



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Braves' Bulletin – February 2, 2012

Calendar of Events

Catholic Schools Week	Sun. – Sat., Jan. 29 – Feb. 4
All School Mass	Fri., Feb. 3, (@St. Mark's) **Different Time & Place**All Welcome!
First Reconciliation	Sat., Feb. 4 (2 nd graders)
Family Day	Sun., Feb. 5, Attend Mass Together!
All School Mass	Tues., Feb. 7, (8:30 a.m.), All Welcome!
Crab Feed Dinner & Auction	Sat., Feb. 11, All Welcome!
Open House	Tues., Feb. 14 (9:30 – 11 a.m.), New Incoming Families
Registration Begins (2012-2013)	Thurs., Feb. 16, Current Families
H.S.A. Meeting	Tues., Feb. 21 (5:30 p.m.), <u>NEW TIME!</u> All Welcome!
School Board Meeting	Wed., Feb. 22 (5:30 p.m.), Library, All Welcome!
Registration Due (2012-2013)	Tues., Feb. 28, Current Families
Open Registration (2012-2013)	Thurs., Mar. 1, New Incoming Families

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The Mardi Gras Crab Feed and Auction is almost here! This will be, as always, a wonderful evening out for our parents, family, and friends! I believe we are almost sold out, so if you do not have your table please contact Rhoda Brunelli immediately. I look forward to seeing each of you there, and I want to express a special thank you to Micron for allowing us to have our party in their facility. Come, have a wonderful time, and remember to **BID high & BID often!**

What an awesome **Catholic Schools Week** we have had! The students have been awesome, and the teachers have been wonderful. Catholic Schools Week is celebrated throughout the United States, and this is our opportunity to thank parents, parishioners, and friends for their support of our school. The theme of CSW this year is "**Catholic Schools - Faith, Academics, and Service.**" As I told the students on Monday, families are giving each child a very special gift of a Catholic education, and their expectation is that this education will bring them great rewards – spiritually, academically, in citizenship, socially, and physically. The goal of our staff is also that we graduate well-rounded, well-educated, Christian students who are ready for high school, college, and to take an active role in the adult community of their choice. I also explained to the students that it might be very nice if they went home each day and thanked their parents for this wonderful gift they are receiving! **Tomorrow, Friday, February 3rd**, we will all be taking buses to **St. Mark's for mass** with all the other Catholic schools in the Treasury Valley. Please be sure your children are in our mass dress.

Our 2nd graders had a blessing of their First Reconciliation pins this week. They will be doing their **First Reconciliation this Saturday!** Please keep these children, their families, and their teachers, Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Seidler, in your family prayers.

Our fundraiser seems to be going well; students are excited to be "**KIDS helping KIDS.**" We are working to help the **Bishop's mission to help refugee families with new babies, known as CARES.** They are in desperate need of diapers, food, and clothing. Rather than bringing in products, the Treasure Valley Catholic schools would like to raise money and present a check to the Bishop at the "Loaves & Fishes" roast this Saturday night. The students seem to be excited to help these refugees, so please help your children with this project.

I would like to **thank Mr. and Mrs. Noriyuki for purchasing a new basketball hoop** for the playground. We now have three hoops and will try to spread them out a little! Thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous donation!

We are having issues before, after, and during basketball games for which we need parent assistance. Students who are staying for a ball game need to have a place to be besides running in the streets. I know that most of you have not thought about it, assuming that they are here at school and safe. That is not the case. Our supervision ends at 3:15 p.m.; after 3:15 p.m. teachers have staff/ parent meetings, grade papers and enter grades on Power School, or prep for the coming day. Your children are often roaming the north end from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00-6:30 p.m. This has been amplified by parents from other Catholic schools that drop their children off at 3:15 p.m. and leave them until game time, which might be more than 3 hours. Yesterday, at least one large group of children ran across Fort Street in the middle of the block! This behavior is both dangerous and sets a very poor example of our school. Perhaps team parents might consider a cooperative study table for our students as well as those from other schools, or perhaps parents could pay one of our staff to assist after school. Our only other option is to tell all students that they must be off campus until their game begins, and then each parent will have to find a way to deal with the situation. **Students may**

not remain here at school roaming the halls, disrupting teacher preparation time and our extended day program. Please make a plan with your child and make sure you have made arrangements for him/her from 3:15 p.m. until game time.

