



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Braves' Bulletin – September 29, 2011

Calendar of Events

Family Day	Sun., Oct. 2, Attend Mass Together!
All School Mass	Tues., Oct. 4 (8:30 a.m.), All Welcome!
State In-Service Days	Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 6 & 7, No School
Safe Environment Class	Sat., Oct. 8 (10 a.m.), St. Mark's, Boise Rsvp w/ Phyllis Sawyer at psawyer@stmarksboise.org
Fall Conference	Fri., Oct. 14, No School
HSA Meeting	Tues., Oct. 18 (2 p.m.), Staff Lounge, All Welcome!
School Board Meeting	Wed., Oct. 19 (5:30 p.m.), Library, All Welcome!
Red Ribbon Week	Mon. – Fri., Oct. 24 – 28
Picture Retakes	Fri., Oct. 28 (8-9 a.m. <u>only</u>)
End of First Quarter	Fri., Oct. 28, Noon Dismissal
Book Fair	Mon. – Fri., Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, Library, All Welcome!
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Thurs., Nov. 3, Noon Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Fri., Nov. 4, No School

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week we've had here at St. Joseph's! On Sunday, we had the return of the **Italian Dinner & Fall Carnival**. It was absolutely perfect! A huge thank you to the Marchants (Italian Dinner Chair), the DeFrancos, McCormicks and Noriyukis (Carnival Chairs). They all worked so hard and put together a wonderful event. The children had a great time at the carnival, the food was fantastic, and I was delighted to see so many of the parishioners from St. John's. It was once again a terrific community builder. Thanks to our committee, all of their volunteers, our 7th & 8th graders who worked the games and were dunked in the tank, as well as the BK students who also pitched in! Thanks to all!

Our **dedication and blessing** on Tuesday was very special and emotional. I feel so blessed that we have been able to accomplish this goal of 2 classes in each grade and a totally enclosed building. Many current and past St. Joe's families and St. John's parishioners have spent decades earning and saving which left a wonderful legacy for the future of Catholic education in our parish. I want to thank Mayor Dave Bieter for his great comments, Fr. Henry for the wonderful job he did in blessing our new facility, and the staff and students who will occupy it. Our altar servers for the dedication were children of St. Joe's alumni: Josu Bieter, Jack Fritz, Jacob Russell, Halle Heffner, Natalia Howard, and Dillon McCurry. The ***"Ribbon Cutting"*** was done by Fr. Henry, Mayor Bieter, Gabby Fitz, and me. Leading tours were our new **Student Body Officers**: Gabby Fitz, President; Abby Cleary, Vice President; Ariana Ysursa, Secretary; and Christina Zimmerman, Community Service Chair. Assisting with our reception in the library were class representatives: Angie Ngo (8M)-Conor Callanan (7)-Nathan Thomas (6G), and Petie Oliver (6R). A very special thank you to all of these students for a job well done.

Again, I cannot thank **Linda Shirley** enough for the wonderful job she did in planning and preparing our grant application to the **Wiegand Foundation**. The \$286,000 that we received will allow us an opportunity to furnish our new classrooms, update electronics and technology in our previous rooms, purchase new equipment and instruments for our music program, and add glassware to our state-of-the-art science class.

We are very blessed that Russ Phillips and Dana Kaufman, with **Insight Architects**, and Tim and T. J. Wilcomb, with **Jordan Wilcomb Construction**, have a long history with our school and were willing to take on this enormous project with a very limited budget and timeline. There have been many donations of their time and talent to our project, and we must all thank these gentlemen for an outstanding job! I am also delighted to say that we have accomplished this project without incurring any debt! I would like to acknowledge the following companies for their contribution at our reception that followed the dedication: Albertson's on 16th, the Basque Market, the Boise Co-Op and Starbucks on Apple and Boise Avenue all generously donated food and beverage for the dedication reception on Tuesday. Please be sure to say **"Thanks for supporting St. Joe's!"** the next time you are in their stores.

