



St. Joseph's School Today

Nurturing Excellence for 119 Years • Summer 2019

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Message from the Principal

Thank you everyone for choosing to entrust us with your children every day. We are so blessed to work with each student. I want to thank everyone for being a part of the loving, caring, and supportive community of St. Joseph's Catholic School. I feel so blessed and fortunate to learn and grow with these students.

I get asked all of the time, "What makes St. Joseph's special?" It always comes back to community. Over the years St. Joe's has established itself as having a tradition of academic excellence. This is seen through the generations who return and make up the current St. Joseph's Catholic School. Numerous teachers and parents attended St. Joe's themselves. It is common to meet families with 2-3 generations of alumni. St. Joe's

is a loving community who wants all students to learn and do their best. The combination of a talented and dedicated staff, with caring and supportive families makes for a wonderful school community.

Thank you to everyone who came to see our Class of 2019 8th Grade off at our Graduation Mass. I am excited for this year's 8th Grade Class. I am inspired to know our 42 graduates will have bright futures ahead of them. Currently 34 are headed to Bishop Kelly, but I know, that no matter where they go, they will do well, and lead by example, including continuing to live, learn and grow in their faith.

I will miss serving the St. Joseph's Catholic School Community. It has been an honor to do so the last two years. We continue to

work hard to remain the best school of choice. Noticeable change for next year will include: first grade literacy blocks, 7-period day for middle school, Brave Saints mascot, and Mrs. Emerich as the new principal.

- First grade is piloting a daily approach to literacy with blocked time and focused areas and topics to even better improve student learning and comprehension.

- Middle School is integrating English and Reading into 1 Language Arts course to create a 7-period day that will have longer class periods for more direct instruction.

- St. Joseph's opened as an all-boys high school with the Saints as a mascot in 1900. Sometime

in the 1980's St. Joseph's could not afford new uniforms and Boise High School gifted us their old uniforms, and the mascot became the Braves. As we enter our 120th year as a school, the mascot is becoming the Brave Saints to capture the whole history of the school and to support the mission of our Catholic school.

- St. Joe's is blessed to have Tammy Emerich as the next principal. She and I worked together as assistant principals at Bishop Kelly High School. Mrs. Emerich is a strong leader who believes in Catholic education.

God bless you all. Have a wonderful summer, and Bravely act like a Saint today!

Tony Quilici, Principal

St. Joseph's Celebrates Saint John the Evangelist!

Saint Joseph's Catholic School uses the work of the Saints each year to highlight attributes and qualities to emulate in our school and community. This year, St. Joseph's celebrated the patron of our Cathedral: Saint John the Evangelist.

At our first school mass we challenged everyone to be more like St. John the Evangelist. St. John the Evangelist was, first and foremost, a devoted friend of Jesus. He was the only apostle who stayed with Jesus throughout his crucifixion, standing at the foot of the cross as Jesus died.

John accepted the duty to care for Mary, mother of Jesus, after Jesus died.



John the Evangelist is the patron saint of our beautiful Cathedral, and through his life and his writings he brought the light of Christ to our world. Each of us, must carry that light to our world as well in our activities, in our

studies, we must always bring the love of Jesus to those around us.

In continuing to honor St. John, this Catholic Schools Week, students participated in a coin challenge, bringing their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters (and dollars!) to raise funds for "Step Up"—the fundraising campaign to

complete the renovation of the Cathedral stairs. In all, we raised **\$1,400** to support our beloved parish where we celebrate weekly school Masses.

At year's end, a boy and girl from each class were selected who model the traits of St. John. Students who received this award were chosen by their teachers for a multitude of reasons: they are good friends, they support their classmates in times of

struggle, they reflect the light of Christ in their words and their actions. We applaud these boys and girls for modeling for us what Jesus saw in St. John the Evangelist, who was called "the beloved disciple of Jesus."

Achievements and Service



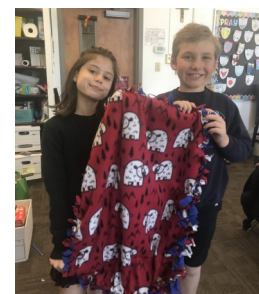
St. Joe's Girl Scout Troop 229 led the Boise City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance on March 12, the anniversary of the first Girl Scout meeting 107 years ago.



Connor (5th) won the Idaho Salmon and Steelhead Days poster contest! His design will be featured in next year's SSD book and he also won a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble!



Science Olympiad varsity team won 1st place in the Idaho Science Olympiad, and travelled to Cornell University May 31-June 1. Students Cole and Lindsey placed 6th overall in the Heredity event!



4th grade made blankets for the Saint Alphonsus NICU.

7th graders hosted School Mass on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Paola. As St. Francis is the patron saint of Naval Officers, St. Joe's recognized all of our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, parishioners etc. who have served or are currently serving our country in any of our Armed Forces. Thank you to the men and women who joined us at Mass today -- we honor and appreciate you!



7th grade girls won the 2019 Hallsissey Sportsmanship Award!



Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Russell's 6th grade classes took on St. John's "Adopt a Highway" project and cleaned a two-mile stretch of Highway 55.



Inspired by an activity box he received in the hospital last fall, 2nd grader Theo decided to make boxes for other kids. His family set up a Facebook donation page with a goal of \$250. He wanted to make 10 boxes. Within a couple of weeks, we raised over \$2000 and increased the goal to 80 boxes. Because he was too weak from surgery, his sister Siena (3rd) helped with all of the shopping and organizing. She put a donation box in the school lobby and came up with idea of sending a letter home to her class. She made sure the donations all made it home and were sorted for packing. On November 24th, we gathered a big group of friends and packed 100 boxes. When we took the boxes down to St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Theo got to say hello to his nurses and thank them for taking good care of him.