



March 8, 2018

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**BASKETBALL! BASKETBALL!
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Basketball fever is ramping up as we again jump from one event to another...never a dull moment at Holy Spirit! I love all the positive energy!

For those new to Holy Spirit or those needing a refresher, our school hosts a huge community sporting event the first weekend of spring break. This year will be the 29th year of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Basketball Tournament (formerly the Crusader Tournament) held at ISU's Reed Gym the weekend of March 16-18. The tournament has consistently grown over the past, I think last year was a record 13 Catholic schools or parishes from Idaho and Utah, and we expect that many this year bringing 54 teams. The tournament is for kids in fourth through sixth grades, boys and girls, divided into senior (5th-6th grades) and junior (4th grade) divisions. HSCS will have three teams this year...and it's a blast! Admission is free, families are welcome, and it's just a fun time!

The success of the tournament is due to community businesses support and all at Holy Spirit who volunteer over 700 hours for three days of great basketball play, comradery and safe fun for our kids. Volunteers do everything from coaching teams, taping courts, setting up the gyms, working concessions, scorekeeping/timekeeping (training provided), working concessions, action photography and the team photo tables. At the conclusion of the tournament, we clean Reed Gym and are told that every year we leave it cleaner than we find it. Considering that we draw from a pool of HSCS volunteers and the gym facility is very large, this is a phenomenal accomplishment.

One of the hallmarks of this tournament is that we have Mass in the gym Saturday afternoon that the players attend with their teams and families. Margie Gabiola efficiently coordinates this liturgy celebration along with staff and students. This year we are blessed to have Fr. Roger LaChance as the celebrant and he will surely be surprised to see the bleachers filled with close to 1000 people! Everyone is invited to this special Mass that begins at 3 o'clock.

We still need and encourage all parents and guardians to sign up as volunteers to help out at ISU. This event is a major fundraiser, and we need school wide support...just like we had for the successful

dinner/auction! I hope you can contribute at least a couple of hours during that weekend at one or more of the many choices available even if you do not have a child on one of our basketball teams. We need lots of people and your time is credited toward your service hour obligation. Marie Smith is the overall coordinator you can contact for more information at smithma@hscsidaho.org or contact me through the office at 232-5763.

Again, I thank you in advance for your awesome support. This event is a great community gathering to celebrate our amazing, feisty school and all the terrific kids! God bless!

Keep reading to your kids,
Mrs. Corgiat



HSCS OPEN HOUSE

Tonight, March 8, we will be having an Open House for the public and for those of you wishing to attend. Please encourage any of your friends, co-

workers, and family members that have children to come see what our school is all about *and* if they enroll you will receive a \$200 credit on your tuition (gr. K – 8) or \$100 for preschool.

Please spread the news. The more students we have the more benefit to all involved.

GENTLE UNIFORM REMINDER....

We have noticed that lately several students are not in uniform compliance. Please remember to check our uniform policy in the updated handbook you received at the beginning of this school year, or you can find it on our website. If you would like a hard copy, they are located in the main school office.

Please also remember when buying your child's tennis shoes that the only acceptable colors are black, white, red and gray. Solids or any combination of those four colors are just great! Please also avoid non-school colors trim, logos or shoelaces. We are asking the entire shoe to be within our regular uniform school attire choices. The choices are very broad and tennis shoes have really evolved into quite the colorful fashion statement! Thanks for your attention to this!

STUDENTS CELEBRATE HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

Next week is the ever popular
"Spirit Week!" We will be celebrating with
the following fun activities:

★ **MONDAY - RAINBOW DAY -**
Students wear a color that their class
chooses to represent a color of the
rainbow.

★ **TUESDAY - WACKY DAY -** Wacky
hair, crazy socks, inside out clothes and
lots of green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

★ **WEDNESDAY - HAT DAY**

★ **THURSDAY - SPORTS DAY -** Sports
attire (no props) or favorite team shirts.
We will also have a Pep Rally in the school
gym beginning at 2:00.

And here is another favorite of the
students:

PENNY POWER for HEIFER PROJECT

A game of Penny power will also be played
during Spirit Week. Not sure what **PENNY POWER** is?
The main object is to be the grade to collect the most
pennies with the twist that nickels, dimes, quarters, and
dollars have to be deducted from the total of pennies
collected. Each morning students will have the
opportunity to fill other grades coins with all those
"deductible" coins increasing their grades chance to
win!

This fun game is organized by the 7th grade in
conjunction with their 2nd and 3rd world country
research papers and in support of the international
"Heifer Project." Heifer International is a charity
organization working to end hunger and poverty
around the world by providing livestock and training
to struggling communities. In the past years we
have purchased cows, sheep and bees just to
name a few! This year's winning class will help
choose the animals/insects to purchase. Thank
you for your support.



*Please join us
tomorrow at 2:15 for
Stations of the Cross
in the church.*

UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 16 – No School or Childcare
Mar. 16 – 18 – HSCS 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Boys &
Girls Basketball Tournament
Mar. 19 – 23 – Spring Break – No School
Mar. 30 – Good Friday – No School or Childcare

2017-18 YEARBOOKS

Orders are now being taken for the 2017-18
yearbooks. Order forms are being sent home with each
child today and are due by **MARCH 30, 2018**. The cost is
\$20 per yearbook.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Hello Parents,

Don't forget that Spring Break is just around the
corner and if you are planning any fun activities or trips
please check and see if SCRIP would work for you. SCRIP
offers a wide selection of hotels and restaurants as well
as many retail stores. Don't hesitate to explore your
options at shopwithscrip.com or you may contact me,
Rebecca Rodriguez with any questions @ 618-203-3288.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

PRE-REGISTRATION/LETTER OF INTENT

Have you pre-registered your child for the 2018-
19 school year yet? If not, please do so through your
Fast Direct account.

To do this, sign into your FastDirect account,
scroll down underneath the email section and you will
see the re-registration section in red to the right of your
child's name. You will either answer yes (they are
coming) or no (they are not coming). Make sure to click
on "submit" to save your answer. You are also able to
enroll any new students that will be attending the
school next year. You will find this underneath the
"student names" in this same section. Once we have
received your answer, you will be billed for the \$100
deposit which secures your child's spot for next year
and is applied towards the registration fees.

REMEMBER, all deposits and registration fees are non-
refundable. This **PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS
DUE BY MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018**. After that date we
will begin to register new families and will fill
classrooms based on a first come first serve basis.
Please contact Miss Polly if you have any concerns or
questions, 232-5763 or hennessypo@hscsidaho.org.

For those families needing tuition
assistance/scholarship applications are available in the
office or on the school web page. **APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE BY MARCH 29, 2018.**