We are also very thankful to our wonderful staff and students who have worked together cooperatively to make this first month of school as effective as any that I have experienced. The teachers have demonstrated awesome professionalism, teaching at times without the materials and technology that they are accustomed to, but making those teacher-student connections that are the crux of a good education. One of our staff received this very encouraging note from a parent, ***"I really think that the teaching staff are the ones to thank for their patience! Kids will only be as adaptable as what is being modeled for them. Change, sometimes big change, is a part of each of our lives. It is my hope that my children can feel a sense of security during change. That is the number one thing that kids want...to know they are going to be OK!"***

We are beginning a new program this fall in the hope of teaching children how to deal with uncomfortable student to student situations. It will be called the **"Program for Peace"**. It is an anti bullying program that teaches students that they each have a role in a bullying environment. Several of our staff and one parent are on the committee, and attached you will find a letter from **Jennifer Sengelmann** explaining the program and giving ideas about the parent component of the program.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Bicandi

Book Fair

The Book Fair is a month away and we are looking for people to help us out with decorating, sales, and clean-up. Please e-mail phillipss@stjoes.com or call me at 342-4909. Thanks for your support! Shannon Phillips.

Kitchen Assistant Position Available

The Kitchen Assistant position is currently available. If you are interested, please download the application from our website:

http://stjoes.com/documents/StJosephsSchool_ApplicationForEmployment.pdf

Please contact Karen Page (Kitchen Manager) with any questions at 949-0393 or email at kjlyter@msn.com

H.S.A. News

Italian Dinner & Fall Carnival

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this weekend's Italian Dinner and Carnival. Thank you to the DeFranco, McCormick and Noriyuki families for organizing the carnival and making sure that a good time was had by all. The new games were a hit and hopefully everyone was able to win a cake in the cake walk who wanted one.

Special thanks to the whole Marchant family who all spent the entire day of the event from dawn to dark and countless hours before making sure that the return of the Italian dinner was a success. The response from the parishioners has been very positive about the return of this much loved community event.

Please watch for a separate email thanking all who contributed to this kick off of our fundraising year including the volunteers and sponsors.

Michael Mick
H.S.A. President

Nurses' Notes

Helping your adolescent with school and academic success:

As children enter the preteen and teen years, it is natural for them to become more independent from family. Friends will play a larger role in their lives, so it is important to help them foster healthy friendships and strong peer relationships. At the same time, peer pressure may increase, causing complex emotional feelings. Children who are confident and feel good about themselves are more able to resist negative peer pressure and make better choices for themselves. You can help bolster self-esteem and encourage your adolescent to take on the added social and academic responsibility that goes along with growing independence.

- Be an involved parent.
- Encourage your child to try new things.
- Provide a safe environment for expressing opinions.
- Be a good listener.
- Praise the effort, not the grade.
- Stay on the sidelines.
- Get to know your child's friends and their parents.
- Positive parenting.

Linda Miller
School Nurse

Counselor's Corner

Please read the attached *"Program for Peace Letter"*.

Thanks,
Betsy Miller
School Counselor

Lunch Calendar

You may download our **October** 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. 29 @ Middleton
Oct. 4 @ Mountain Home

TVCS Football

Oct. 5 @ Middleton – **Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.**
Oct. 12 @ Vallivue

TVCS Volleyball

Oct. 1 7th – Tournament – **TBA**
8th – Tournament – **TBA**

TVCS Girl's Basketball

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

TVCS Wrestling

Oct. 1 **Registration forms & fee 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!

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

Cat.Chat is coming to Boise on Wednesday, October 5th! What is Cat.Chat? A fun concert geared for families with young kids, pre-K 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."

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

Tuition raffle tickets are available again this year at BK!

Buy one ticket for \$50 or 2+ tickets at \$40 each for a chance to win a \$5,000 tuition voucher at any school/college of your choice. You can purchase by contacting Rita Franklin at 323-4789 or rfranklin@bk.org if you have any questions. Proceeds benefit the BK scholarship fund (Prize is taxable).



