

Holy Spirit Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter  
February 9, 2012



**Nan-o-Gram**

Dear Parents:

This has been a wonderfully quiet week after a wonderfully jammed-packed one!

In the midst of it all, the staff and I finalized our accreditation self-study report. If you are interested in reading through the document, there is a school copy located on the "Information Station" table in the main school hall or if you prefer to view it online, I would be happy to email a copy to you.

We are very proud of the document, and I believe it is a true representation of what and who we are here at Holy Spirit Catholic School. The self-study defines well our mission and philosophy, and our vision for the spiritual and academic achievements of our students in the future. We have delineated our accomplishments and goals, recognizing our strengths as well as our weaknesses. I invite you to review the document and would very much appreciate your comments and suggestions. The official on-site accreditation visit is scheduled for next month, March 18-21.

Thank you again, and keep reading to your kids!

Mrs. Corgiat

**MATH COUNTS WINNER**

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Jacob Goettsche for finishing in the top 10 of the regional *Math Counts* competition. Jacob will once again compete in the state competition on March 9<sup>th</sup> in Boise. Way to go Jacob!

**GOLD LEAF HANDPRINTS**

If you did not purchase your child's "gold leaf handprint" at the school auction we have them available for you to purchase. The cost of the handprint is \$1.00. These are absolutely beautiful – pretty enough to frame and hang on your wall. Please check with your child's teacher if you are interested in buying your child's handprint.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- The school will be participating in the following events as part of our SLEs (not sure what SLEs are? see the end of this newsletter.) - "Helping Others:"
- Contributing coins to our collection jar to help defray the cost of the Holy Spirit Catholic Community high school kids who will be attending the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention in Boise. Collection of coins will continue through February. The collection jar is located in the hallway in the main school.
- Feed the 5,000 – collecting canned and non-perishable items for the Idaho Food Bank and St. Vincent DePaul. This food drive begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 and will continue through Holy Thursday, Apr. 5.

**MUSEUM OF CLEAN**

As you may already know, our third graders participated in a filming of the "On the Road with Steve Hartman" segment of the CBS evening news. The segment is focused on the "Museum of Clean" owned by Don Aslett and located here in Pocatello. As of this time, we still do not know when it will air and not even sure if we will be told before hand. Therefore, we strongly suggest that if you want to make sure you see it that you set your DVR's or other recording devices to record the CBS Evening News every Friday until it airs. If we are notified of when it will be aired we will be sure to get the word out.

**OUR APOLOGIES**

Sorry to be so slow in getting the February hot lunch menu on the website, it just kind of got lost in the commotion.....but it's their now!

## LOST AND FOUND

Attention parents, the following “adult items” have been turned into the office – women’s black leather gloves, a Bluetooth ear bud, and a women’s black coat with pewter type buttons. If any of these items belong to you, see Miss Polly in the school office.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Feb. 11 – Valentine’s Day Community Dance**

**Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day**

**Feb. 20 – President’s Day – No school or childcare**

**Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday**

## F. A. I. T. H.

**Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs)** are those most basic goals that we, parents and faculty, have for our children as students of our school. They are statements that embody the most essential skills for a life time of success and fulfillment. In short, the students of Holy Spirit Catholic School can be defined by the acronym F.A.I.T.H.

F -- Faith-filled Christians

A -- Academic Excellence

I -- Integrity

T -- Take Responsibility

H -- Help Others

Holy Spirit Catholic School Students:

Are **FAITH-FILLED CHRISTIANS** who:

- Demonstrate knowledge of Catholic beliefs, rituals, and traditions
- Participate actively with their families in faith development through sacraments, liturgical celebrations, and a variety of prayer
- Share gifts in service to Church, family and community
- Exhibit an understanding of compassion and empathy
- Show respect for self, others, God, Church, authority, and property

Display **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** by:

- Communicating effectively through reading, writing, and speaking skills
- Applying critical thinking skills in problem solving
- Appreciating and engaging in the fine arts
- Actively learning by questioning, discovering, and drawing conclusions

Exhibit **INTEGRITY** by:

- Demonstrating honesty and fairness
- Practicing compassion, tolerance, justice and respect
- Dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements
- Respecting diverse cultures and the uniqueness of others

**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY** by:

- Demonstrating and cultivating good organizational skills, study habits and time management strategies
- Being accountable for academic growth
- Respecting and actively caring for the environment

**HELP OTHERS** by:

- Promoting social justice through prayer and service
- Sharing time, talents, and treasures by responding to the needs of society and the environment
- Practicing kind acts that help our neighbors with material, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs