



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## Braves' Bulletin – December 8, 2011

### Calendar of Events

Program for Peace	Thurs., Dec. 8 (K-4 @ 1:30 p.m., 5-8 @ 2:15 p.m.)
Science Fair (Grades 6-8)	Fri., Dec. 9
Family Day	Sun., Dec. 11, <b>Attend Mass Together!</b>
All School Mass	Mon., Dec. 12 (8:30 a.m.), <b>All Welcome! - *NEW DATE*</b>
iPad2 Raffle Due	Mon., Dec. 12 (2 p.m.), School Office
Christmas Concert	Tues., Dec. 13 (7 p.m.), <b>All Welcome!</b>
Christmas Caroling	Thurs., Dec. 15, <b>All Welcome!</b>
Christmas Break	Fri., Dec. 16, <b>Noon Dismissal</b>
Christmas Break	Dec. 19 – Jan. 2, <b>No School</b>
School Resumes	Tues., Jan. 3, <b>*NEW DATE*</b>
Open House	Sun., Jan. 8, <b>All Welcome!</b>
End of First Semester	Fri., Jan. 13, <b>Noon Dismissal</b>
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Mon., Jan. 16, <b>No School</b>
H.S.A. Meeting	Tues., Jan. 17 (2 p.m.), Staff Lounge, <b>All Welcome!</b>
School Board Meeting	Wed., Jan. 18 (5:30 p.m.), Library, <b>All Welcome!</b>

## **A Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents,

**Thank you so much to each of you for the wine that you donated to our Staff Christmas party.** It was very much appreciated, and enjoyed by all.

**A very sincere thank you, also, to our wonderful School Board.** They prepared, served, and cleaned up for our dinner, and it could not have been more elegant or special. The cafeteria was transformed into a beautiful dining space with lovely china and crystal. The food was wonderful, and our staff had lots of laughs and fun. **Thank you to Debbie & Kevin McDonald, Mike and Theresa McLeod, Dan Melvin, Nick Woychick, and Paula Dryden.** We truly appreciate all the time, effort, and energy you give to St. Joseph's. I know you all have a very busy social calendar, and your hard work and kindness at this dinner are above and beyond. THANK YOU!!

Today's All School Mass was the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, and we also recognized our **Students of the Month for November**. Congratulations to the following students who have worked very hard and done exactly as they were asked this past month: KAM-Liam Durcan, KALL-Vanessa Malsam, 1Ca-Halle Hatten, 1Co-Anton Waldmann, 2Se-Brady Hippler, 2Sk-Audrey Spooner, 3R-Luke Hampton, 3S-Liam O'Brien, 4B-Luke McIntosh, 4S-Nick Gabelman, 5J-Mikayla Ysursa, 5W-Charlie Walther, 6G-NathanThomas, 6R-Liam Marchant, 7-Jackie Alves, 8M-Atticus Rosenkoetter, and 8Y-Danielle Bantrup.

**Parents are invited to attend our Program for Peace assemblies today.** It is the kick off of our anti-bullying program. The assembly will be presented by our counselor, the Program for Peace Committee, and the student mentors that have been selected by peers to participate in the program. Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the gym at 1:30 p.m., and 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> will assemble at 2:15 p.m.

We have another Mass change for next week. Our **All School Mass will be on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Please do not forget that **the iPad2 Raffle is winding down, and tickets are due on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> by 2 p.m.** The student that sells the most raffle tickets will also win an iPad2, so it is really a win-win for the students. GOOD LUCK to all!

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Concert.** It will begin at 7:00 p.m., and it will be an event to remember! The concert in the Cathedral is always beautiful, and the children have worked very hard preparing for it. I know it will be a wonderful event! Please see the **attached flyer** from Mr. Aspiri with all the details.

As you all know, the **Crab Feed is coming just around the corner - February 11!!** I know many of you have been very busy seeking and finding donors, and I want to thank each of you very much for your efforts. Please remember that it is not too late to get donations now! **We would really appreciate it if every family could come up with a few donations.** Each fundraiser that we do here at school is extremely important to the bottom line of our budget; the money we raise is not extra. These chairpersons have a very substantial goal to support our current school programs. I hope that every family can encourage and support their efforts. Thank you to our Chair people: Karey Hunter, Christina Ludwig, Wendi Pennington, and Beth Williams; you are doing a phenomenal job!

Last month, I mentioned the **Idaho Catholic Register's Thanksgiving Art & Writing Contest.** For those of you who are not receiving it, the Register is our only state Catholic newspaper. They carry articles about the local parishes, the Church across the country, and worldwide. The Register also does a nice job of

printing information about our Catholic schools across the state. If you do not currently receive the Register and would like to for \$17.00 per year, please call the Diocesan office at 342-1311. I think it is an investment that all would enjoy!

Attached with today's newsletter is the **Tax Credit Donation Form**. A hard copy was given to the students last Friday. This is the time of the year to think about your taxes and helping your school at the same time. Please take a moment and read this important flyer. It is a great program for you and our school. Also, attached is the **Alumni Registration Form**. This is for all of our alumni from St. Joseph's Catholic School. We know there are many of you out there and we would love to hear from you!

Respectfully,  
Antonia A. Bicandi



**Note from Fr. Henry:**

As our Advent season begins, we look forward to our Christmas celebrations. Christmas is on a Sunday this year, so our schedule is a little different, with a few more Mass options, so you can celebrate with your whole family!

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

- 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Mass with Bishop Mike
- 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
- 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Spanish)
- Midnight Christmas Eve Mass with Bishop Mike

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- 10 a.m. Christmas Day Mass with Bishop Mike
- 11:45 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
- 1 p.m. Christmas Day Mass (Spanish)
- 5 p.m. Christmas Day Mass

I pray that each family will make a special effort to celebrate together as a family the Nativity of our Lord.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Henry Carmona". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Henry Carmona, Rector

## Welcome New Family

Please help us welcome our newest family here at St. Joseph's:

Ryan & Kandiss Inman  
3789 Cayuga Pl.  
Boise, Idaho 83709  
208-305-9702  
[ryan@privateidaho.com](mailto:ryan@privateidaho.com)

Students: Tanner Inman – 4S  
Sawyer Inman – KALL

**Please 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, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## Update from H.S.A.

**Attention St. Joe's Parents!**  
**Please remind your children to turn in their envelopes to Mrs. Gray by Monday at 2 p.m.**

Your child could be the winner of an (Wi-Fi/32GB) the night of the Christmas Concert! Not only will the raffle winner receive an iPad2, but the student who SELLS the most tickets will win one too! We want this to be a huge success for our school! Your kids still have one more weekend to sell tickets, and we hope you will encourage them to participate in this new fundraiser! Please be sure the envelope contains the correctly completed tickets, spreadsheet, and money, and that it is in the office by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12th. Thank you!

**Used Uniform Sale:** A big thank you to Brett Neukam and all his volunteers: Gabe Garber, Becky Cooper, Michelle Velazquez, and Patty Jackson for all their hard work with our successful Used Uniform Sale.

## **Christmas Caroling for Sanctuary**

It is time again for the families of St. Joe's to participate in an event that honors the traditions of this Christmas season as well as the mission of St. Joseph's: Christmas Caroling for the homeless guests at Interfaith Sanctuary shelter in Boise. Please join us to add some holiday warmth to the lives of people who have precious little to celebrate. If your student has not yet performed his/her Individual Community Service project, this would be a great way to complete it before the holidays! *No talent or caroling experience necessary!*

**Thursday, December 15th**

**6:30 – 7:30 pm (caroling at 7:00)**

**Meet and park at Foerstel: 249 S. 16<sup>th</sup> (across from the fire station and the downtown skate park.)**

**We will practice briefly at Foerstel and then walk to Sanctuary to sing carols.**

**Note: a parent must accompany their student!**

**Let us know if you plan to come so we will have a good head count. Call Julianne at 343-8568.**

**Please bring: coat, gloves, hats and flashlights!**

**Santa hats and reindeer antlers always add a festive touch!**

## **Nurses' Notes**

### **Laughter really is the best medicine.**

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert.

With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both physical and emotional health. Some of the effects:

- Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after.
- Laughter boosts the immune system. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease.
- Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain.
- Laughter protects the heart. Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

## Lunch Calendar

You may download our **December** 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

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

### TVCS Boys' Basketball

Dec. 16 Registration Forms and Fee Due  
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.**

## **Elks' National Free Throw "Hoop Shoot" Contest**

- Who?** Any boy or girl in grades 3-8, age 8-13 (age as of April 1, 2012), is invited to participate.
- What?** An annual competition, sponsored by the local Boise Elks' Lodge, with six steps to the national finals. There are 2 divisions (boys' and girls') and 3 age groups (8-9, 10-11, 12-13). Students placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, in each division's age groups, will advance to the next local round in January. If a student cannot attend the next round, the next place finisher will attend in his/her place. Information regarding the next round will be sent to each respective family once results are tabulated.
- Where?** St. Joe's Gym
- When?** Ongoing this week in regularly scheduled P.E. classes
- Why?** It's fun to be involved and have something in common with other children from all across the United States.
- Questions?** Please contact Mrs. Governale at 342-4909, ext. 26.

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

### **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!*

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