



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Braves' Bulletin – September 15, 2011

Calendar of Events

Safe Environment Class	Thurs., Sept. 15 (7 p.m.), Holy Apostles Church, Meridian Rsvp Patty Blazek at 888-1182 or pblazek@holypostles.net
Riversweep	Sat., Sept. 17
Family Day	Sun., Sept. 18, Attend Mass Together!
Altar Serving Training	Sun., Sept. 18 (2:30 p.m.), St. John's
All School Mass	Tues., Sept. 20 (8:30 a.m.), All Welcome!
HSA Meeting	Tues., Sept. 20 (2 p.m.), Staff Lounge – All Welcome!
Individual Pictures	Wed., Sept. 21 (Order Forms sent home today with each student)
School Board Meeting	Wed., Sept. 21 (5:30 p.m.), Library – All Welcome!
Progress Reports	Fri., Sept. 23 (PowerSchool)
Italian Dinner & Carnival	Sun., Sept. 25 (3-7 p.m.) – All Welcome!
Dedication Of New Wing	Tues., Sept. 27 (9:30 a.m.), following All School Mass All Welcome!
Safe Environment Class	Sat., Oct. 8 (10 a.m.), St. Mark's, Boise Rsvp w/ Phyllis Sawyer at psawyer@stmarksboise.org

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I am very excited to announce that our **construction is coming along wonderfully, thanks to Insight Architects and Jordan Wilcomb Construction.** As the oldest Parochial School in the state of Idaho, St. Joseph's has educated generations of students for over 110 years. The school was originally built by Tim Wilcomb's father; both of the renovations have been done by Tim, and on this project, Tim's son T.J. has been a predominant on-site leader. We appreciate the personal commitment and the fantastic job!

We will have a dedication and blessing of the new "E. L. Weigand Wing" on Tuesday, September 27th, immediately after 8:30 a.m. mass. We would like to invite all current and past students, staff, families, alumni, clergy, and friends of St. Joseph's. The bricks and mortar for this project were made possible by school and Parish families who have contributed generously to our fundraising projects. The interiors, technology, furnishings, and special features were made possible through a generous grant from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation of Reno, Nevada. Fr. Henry will bless the structure, as well as the students and staff who will initiate this new wing! Following the dedication there will be light refreshments in the Parish Hall. We are very excited, and I look forward to seeing many of you here for this blessing.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at our school masses. I will send each of you a schedule soon. In the meantime, if there are other trained parents who would like to serve, please call the school and I will add you to the schedule.

We are **VERY EXCITED for next weekend, and the return of the Italian Dinner & Carnival (Sunday, September 25th).** It has always been such a fun community building event! The members of St. John's have always loved this dinner and are anxious to support it. Please purchase tickets in advance for the dinner as well as the carnival; our students are anxious to sell to you! The weather should be beautiful, the food fantastic, and the dunk tank and jump houses very busy!

Again, please, **NO PARKING** from the corner of **9th & Fort to the alley or in front of the school.** Both of these areas are designated for quick drop off ONLY! Also, please remember to use extreme caution when driving to and from school. This is a very busy road and the children are easily distracted. Please **NEVER** drop them off while double parked, and never let them cross outside of the crosswalk! It is our responsibility to set the example for all of our children.

Important Educational Reminders: Each of our students from K-5 is registered on the **IXL website.** This is a web site that students can go to here at school or at home to practice their math skills. It is set up with skills for kindergarteners through Algebra. We are charged by the student and would really appreciate the children using the site and having fun with math.

We are finding that children are suffering in later grades due to **inappropriate typing skills** developed from a very young age. I would recommend that each family have a typing practice program to assist children with fingering skills so that later in their education they don't suffer from inability to keep up due to slow typing. For students in grades **K-2 we would recommend "Read Write & Type, the Learning Company."** **Grades 3-5, "Mavis Beacon Typing."** Here at school every student will be taught technology skills, but we do not have the time for keyboard practice.

