



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Braves' Bulletin – September 8, 2011

Calendar of Events

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| Safe Environment Class | Thurs., Sept. 8 (6 p.m.), St. Mary's School
Rsvp with Meg Lawless at 344-2597 or mlawless@stmarysboise.org |
| Safe Environment Class | Thurs., Sept. 8 (7 p.m.), Our Lady of the Rosary
Rsvp Cindy Anderson at 343-9041 or canderson@olrboise.org |
| Catholic Schools Night | Fri., Sept. 9 (7 p.m.), Bishop Kelly High – BK Football Game
Free Admission for our students, their parents & our staff! |
| Family Day | Sun., Sept. 11, Attend Mass Together! |
| All School Mass | Tues., Sept. 13 (8:30 a.m.), All Welcome! |
| Safe Environment Class | Thurs., Sept. 15 (7 p.m.), Holy Apostles Church, Meridian
Rsvp Patty Blazek at 888-1182 or pblazek@holycopostles.net |
| Riversweep | Sat., Sept. 17 |
| Altar Serving Training | Sun., Sept. 18 (2:30 p.m.), St. John's |
| HSA Meeting | Tues., Sept. 20 (2 p.m.), Staff Lounge – All Welcome! |
| Individual Pictures | Wed., Sept. 21 |
| 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! |

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are coming along with the remodel, and **moved into the new office space** last week! It is beautiful! Our architect, Russ Phillips, and Jordan-Wilcomb Construction Company have really worked hard on this project to make it exactly what we need and within our budget. I cannot thank them enough!

Parents who have taken the **Eucharistic Minister** training through St. John's Cathedral, we would love to have your assistance. If you would like to be ministers at our all school masses, please let me know so that I can put you on our schedule. As soon as I hear from ministers I will put together a schedule and email it to each server.

With regard to mass, please do not wait to visit with your children in the church after our All School Mass. I would like the children to exit the church quietly and you are welcome to greet them as they exit the exterior doors. It becomes very difficult to ask some students to exit quietly if others are allowed to visit, and 340 children visiting can become very disruptive. We are trying to teach the children that we are still in a sacred space.

The Italian Dinner and Fall Carnival is coming soon (**Sunday, September 25th**)! Please mark your calendars. This is such a fun event for all families. It's a great way to show your support for your children's school and community. Information went home yesterday with every student. You can pre-purchase dinner and carnival tickets. Hope to see everyone there!

Just a reminder to parents: When calling your child in sick, please be sure to let the office know. If you like to email your child's teacher, be sure to cc: Mrs. Gray (grayb@stjoes.com).

PowerSchool passwords went home with each student last week. If you didn't receive it, please email Mrs. Ronan (ronanp@stjoes.com) and she will forward that information to you. PowerSchool is a great tool for parents to check their student's progress and lunch account anytime of the day.

Next time you visit our **website**, you'll notice we've updated a few of the photos on the home page. We try to be extremely careful in putting your student's images out on the web. You'll notice that we often use older photos and group photos and never, ever put names with those photos. If your student's photo has been added, you should have received an email asking for your permission unless it was a big group shot, in which case we did not email everyone in the group. If for any reason you see your child's photo on our website and you would like us to remove it, please contact me and we'll have it done immediately.

Sincerely,
Toni Bicandi

Calling All St. Joseph's Alumni

We are planning to begin an **Annual St. Joseph's Alumni Reunion** this school year, so please contact our new Development Director, Maureen Ayers (macayers@aol.com, 433-1831), if you wish to attend or be on the Alumni Committee. Also, we are looking to feature multi-generations of St. Joseph's alumni, so please tell Maureen about your family members who've attended St. Joseph's in the past.

Altar Server Training

Fall altar serving training for St. John's Cathedral will take place on Sunday, September 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the cathedral. Deacon Tom and Mrs. Allred will lead the training for all who are interested in becoming servers or advancing in rank to Senior Servers. To train as an altar server, Junior Servers must be in fifth grade and have made their First Communion. Senior Servers must have been a Junior Server for a minimum of one year with good attendance. Parents, please come prepared to stay with your child for the first twenty minutes of training for paperwork and questions.

