



January 11, 2018

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I want to update everyone about the progress of our Accreditation. The site visit will be February 20-23, 2018 conducted by a chair and four visiting team members.

To review, the Diocese of Boise is part of the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) that works in partnership with all the Catholic Schools in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, California, Hawaii and Guam. Every school is on a rotation to be reviewed by commissioners on the protocol set by WCEA. Holy Spirit's first ever accreditation was during the 2011-2012 school year and received the highest of rankings: 6-year unconditional accreditation status. That Self Study openly addressed our mission as who we believe we are as a Catholic school community and what we do to best serve the children academically and spiritually. Following set protocol, the written Self Study document is a compilation of specific narratives and topics focused on our profile and on improving student learning. The document creates a portrait of the school as it exists today in our own unique parish and local community.

The good news is that the document, which the faculty and staff have been diligently working on for many months, is complete and has been sent to our Chair Sr. Catherine Kamphaus, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Salt Lake City. The other four members of our accreditation team are volunteer educators from Idaho Catholic schools. I am very proud of the document and of our stellar, dedicated faculty and staff who make our school such a vibrant, progressive learning center.

We took input from you parents, staff, and students through the surveys conducted in fall of 2016. Those important responses are included in the factors of the protocol process, as is a request for the visiting team to meet informally but in person with faculty, students, pastor, and shareholders (parents, guardians, grandparents, parishioners) to gain further insight into our wonderful Holy Spirit Catholic School.

I would like to invite you to be an active part in this process by volunteering to meet with the visiting team on Tuesday, February 20, at 5:00pm on our campus (exact place TBA). We will serve refreshments and food, and the meeting will

adjourn around 7:00pm. Also invited to that meeting are school board and PTC board members, and our priests and deacon. If you would like to participate, please contact the office by January 31st to help us in planning for the evening. If you have questions, do contact me! Thank you for entrusting you child or children to our care.

Keep reading to your amazing children!
Mrs. Corgiat

Join us tonight for dinner and parent meeting beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the cafeteria. The topic is the upcoming dinner auction, Feb. 10th. It will be a quick and concise meeting so hope

to see you there!



STUDENTS ON THE GO!

Our middle school *Lego/Robotics* teams are preparing for the state competition to be held in Twin Falls on Saturday, Feb. 3. All three of our teams won trophies at the regional level which qualified them to move onto this tournament. These students, Mrs. Kaiser and adult chaperones spend so many, many hours preparing for these competitions and we are so proud of them!



On another note, our 4th and 5th graders are participating in the cross-country skiing/snowshoeing program offered by the City of Pocatello Parks and Recreation Department, and our middle schoolers are participating in the downhill skiing program. Just another opportunity for our students to learn a lifetime skill! Have fun!

GOOD BYE DEAR FRIEND

The school lost a dear friend, Clara Eguilior, this week. Many of the older students remember her from the lunchroom as little Clara (she stood about 4"10" with heels!). Clara was a very positive, upbeat person who loved being around the students and was very, very good to them. Please keep her in your prayers.

SCRIP SALES

SCRIP sales are booming and because of the support from so many we are pleased to inform you that our Fred Meyer contribution will increase from the current 2% rebate to 4%. We are so grateful for the support and need you to keep purchasing so the program continues to generate money for our school. Beginning next week, we will be selling SCRIP on Thursdays and Fridays after school. If you have any questions about the program, please stop by, we'd love the opportunity to answer them for you.

FLU SEASON

It's here – that lovely time of year "Flu Season". Many of you have already been hit by this very nasty bug but for those of you who have not, good luck! Please help us keep as many students and staff as healthy as possible by reminding your children to keep their hands washed, keep their hands away from their nose and mouth and if they're sick – please keep them home! Thank you!

After Christmas Sale

Otis Meyer Cookie Dough - \$14.00 per tub!

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to have a tub of cookies in your freezer for those emergencies when you need cookies QUICK! Many flavors available. Stop by the office to pick some up.

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school or childcare – Enjoy!

19 – End of 2nd trimester

26 - 2nd trimester grades released for grades 4 – 8

29 - Professional Development – Early Release – Students released at 1:00 p.m.

News from the *Boxtop Lady* (Norma Turnbeaugh)

Boxtops for Education

We've raised \$515.70 from *Boxtops for Education* already this year. We're doing great but still a long way from our goal of \$1,500. Don't forget to clip and send in your Boxtops. Remember, for every 10 your child turns in, they will get an entry into the drawings for great prizes including an *Amazon Fire Tablet* at the end of the year. Also, don't forget to download the *Boxtops for Education* app and earn extra Boxtops for your purchases. Right now Walmart is offering **50** additional Boxtops for every 5 Boxtop items you buy when you use the app. It's an easy way to earn an additional \$5.00 for your child's classroom. The app can be found by searching for the Boxtops for Education App in your app store.

Coca-Cola Codes

We're now collecting Coke product codes for the school. These codes are worth money that will be used to help the PE, Art and Music classes purchase needed supplies. The codes can be found on all Coke products, including Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Dasani Water, Powerade, Minute Maid, Barq's Root Beer, Fresca and Seagram's Ginger Ale. Codes are inside the cap on bottles and on the inside of cardboard 12, 20 or 24 packs. Students can turn the caps or the code from inside the box in with their Boxtops for Education. These caps and codes will count toward the 10 Boxtops they need in order to get an entry into the drawing. So start saving those codes and send them in!

PIANO TEACHER

Sheryl Richards, one of our summer child care teachers, has openings in her beginning piano lessons for children ages 6 – 12 years old. If interested please contact her at 208-232-4918.