Along this same line please make sure siblings of the basketball players are also supervised. **Please do not allow your younger children to play on the playground equipment without adult supervision.** We are a downtown school with a great deal of foot traffic. We would never leave our school children on the playground unsupervised and, likewise, those younger children should NEVER be outdoors alone. Thank you for your attention on this very important issue. Our goal is to keep all students safe.

Respectfully,
Antonia A. Bicandi



Note from Fr. Henry:

Dear Friends,

Each spring we go through the process of registering our school students for the following school year. Our Catholic school is alive and growing. Our families are active and involved in the school. But a strong Catholic school can only exist with the strong support of a vibrant and vital Catholic faith community, the parish. St. Joseph's Catholic School is a ministry of the parish of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The parish thrives and grows and prospers only through good stewardship of all of its members. The parish is the place where Catholic families will live out their entire sacramental life. The parish is the place where the whole family can grow in faith together. With active parish involvement, conversions of heart can occur, adults can grow deeper in their faith while their children are learning, and many families who participate in parish ministry while their children are in school can make parish involvement a way of life for their family. When it becomes a way of life, we model that active involvement for our children, and they in turn become active, lifelong Catholics who continue to grow in their faith once they reach adulthood.

Here is a word about Catholic tuition, based on what it says in your Student Handbook: **CATHOLIC TUITION REQUIREMENTS: Must be a registered Catholic and a participating contributing member of a parish by registration due date. A parishioner is one who is registered, uses parish offertory envelopes regularly and is deemed by the pastor as supportive of the parish.**

I encourage you to think about your involvement in the parish not to overwhelm you, or place more "requirements" upon your already very busy lives, but to open up your way of thinking, so as to enrich your faith life. I urge you not to look at this in terms of activities or dollars, but in terms of your desire to support both Catholic education and the parish that nurtures that education. I understand that families who send their children to Catholic school make a great sacrifice, often spending more in tuition than the cost of a college education. But there is an element of being "supportive of the parish" that I must discuss, because

my desire is that you grow in your faith and your stewardship of both the parish and the school. When you respond that you are a supportive member, that means something more than simply registering. A "member" is one who is active and involved, supportive of the parish, in both word and deed. With these principles in mind, when I, as rector of the Cathedral am asked to review the names of those who have indicated they are members of St. John's, I think about these factors: (1) Is the family registered in the parish? Does the family attend Mass regularly? (2) Does the family respond to our request for an annual stewardship commitment of time, talent and treasure? (3) Is there an indication that the family is active in parish ministries and activities? (4) Does the parish have a record of regular contributions of treasure, consistent with the family's ability to give? Many school families already meet and far exceed these criteria, are part of the backbone of our parish, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

I will speak more about these ideas in next week's newsletter.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Henry Carmona". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Fr. Henry Carmona, Rector

Year Books

Every student will be charged \$15 for a year book on your March statement. If you **do not** want each of your children to receive a year book, please contact Prudy Ronan at 342-4909 or email at ronanp@stjoes.com by **February 16, 2012**. Year books will be given to the students the last week of school.

Crab Feed and Auction

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 47th Annual St. Joseph's Auction & Crab Feed!

Visit - www.stjoesaction.com . Don't miss out on bidding for School Spirit Items, Live Auction Items and Class Art Projects. You can put in an Absentee Bid. (What is this? Absentee bidding is an electronic bid that the live auctioneer will administer on your behalf up to your stated maximum bid simply enter and confirm the highest amount you are willing to pay for the item. Your stated amount will be used at the Live Auction Event when live bidding occurs. If you are the highest winning bidder, you will be notified by auction organizer.)

Tickets - 10 tickets available. Buy them now online at www.stjoesaction.com (Directions to Micron on website as well.)

Fund a Need - This year we are looking to place Smartboards in our classrooms to fulfill the multiple needs of our teachers and students. With your generous help, we will provide our teachers the tools needed to build 21st Century learners. Donations for Fund a Need can be made at www.stjoesauction.com

Winning Items - All items purchased the night of the Crab Feed must go home with you on that same night.

Volunteers! - We are still accepting volunteers for set-up on Friday, 2/10, anytime between 4pm and 11pm, and we are also in need of clean-up volunteers for Sunday morning, 2/12, at 9am. Please contact Michelle Tullis at 208-631-9357 to volunteer.

Volunteer Hours - Please remember that any and all volunteer time that you put in to the Crab Feed counts toward your 20 hours of required volunteer time at St. Joe's.

Nurses' Notes

As we approach Valentine's Day, let's talk about hearts in a slightly different light – would you know what to do if you saw an adult collapse or already “down” and unresponsive? If you have not taken an official CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course...or, even if you have, would you know how to respond appropriately? We, your School Health Nurses, advocate for everyone to become CPR and First Aid certified. However, the American Heart Association has come up with a simple reminder – under the premise that is it **always** better to do **something** rather than do **nothing** - **Hands-Only CPR**. Go to handsonlycpr.org to view the 60-second lifesaving video, or download the free app to learn more.

From The American Heart Association:

When an adult has a sudden cardiac arrest, his or her survival depends greatly on immediately getting CPR from someone nearby. Unfortunately, less than 1/3 of those people who experience a cardiac arrest at home, work or in a public location get the help. Most bystanders are worried that they might do something wrong or make things worse. That's why the AHA has simplified things. Don't be afraid. Your actions can only help.

It's not normal to see an adult suddenly collapse, but if you do, **call 911 and push hard and fast in the center of the chest**. Don't be afraid. Your actions can only help. Take a minute and look around the website and invite your friends to do so as well (it could be YOUR life that they save). Increasing the number of people who know about Hands-Only™ CPR will increase the chance that someone can help when an adult suddenly collapses, and more lives can be saved.

From your Saint Alphonsus School Health Program

School Health Nurses

Linda Miller
School Nurse

Lunch Calendar

You may download our **February** 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

Apr.20 @ St. Joe's, 7-9 p.m., \$5 + can of food

TVCS Boys' Basketball

Feb. 6	7 th vs. Syringa
	8 th @ Syringa, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 8	7 th @ Middleton, Bus Departs 2:45 p.m.
	8 th vs. Middleton
Feb. 13	7 th @ Kuna, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
	8 th vs. Kuna
Feb. 15	7 th vs. Vallivue
	8 th @ Vallivue, Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.
Feb. 21	BYE
Feb. 22	7 th vs. Sage Valley

Feb. 27 8th @ Sage Valley, **Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.**
7th @ Nampa West, **Bus Departs 3:15 p.m.**
8th vs. Nampa West
Feb. 29 7th vs. East Valley
8th @ 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.

News From St. John's – Our Parish

Family Bingo is scheduled for Friday at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30. Come early and get your "lucky" table, grab some refreshments, and survey the prizes. Should be a lot of fun.

Hospitality Committee

Bishop Kelly High School

**Come Ye - Come All Parents
to
Irish Fest**

Bishop Kelly High School invites you to their annual Booster Club Fundraising event:

Irish Fest

Saturday, March 17th, 5:30pm to 11:00pm

The Regular Gym (old gym) at Bishop Kelly High School.

This event will feature a sit down dinner, silent, live, and dessert auctions, special raffles, plus music and dancing!

To make a dinner reservation, please contact: Lisa Grover at 938-9903 or Lhgrover@cableone.net
or Robin Navert at 938-7833 or Rnavert@gmail.com.