Individual student pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, Sept. 21st.** Students may wear their school uniform or free dress on that day, but please remember your child's clothing must be school and church

appropriate: no shorts, jeans, t-shirts, spaghetti straps, sandals or flip-flops. Order forms went home today with each student.

Sincerely,
Toni Bicandi

Dedication of St. Joseph's New E.L. Wiegand Wing

St. Joseph's Catholic School expansion is nearly complete and, despite the scaffolding, Walker Rogan's grandmother "feels very blessed" to have kindergartner Walker attending St. Joseph's Catholic School. Barbara Steiner says "it is a dream come true" for her that Walker is attending St. Joseph's, where this spiritual community will help educate, shape and guide him along life's challenging path. "Walker and I love coming to church and lighting candles – it is our special time together. I am so happy to see him begin this new journey."

The dedication of St. Joseph's new *E. L. Wiegand* wing also marks a new path for St. Joseph's own journey, and all of St. Joseph's families are invited to help celebrate this new beginning at the dedication on Tuesday, September 27th immediately following the 8:30 AM mass. Light refreshments will be served. Mayor Dave Bieter, Fr. Henry Carmona, and Principal Antonia Bicandi are scheduled to speak.

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments after the ceremony, so anyone interested and able to volunteer, please contact our new Development Director, Maureen Ayers, at ayersm@stjoes.com or 433-1831.

Riversweep

The annual St. Joe's Riversweep is scheduled for **Saturday, September 17th**. This event is a great community service opportunity for the entire family to work together in keeping our beautiful Boise River spic & span. Please consider joining our team this year and get that community service project crossed off your list early! Contact Jan Noriyuki at jkukal@yahoo.com or 388-8967.

Calling All Music Lovers!

If you love to sing, play a musical instrument or would like to learn to play an instrument, our musical groups at St. Joseph's would love to have you!

St. Joseph's Honor Choir: The Honor Choir sings at our weekly school masses and is invited to perform outside of the school day several times each year. We have performed at the Idaho Statehouse, Boise City Hall, and for the Wishing Star Foundation, to name a few. **All third through eighth graders** are invited to audition. This year, we will again have an **Intermediate Honor Choir** for grades **5-8**. Grades **3-4** rehearse at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays (in the Cathedral for now) and Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral before Mass.

Grades **5-8** rehearse at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the Cathedral before Mass and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. (in the Cathedral until our remodel is completed).

Beginning and Intermediate School Bands: Fifth through eighth graders are invited to participate in band. Mr. Aspiri will help your beginning student decide on an instrument. Practices for **Beginning Band** are held during the school day twice per week. The **Intermediate Band** rehearses before school at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bell Choir: St. Joseph's School Bell Choir is open to all students in grades **5-8**. Membership is by audition, and this group rehearses twice per week during the school day. We perform at school masses, school concerts, and have also been invited to perform outside of the school day each year.

We hope that you will consider participating in any or all of these wonderful groups. Our classroom is nearly completed and more information will be coming soon. Contact **Mr. Aspiri**, Music Director, if you have any questions.

Recess Duty

We need help with recess duty! The times are morning recesses (9:25 – 10:05 a.m.) or lunch recesses (11:45 – 1 p.m.) If you would like to volunteer, please contact Carol Davis at 484-9590 or email at ncd1325@yahoo.com . Thank you!

H.S.A. News

The 2011 Italian Dinner & Fall Carnival

St. Joseph's School Sunday, Sept. 25 (3 p.m. – 7 p.m.)

Get ready, St. Joe's Families, as our first big FUNdraiser of the year is fast approaching! Mark your calendars on **Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, between 3 and 7 p.m.** for the **Italian Dinner and Fall Carnival**. A notice will be sent home with your child this week that contains information about this wonderful event. Make sure to look for this flier, as it includes an order form for purchasing advance tickets including a special discounted family fun pack! Simply have your student return the completed form with payment no later than Friday, September 17, 2011 and your tickets will be provided to you the week before the event. Be a part of this great event! There are also a few remaining spots available for those parents looking to get an early start on your volunteer hours. Contact the volunteer hotline at 208-401-4476. Should you have any questions or concerns (or corrections) don't hesitate to call my cell at 794-5153, Greg Marchant.