This will be the only training for altar servers until after Easter 2012. We are in need of new servers at all Masses, but especially at 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. If you have any questions, please contact Lorena Allred at 322-7801 or stjohnsservers@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

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. Joes 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.

Box Tops

Our box top collecting is once again underway! Each child's classroom is equipped with a collection container. Our September Challenge begins today and ends on Friday, Sept. 30th. All the collection containers will be counted that following weekend, with winning class(es) announced the following week. Prizes are still yet to be determined. Please remember that we collect box tops ALL year long, and our next contest will run Oct - Jan, with winners announced in February. Did you know that in addition to clipping, you can earn eBoxTops for St. Joe's from online shopping websites you most likely already use? Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to register as a member of St. Joe's and for all sorts of information, like printable coupons, shopping thru the Marketplace, shopping thru the Reading Room, tracking our school's progress, reading other school's success stories, etc. etc. It's really fun & benefits our school! Please also refer to the attachments to this newsletter. If you have ANY questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Bauer vabemr777@yahoo.com 440-6681.

Please remember that volunteer hours will need to be entered via the internet this year. There are no more pink sheets for entering these hours. If you have trouble entering your hours, please contact me and I will be happy to help you. Michael Mick 860-2155. If you have been charged in the past for uncompleted volunteer hours, the Italian Dinner & Fall Carnival is an excellent time to get a jump on this year's hours.

A big thank you to David DeNinno, Ibrahim Musa, Brett & Justin Neukam, Andrea Anderson, Becky Cooper, Gabe Garber, and Susan Sacchi for volunteering on this year's used uniform sale.

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back everyone to school! I am back for my 5th year as your school counselor again this year. I will be at St. Joe's in the mornings on Mondays and Thursdays and all day on Wednesdays. I will be visiting your student's classrooms every other week teaching them all kinds of life lessons and character development that I hope you will reinforce at home. We will be starting a new school wide Bully Prevention Program this year that will be up and running very soon. Look for future newsletters for the policies of this program. Thank you all for your support and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your students. You can contact me at millerb@stjoes.com <<mailto:bmillier@sacredheartboise.org>> or @342-4909 X 25.

Thanks,
Betsy Miller
School Counselor

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

TVCS Football

Sept. 14	vs. Jefferson
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. 12	7 th @ Middleton – Bus departs at 2:45 p.m.
	8 th vs. Middleton
Sept. 14	7 th @ Kuna – Bus departs at 3:15 p.m.
	8 th vs. Kuna
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

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 and game schedules. Contact Brock Carpenter at 344-9738 (Sacred Heart School) with any questions.

News from our Parish – St. John's Cathedral

Parents: Have you wanted to participate in a Bible Study, but never thought you had the time? Have you always been curious to know more about the Mass? Do you want to fall in love with the Mass all over again? This is the Bible Study for you! **This study is only FIVE weeks long**, so it is a great one for those with limited time. The study will be held in the evening, and you can choose from one of two evening sessions. The Tuesday evening session will begin **September 13 and run until October 11**, from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**. We will also be offering the same Bible Study **after the 5 pm Sunday Mass**, for parents of children and youth in our Sunday night programs **and anyone else who is interested in this evening option**, beginning **October 9** for five weeks (but skipping November 6, and finishing on November 13). Sessions will begin at 6:15 pm after Sunday evening Mass, and will be completed in time to pick up children from the youth or children's ministry programs. ***If your children are not enrolled in our parish programs they are more than welcome!***

Both studies will take place in the Queen of Peace Room, lower level, St. John's Office Building, 775 N. 8th St. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* is part of The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Series. Cost for the study is only \$16 and you will receive a book about the Mass, and a workbook to help you engage in the study. **To sign up for the Tuesday or Sunday evening studies, call Bobbi Dominick at 342-3511x3002.**

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 jaguilar.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 the 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

Catholic Schools Night at BK Football

Bishop Kelly High School has invited all Catholic School students, their parents and staff for BK Football game on Friday, September 9th at 7 p.m. (BK vs. Emmett). The partner school section will be the north most section of the bleachers. **FREE ADMISSION** for all Catholic School students (w/ Catholic School ID) and their parents. **Go Knights!**

