

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
Dec. 8, 2011



Dear Parents:

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Concert as much as I did! I am always happily amazed at the talented kids we have at our school, and look forward to the surprises Diana Shipley pulls from her bag of tricks each year to entertain us. This year, with the addition of 8th grade, we were treated to two wonderful band performances, one by the 7th/8th graders (second year band) and one by our 6th graders. The 6th graders had been practicing together less than 10 weeks and impressively most have little or no background playing a musical instrument.

It's well researched that music, be it singing, listening, dancing, and/or playing musical instruments, has a positive, healthy impact on a child's growth academically and emotionally. Besides that, music is just fun.

I thank you for enthusiastically supporting this program. We believe music is a fundamental curriculum component that helps develop well-rounded, self-confident, dynamic children.

Keep reading to your wonderful kids!

Mrs. Corgiat

HOLIDAY FUN!

Next Monday, Dec. 12th our fifth and sixth graders will enjoy a condensed version of *The Nutcracker* courtesy of the *Pocatello Rotary*. They will be attending the 11:00 a.m. showing. Permission slips are not needed if you initialed your registration forms giving your permission. If you are unsure you have done this, please contact Miss Polly in the school office.

Next Wednesday, Dec. 14th the fourth graders will be presenting "*The Nativity Play*" at 10:30 a.m. in the church. All are invited to attend.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Finally they are ready to go! 2011-2012 Student School Directories will be sent home tomorrow. Please check with your oldest child here at the school for it. Remember that this directory is for school purposes only, please respect the privacy of your fellow families! Thank you.

GOING LIVE

And another thing that's ready - the new school website. It should be up and running on Monday, Dec. 12 (we hope anyway!) We do ask for your patience as there are still pages being built, but we have lots of information that was ready so away we go! The website address is www.holyspiritcs.com. Check it out! A great big thank you to Marie Smith for working so hard on getting this done in such a short amount of time!

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners for the November raffle: \$100 - Cathey Patschull; \$200 - Polly & Kerry Hennessy; \$400 - Eric LaPointe. December's winners are: \$100 - Sandra Speck; \$200 - Knights of Columbus 8930; \$400 - Marna & Steve Wallace. Several of our winners have donated their winnings back to the school, so a very special thanks to them!

INCREASED TAX CREDIT FOR GIFTS TO HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL!!

You may be surprised to learn that the state provides an income **tax credit** to those who give to **Holy Spirit Catholic School**. In fact, the law allows Idaho taxpayers to claim a **credit worth 50% of the gift**—up to \$500 for single filers, \$1,000 for those married filing jointly, and \$5,000 for corporations. Regardless of whether you itemize your deductions or take the standard deduction, all Idaho taxpayers are eligible for the Idaho Education Tax Credit. Please consider a year end donation to help the school while decreasing your state tax liability!! The credit is in addition to the standard deduction for charitable donations.

- Idaho individuals receive up to a \$500 credit on their Idaho income taxes for making a gift of \$1,000 or more (limited to 50% of Idaho income tax due).
- Idaho married couples receive up to a \$1,000 credit on their Idaho income taxes for making a gift of \$2,000 or more (limited to 50% of Idaho income tax due).
- Idaho corporations receive up to a \$5,000 credit on their Idaho income taxes for making a gift of \$10,000 or more (limited to 10% of Idaho income tax due).
- Certain limitations may apply. Please consult your tax advisor for advice regarding your specific tax situation.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Do you have those people on your Christmas list that have *everything* and you just don't know what to get them? How about a bag of *Mystic Monk Coffee* and some cookie dough? Both are available - \$13.00 for a bag of coffee and \$12.00 for the cookie dough. Please stop by the school office if you are interested in purchasing either item. HO-HO-HO!

FROM HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY TEEN EDGE GROUP

It's a WIN-WIN!

We'll entertain your kids while you shop 'til you drop!

With Christmas fast approaching, our youth would like to help you out with your Christmas shopping. We are providing an afternoon of Christmas fun and games to entertain your children while you go and do what you need to prepare for Christmas. **When: Saturday, Dec. 10th from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.;** **Where: Holy Spirit Gymnasium; What: Kid's Fun Day with games and activities planned for all ages!; ***crafts***games***delicious treats***jello slurping contest***Nativity Play. For who: Kids who are potty-trained and up (no infants) Cost: \$20 for the 1st child, \$10 for each additional sibling Why: To help our youth get to Rio do Janeiro for World Youth Day 2013! To register, please call David O'Neill at the Parish office at 232-1196.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 12 - 5th & 6th graders to attend "The Nutcracker"

Dec. 14 - 4th grade presents "The Nativity Play" at 10:30 a.m. in the church

Dec. 21 - Early Release - Students dismissed at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas break

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 - Christmas Break - Happy Holidays!