The **Fall Carnival** at the Italian Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 25 will be having a cake walk from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. I am looking for volunteers to bake or buy a cake (or cakes) for this event. The cakes can be dropped off at the cake walk location on Sept. 25 between 3:00 and 3:30 (or when you come to the Italian Dinner.) We will need 75 cakes this year so we don't run out like last year. I would really appreciate it if you could help me. The cakes don't need to be fancy.... just edible!!! Ha!

Email me (juliewipper@a.com) or call at 343-5868 so I can put you on my list of volunteers. The time it takes to bake the cake can be applied towards your annual volunteer hours.

THANK YOU so much for your help! The children of St. Joe's and I appreciate your help in continuing to make the cake walk such a successful and fun event. Julie Wipper

Nurses' Notes

Immunizations: I know many of you are aware of the new immunization requirements. Many physician offices were out of the necessary medications. To help everyone meet the requirement, we will be having another immunization clinic, primarily targeted for kindergarten and 7th grades. The clinic will be at St. Mark's on SEPTEMBER 20th, after school. We must have an accurate number count so that we can have the correct medications on hand. Call NOW to schedule-484-5731. I have not yet had the time to review all the records at each of my schools, so just as a review:

Requirements for children born after September 1, 2005:

- 5 DTaP
- 4 Polio (a change from 3)
- 2 MMR
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Hepatitis A (new requirement)
- 2 Varicella (Chickenpox) (new requirement)
- Additional requirements for students entering 7th grade fall 2011 (5 DTaP,4Polio,3HepB, Chicken Pox and second MMR are recommended)
- 1 Tdap
- 1 Meningococcal

Linda Miller
School Nurse

Lunch Calendar

You may download our **September** 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 Cross Country

Sept. 15	@ Jefferson
Sept. 22	@ Quarry View Park
Sept. 29	@ Middleton
Oct. 4	@ Mountain Home

TVCS Football

Sept. 21	@ Syringa – Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.
Sept. 28	vs. Emmett
Oct. 5	@ Middleton – Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.
Oct. 12	@ Vallivue

TVCS Volleyball

Sept. 19	7 th vs. Vallivue
	8 th @ Vallivue – Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.
Sept. 20	7 th BYE
	8 th BYE
Sept. 21	7 th vs. Sage Valley
	8 th @ Sage Valley – Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.
Sept. 26	7 th @ Nampa West – Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.
	8 th vs. Nampa West
Sept. 28	7 th vs. East Valley
	8 th @ East Valley – Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.
Oct. 1	7 th – Tournament – TBA
	8 th – Tournament – TBA

TVCS Girl's Basketball

Oct. 1 Registration forms due.
Oct. 10 1st day of practice. (Time & place to be announced later)

TVCS Wrestling

Oct. 1 Registration forms due.
Oct. 10 1st day of practice. (Time & place to be announced later)

TVCS Dance

Oct. 21 @ St. Mary's (7-9 p.m.), \$5.00 + can of food + student ID

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, 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.

News from our Parish – St. John’s Cathedral

Bible Study Online! Have you always wanted to participate in a Bible Study, but don’t have the ability to meet weekly at the parish, either because of work, children, schedule conflicts? St. John’s has started a Bible Study online, based on the weekly lectionary Gospel readings. To receive an invitation and instructions for how to join and participate, email Bobbi Dominick at bkdominick@gmail.com. You can join at any time, there is no end or beginning, the study will continue throughout the liturgical year, and there is no cost. Come and join us!

Parents: Have you wanted to find a ministry at the Cathedral that fits you? Do you enjoy reading scripture and public speaking? Become a Lector! If you would like to be a lector at Sunday masses, plan to attend a training session on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral. Lectors proclaim the readings so that the congregation can hear the word of God. If you are interested in this ministry, and/or want to sign up to attend the training session, call Jessica Aguilar Gier, Lector Ministry Coordinator, at 344-7833 or email jaquilar.gier@gmail.com.

