environment Class** (the last one for this year) offered on **Thursday, December 1st** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Please RSVP with Phyllis Sawyer at psawyer@stmarksboise.org

Attached today's newsletter is a very nice article about our very own, **Mrs. McClure**, our science teacher in the middle school. We are so proud of her and are blessed to have her on our staff.

Respectfully,
Antonia A. Bicandi



Note From Fr. Henry:

Dear Friends,

I am so pleased with the new school addition! I am also pleased that the school administration was able to accomplish this step, which seemed almost impossible three years ago, by being good stewards of the funds the school has received, and accomplishing the addition without going into debt. Everyone should be very proud of their individual contributions to this effort. Now that this is completed, it is my hope that we can focus more attention on other important things for Catholic families. While there are many needs, one of the things we are called to do as Catholics is pay attention to works of mercy. You will hear in the Gospel at Mass this weekend a portion of Matthew 25, which is a parable of the final judgment, where Jesus explains to his disciples the action He asks us to take in the world. The Corporal Works of Mercy are based on this Gospel and are: 1. Feed the hungry 2. Give drink to the thirsty 3. Clothe the naked 4. Shelter the homeless 5. Care for the sick 6. Visit the imprisoned and 7. Bury the dead (the last one is from an Old Testament command in the Book of Tobit). This is a central teaching of our faith, and one that we take directly from Jesus' instructions. Every Catholic family should incorporate into the fabric of their lives these corporal works of mercy. I am very proud that our school has a community service component, not only to advance the spirit of helping the community, but also because it helps each child to understand that the reason we do these things to help those less fortunate is because Jesus asked us to, to show our love for our fellow humans. Thank you for all that you are doing, and for considering what other things you can do as a family to help our young Catholics incorporate these teachings into their Catholic identity.

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 stairway off the main hallway will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul **tomorrow, 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.

Friendship Feast

Thank you to all those who generously donated to our middle school Friendship Feast last Thursday. The evening was a big success with plenty of food, entertainment and fellowship. We had a tremendous response in all of the donation items: toiletries, used clothing and food items. We had enough items to also donate to St. John's food bank. A special thanks to Luke Shirley and Neal Maguire (St. Joe's alumnus) for providing entertainment and Grace Maguire for organizing the student and parent volunteers to help make 12 pans of mashed potatoes. Thanks to our 1st graders for the festive placemats and center pieces. We were very proud of all our students who worked and served so enthusiastically making it a special and memorable evening. Judy Murdock and Julianne Russell

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! 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

We hope that you are having fun selling the Wine Raffle tickets!!! Just a friendly reminder - all tickets, money, and rosters are due to the office, by noon, on Friday, November 18, 2011. Thank you so much for supporting the Wine Raffle and St. Joseph's School!! Don't forget, there will be a pizza party for the class who sells the most raffle tickets!!

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Nurses' Notes

Did you know that **Art** is healthy and healing? Art is a form of communication that reaches across barriers of language, age and culture. It can help in building relationships, can provide positive outreach to those in need, serve towards therapeutic healing through written language, serve as an expression of social justice, serve as an educational tool, and serve as an outlet for positive emotional health and self care. Periodically during the school year, our student's art projects are displayed at St. Al's. St. Mark's fifth grade currently has featured cityscape art works in the children's art hallway at the S7 entrance. I have had so much positive feedback from the hospital. The children's art brings many smiles and positive healing. Thanks to all who have participated. St. Joe's will display in December and St. Mary's in January. Stop by to see and soak in the healing.

Linda Miller
School Nurse

From the Counselor

In the next two weeks, I will be doing a classroom lesson with grades K-3 on "appropriate touching/personal safety." I will be using videos and books to teach our students the skills to keep their bodies safe and when to report an incident. This will aid them in the prevention of this happening to themselves or someone they know. If you would like your child to be excluded from the lesson, please send back the letter attached to the newsletter by Monday, November 21st.

Betsy Miller
School Counselor

Can You Help?

Support in the Workplace: Please check with your workplace to see if there are any opportunities for supporting St. Joseph's, in the form of *grants, sponsorships, corporate matching gifts, employee giving, pro-bono services, volunteer*, or any other such program that might benefit St. Joseph's with treasure, talent or time. Please contact Maureen Ayers, Development Director, at 433-1831 or macayers@aol.com, or ayersm@stjoes.com. Thank you!

St. Joe's Website and Facebook: If you have any thoughts on what you'd like to see, or not to see, on the St. Joseph's website (<http://www.stjoes.com>), please contact Maureen Ayers, Development Director, at 433-1831 or macayers@aol.com or ayersm@stjoes.com. Also, please remember to friend St. Joe's on facebook ([facebook.com/stjoes](https://www.facebook.com/stjoes)). You can join St. Joe's mailing list by clicking on the button on the home page of our website, or on our fan page on facebook. Thanks, hope to hear from you soon!

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Lunch Calendar

You may download our **November** 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 Girls' Basketball

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. 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**

TVCS Boys' Basketball

Jan. 9 First Day of Practice

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

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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.

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