



# St. Joseph's School Today

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## STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



St. Joe's applauds the excellent qualities exemplified by all our students, as well as those who have merited special recognition this year for outstanding achievements and performances:

- St. Joe's Middle School placed first, second and fourth in the Idaho Science Olympiad, and also won 8 gold, 11 silvers and 10 bronze in the individual events. Winners will compete at National Science Olympiad in Dayton, Ohio!
- 8th grade boys won 2nd place in the Hallissey Basketball Tournament!
- 5th grade girls were bracket champions in the Holy Spirit Crusaders Basketball Tournament in Pocatello.
- Jackie Alves received the Sterling Humanitarian Award.
- Katie Hampton, Sydney Bantrup and Aubrie Rosenkoetter danced in Ballet Idaho's performance of *The Nutcracker*.
- Jacob Russell placed 2nd in the Catholic Schools Speech Competition
- Mia Rudin's artwork won 3rd place in the "Tar Wars" competition and will be featured in the Idaho calendar.



Clockwise from top: Science Olympiad champions!; 8th Grade Boys' Hallissey Team; Our dedicated and talented 2012-13 staff.

## ST. JOE'S RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT! KAN IDAHO

St. Joe's is thrilled to be one of 47 schools and more than 10,000 K-12 students across Idaho who will become part of the nation's first statewide pilot of the Khan Academy – the free, internationally recognized online education leader. As a *Rebooting Idaho Schools using Khan Academy* grantee, St. Joe's will receive more than \$50,000 for training, technology, technical assistance and assessment – part of a \$1.5 million allotment from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

"Our teachers love teaching math," says Julianne Russell, middle school teacher. "We are so excited to have this resource available to supplement our regular classroom instruction. Our vision is to send our students into the 'world beyond St. Joe's' with an ownership of their own learning and the resources to address issues when they arise. We are so appreciative to the Albertson's Foundation for this wonderful opportunity."

## COMMUNITY SERVICE: PRACTICING RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR COMMUNITY

- Students raised \$3,720 for the San Marcos School computer lab in Cali, Colombia.
- As part of Catholic Schools Week, St. Joe's students raised \$2,800 for the Women and Children's Alliance and donated several boxes of diapers, baby wipes, blankets and clothing.
- Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Joy's 5th graders worked at the Idaho Food Bank and held a food drive, donating 228 pounds of food - the equivalent of 190 meals!
- St. Joe's Middle Schoolers worked at Create Common Ground, a nonprofit work and job training organization for refugees. Students prepared the farm for its Harvest Festival by cleaning out beds and turning the compost pile.
- Mrs. Cox's 1st grade made care packages for troops in Afghanistan.
- Students and families went Christmas Caroling at Interfaith Sanctuary and served the homeless at St. John's Friendship Feast, donating toiletries and gently used winter clothing.
- Kindergarteners made Valentines for children at St. Luke's Hospital and residents at Veterans Medical Center.
- Mrs. Baccay's 4th grade helped with a variety of projects at Ronald McDonald House, including yard clean up, sanitizing playroom toys and labeling pop tab recycling houses.
- Ms. Walters' 4th grade donated handmade blankets and toured the Idaho Humane Society.



5th graders at the Idaho Food Bank



4th graders at Ronald McDonald House



# St. Joseph's Catholic School

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St. Joseph's Catholic School seeks to provide all children with an opportunity to develop spiritually, academically, morally, emotionally and physically in an environment of Christ-centered attitudes and values. Staff and parents are committed to preparing students to take their place in their own community and the world at-large by fostering a lifelong learning and a responsibility to others.



## St. Joseph's Brunch Reunion

Attention high school graduates of 2003, 1993, 1983,  
1973, 1963, 1953 and 1943!

Graduates of St. Joe's and Saint Theresa's Academy  
are invited to a complimentary brunch and reunion  
at St. Joseph's School  
10 am to 1 pm  
Saturday, August 10, 2013



Come see your beautiful, newly improved alma mater!  
RSVP to [robinsonj@stjoes.com](mailto:robinsonj@stjoes.com) or 208-841-9591 to register for your reunion.

### DONATION TAX BENEFITS

If you donated to St. Joe's in 2012, THANK YOU! We hope you noticed the great tax benefits you received. These very generous Idaho education tax benefits are still available, so please remember St. Joe's in your donation plans for 2013. You may donate up to \$2,000 per couple any time during 2013 and receive at least 50% back in tax benefits. For those in the higher tax bracket, it costs the donor nothing!



Upcoming Events  
May 7: May Crowning and Volunteer Tea  
May 24: 8th Grade Graduation Mass  
May 31: Last Day of School  
August 10: St. Joe's/Saint Theresa's Reunion