



St. Joseph's School Today

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St. Joe's Recognized as One of Governor's Brightest Stars!

St. Joseph's School was recognized as one of the 2013 Governor's Brightest Stars throughout the State of Idaho! This recognition is sponsored by Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, a division of the Idaho Department of Labor that encourages volunteerism and community service throughout Idaho.

Serve Idaho promotes collaborative efforts among private and nonprofit organizations, schools, and state and local government agencies to advance national service programs and volunteerism throughout the state. The Governor's Brightest Star Award is given to celebrate outstanding dedication and accomplishments of Idaho volunteers. St. Joe's was nominated by the Women's

and Children's Alliance, for whom we raised \$2,800 and collected boxes of diapers, wipes, and children's clothing, as part of our school-wide fundraiser for Catholic Schools Week last year. The Student Council selected the charity, planned, and encouraged the activity last year with tremendous results.

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter honored the recipients during a ceremony at the Egyptian Theater on November 13, 2013. Past Student Council President Jacob Russell, Mrs. Julianne Russell, Mrs. Sara Gamboa, Mr. Ricardo Yanci, and Principal Toni Bicandi represented St. Joseph's School. We feel very blessed and honored to have this recognition!



From left: Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, Mr. Ricardo Yanci, Mrs. Sara Gamboa, Mrs. Julianne Russell, Jacob Russell, Principal Antonia Bicandi and First Lady Lori Otter



Community Service Demonstrates Faith in Action

Our students' individual and community service activities are a true demonstration of St. Joseph's School's faith in action. Jesus asks us to care for our brothers and sisters with our time, talent, and treasure. We are proud to report that our students continue to follow His teachings, thanks to the encouragement of Pope Francis and the support of our wonderful community. Here are just a few of our many examples of stewardship:

- St. Joe's Middle Schoolers worked at Create Common Good, 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.
- Students and families picked up garbage at Boise River-

sweep, helping preserve the Boise River for future generations.

- Two 5th grade boys held a lemonade stand, raising \$148 for Camp Rainbow Gold (a camp for children with cancer and their families). Their efforts complemented the 5th grade community service project—a car wash to raise even more money for Camp Rainbow Gold.

- Miss Cammann's 2nd grade class collected Christmas gifts for the military and had them sent overseas.

- 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.

- St. Joe's Girl Scouts Cadette Troop participated in Rake Up Boise, helping an elderly neighbor clean and prepare her yard for the winter.

- 7th grade students created 562 "Ranger Rosaries," handmade rosaries using parachute cord and pony beads. They delivered them to the Army National Guard, where they will be distributed to members of the armed forces throughout the world!





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St. Joe's Helps Make a Wish Come True!

During the 2014 Catholic Schools Week, St. Joe's Student Council decided to support Make-A-Wish Idaho. Four-year-old Gracie, of Caldwell, lives with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is currently in remission. Gracie's wish was a trip to Disney World...a wish that St. Joe's helped to come true!

Helping Gracie realize her dream is just one way that our school demonstrates the tenets of Catholic Schools Week: Faith, Knowledge and Service. "Jesus asks us to care for our brothers and sisters with our time, talent, and treasure," says Principal Toni Bicandi. "We are proud to report that our students continue to follow His teachings, thanks to the encouragement of Pope Francis and the support of our wonderful community. I am extremely proud of our students and families who donated so generously to this fundraiser!"



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 and third overall in the Idaho Science Olympiad, and also won 11 gold, 11 silvers and 13 bronze medals in the

individual events. Winners will compete at National Science Olympiad at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, May 16-17!

Clockwise from top: Middle School Science Olympiad Team; Sterling Humanitarian Recipient Grace Gonzalez; Mayors Award to Youth Recipient Aubrie Rosenkoetter with Mrs. Mary McClure, Mrs. Julianne Russell, Mayor Dave Bieter and Principal Toni Bicandi; Sydney Bantrup as "Clara"; Nikita, Anika and Jack Rubocki and family; 7th and 8th Grade Boys and Girls Hallissey Basketball Teams; 6th Grade Girls' Team at Holy Spirit Crusaders Basketball Tournament.



- 8th grade boys won 2nd place in the 51st Annual Hallissey Basketball Tournament!

- 6th grade girls won 1st place in the Holy Spirit Crusaders 25th Annual Basketball Tournament in Pocatello.

- Grace Gonzalez (8th) received the Sterling Humanitarian Award.

- Aubrie Rosenkoetter (8th) received the Mayor's Award to Youth.

- Nikita Rubocki (8th) won first place overall for her age group at the 2014 USASA Freeski National Championships. Her sister

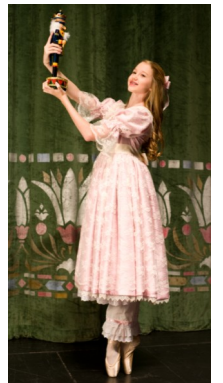
Anika (6th) placed 4th, and brother Jack (2nd) placed 7th overall

for their age groups.

- Sydney Bantrup (8th)

starred as "Clara" in Ballet Idaho's performance of *The Nutcracker*.

Well done to one and all!



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.