Chancel Choir: THE CATHEDRAL BOYS CHOIR needs more boys ages 8 to 12 years of age to fill out the size of the program. The program provides music instruction and exposure to classical sacred music. Most boys who like to sing enjoy this program (4:00 PM to 6:30 PM on Wednesdays). There is a play period during the class. Some boys win awards for their work. The choir also has periodic outings in afternoons to regional attractions, e.g., Roaring Springs, Pojo’s, and pizza parties as a reward for their work. For information about the choir, call 939-0157, or 342-1564 (ask for Dr. Morvant).

St. John’s is on Facebook!!! What you missed this summer if you were not part of our Fan group: Pictures of Fr. Henry’s Birthday Party; Opportunities to volunteer to help with the FoodBank, Yard Sale, Mass in the Grass and Italian Dinner; Invitations to Mass in the Grass; prayer requests; Invitations to many parish events; Notes to our parish from a diocesan seminarian Gustavo Agudelo; birthday notes for Fr. Henry, Bishop Mike and Deacon Steve; Reflections on the Gospel and much more! If you are a Facebook user, be sure to join our Facebook group and stay up on what is happening at the Cathedral. We post events, tips, articles, notes and all kinds of information on our Group page. We have an open group at **Fans of St. John’s Cathedral**. Join the **Group called Fans of St. John’s Cathedral**. If you cannot locate it, email bkdominick@gmail.com and you will get an invitation to join. We also have a page St. John’s Cathedral Fan Page, and a Cathedral places page. We also have a group page in Spanish, **Aficionados de la Catedral San Juan Evangelista** where you will find pictures of a picnic in the park, pictures of Fr. Henry’s water fight at the fountain with parish children, registration information for children’s ministries, etc. Find us on Facebook!

News from Bishop Kelly High School

Cat.Chat is coming to Boise on Wednesday, October 5th! What is Cat.Chat? A fun concert geared for families with young kids, preK thru 6th grade. The songs are dynamic and packed with God’s Word and Catholic teachings. The concert is filled with powerful music, crowd participation, unicycling, juggling, yo-yos, prizes,

good humor, prayer times and family fun! The concert is at Bishop Kelly High School at 6:30 p.m. in the “Old Gym.” Read the **attached flyer**.

Advance tickets are \$3/person or \$10 for a family of 4 or more. (\$5/person and \$15/family at the door.) Buy tickets online at: www.tinyurl.com/CatChatBK

United Dairyman’s Distinguished Student Award

Audrey Thimm, senior, **(and a St. Joe’s Alumni)** was chosen to receive the United Dairyman's Distinguished Student Award on September 8, 2011. You can see the video clip from Channel 7 at: <http://www.ktvb.com/on-tv/dsa/Audrey-Thimm---Bishop-Kelly-High-School--129508683.html>.

Job Opening

Bishop Kelly High School has an opening for a Front Office Secretary/Registrar. Hours are 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Main Responsibilities: process of transcript requests and student files, provide customer service in person and over the phone, input and update student contact information, coordinate substitute teacher pool, order school supplies, update website calendar, track employee time and filing. Skills: extensive experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook, experience with Schoolmaster a plus, type at least 60 wpm, ability to multi-task, a strong attention to detail, and proofreading skills. Please send cover letter, resume, Employment Application (available under Employment at www.bk.org) and 3 reference letters to Robert Wehde, Bishop Kelly High School, Registrar Applications, 7009 Franklin Road, Boise, ID 83709.

Salt & Light Catholic Radio

Salt & Light Catholic Radio is two years old! Come celebrate the achievement on Sunday, September 25th from 3-7pm at the station. The station is located at 5601 Cassia in Boise. There will be a carnival, station tours, and an outdoor concert of local Catholic musicians. The concert will be broadcast LIVE on 1140 AM. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic dinner, and spend the afternoon. For more information go to www.saltandlightradio.com.

Are you ready for some football?

Salt & Light Catholic Radio is proud to broadcast Bishop Kelly Football. Tune in to 1140 AM on game day for live coverage starting at 7pm. A re-broadcast of the game will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. For a full schedule of our fall programming go to www.saltandlightradio.com.

