

NAN-O-GRAM

Yesterday was a wonderful day as a few of us finally got a tour of the new middle school wing! As many of you may have noticed, once the roofing was complete they hung plastic sheets over the exterior so all that could be seen of the building was a variety of construction workers coming in and out and we have been were itching to see what was going on!

So finally, Fr. Henry Carmona, Debbie Gallegos, Polly, Robin and I were given a special tour by the architect and one of the project directors along with a special visitor, Dr. Sarah Quilici, our Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Boise. It was truly amazing! We were all so pleased to witness how the wing is dramatically taking shape with actual, touchable walls, plumbing in the bathrooms and two classrooms, heating/cooling systems, conduits for electrical stuff, installed windows, and other infrastructure basics smoothly being prepped to ready for final installations and finishing touches.

What is also really exciting is the addition of two extra, smaller rooms incorporated into a space initially designated as an open air walkway that Fr. Henry felt would be more beneficial for the school. One room will become a faculty room (many of you know we do not and never have had a real teacher-only area). The other will be a study-meeting-multipurpose room. Thank you Fr. Henry for your vision of this more beneficial use of space.

The projected completion date is still the end of December, except for the additional rooms which are scheduled to be completed by the end of January. The delay is going to be so worth the wait!

We recently applied for a grant from the E.L. Wiegand Foundation to furnish the inside needs of the wing...classroom furniture, supplies, equipment, technology and more....that will enhance and further enrich our already well-established progressive middle school programs. About 15 years ago we applied and received a Wiegand Foundation grant that furnished our current kindergarten modular. Please pray that we are awarded the grant to fill our beautiful new middle school center with learning "wonderfulness" for our students and teachers.

God is definitely watching over Holy Spirit Catholic School!

Keep reading to your kids!

Mrs. Corgiat

HSCS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Make plans now to attend our annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Nov. 29. Students in grades K – 8 will be celebrating the season in song beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Stephens Performing Art Center on the ISU campus. As in the past, this will be in conjunction with the Festival of Trees sponsored by School District 25. A ticket will be needed for those wishing to attend excluding our performers. Tickets can be purchased in the school office beginning Nov. 26. Those families unable to afford a ticket should contact Polly in the school office.



Students will need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. dressed in their festive, performing clothes.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Next Tuesday, Nov. 20 is the last day of the first trimester. Parent teacher conferences will be held Dec. 6th and 7th for students in grades K – 4 ONLY. Conferences will run from 12:00 – 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6th and from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7th. Please contact Polly if you will need a specific time for your conference by Wednesday, Nov. 28.

There will be NO school for all of the students (gr. K – 8) on either of these days. Mid-term grades will be sent home on Dec. 5th for students in grades 5 – 8.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come one, come all!

Your help is needed. Our Christmas Market is scheduled for Wednesday Dec. 12th - Friday Dec. 14th and we need you to help ensure its success. Please look at your calendars and see if you have any



available time to donate on those days as "many hands make light work." Sign-up sheets with additional shift details are located in the school office or entry. Thank you for your support of this event, it is such great fun for the students and will warm your heart for sure!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT



Parents how about a night out on the town, some early Christmas shopping or just sitting on your couch in the peace and quiet without your kids? Well our girls basketball teams (5th – 8th grade) has the answer for you. Tomorrow, Nov. 16, the girls from the team along with Mrs. Gabiola will be available to babysit your kids from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the school gym. Dinner will be served from 6:00 – 6:30 with the remaining time devoted to games, games and more games! Cost is \$15.00 per child and \$3.00 for each additional child. All profits will go towards the basketball program. Please contact Mrs. Gabiola if you need more information.

THE SEASON OF GIVING

This time of year is a perfect time for reflecting on all the blessings we have in our lives and to think of those less fortunate. It is said “That in giving we receive” so please consider supporting the school in giving to the following causes:

STONE SOUP FOOD DRIVE

We will continue to collect food and toiletries to be given to St. Vincent DePaul through the end of November.

SOCKS FOR SENIORS

In cooperation with SEICCA, we will also be collecting new socks for senior citizens. SEICCA will then add them to a Christmas stocking to give to those seniors in need.

GIVING OF TIME

Tomorrow, Nov. 16, students in grades K – 8 will be visiting the St. Vincent DePaul store for their FAITH day activity. The students in grades K – 3 will be taking their gently used toys that they wish to donate to the store and will receive a tour of the facility. Our 4th – 8th grade students will be donating an hour of their time to help do whatever is needed at the store.

We are proud to say that this FAITH day is one of the favorites of the students. We hope that this introduction to helping others continues to be one of their life long activities.

PICTURE RE-TAKES

Inter-State Studio will be here on Wednesday, Nov. 28 to take pictures of students who missed having their picture taken or for those who did not like their pictures. If you would like your child's picture re-taken please return the packet of pictures that you received.

GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

Thanksgiving is next week and we know you need SCRIP to get you through the holiday. So we've comprised a list of SCRIP must haves for you to get before school breaks for the holiday.

1. Fred Meyer/Smith's, Albertsons, or Walmart so you can purchase all the yummy stuff you plan to make for yourself and family.
2. AMC – because you need something to fill the time you are going to be spending with all those extended family members and taking in a movie sounds like a great idea.
3. Chili's – or some other restaurant we have in stock, because you know you will be braving the storm of people and try shopping so you will need to refuel during the day. Also, how many days are you going to want those turkey leftovers?
4. Amazon – because after the long day of going store to store looking for deals you will just give up, go home, get in your PJ's, crawl in bed, and order everything from Amazon.

Scrip Tip: Use SCRIP to put yourself on a budget, or someone else on a budget. For example: instead of handing over money from the “money tree” our teens think we have in the backyard give them a gas card and a couple food cards (Taco Bell and Subway are popular at my house) to teach them how to budget for themselves. When it is gone, it is gone until next month. It is a win for you and a win for them as they learn the value of keeping a budget.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 20 – End of first trimester

Nov. 21 – 23 – Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 28 – Picture retakes

Nov. 29 – Christmas Concert



Holy Spirit Christmas Market

December 12 - 14

Holy Spirit PTC is happy to announce that we will again be having a **Christmas Market** this year. Your student can come to school and shop for all the special people in their lives from a wide variety of great gifts that are sure to please. These gifts have been very carefully selected and the best part is....

EACH ITEM IS ONLY \$2.00!

This means your student can buy for Mom, Dad, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, your beloved family pets, and all those dear to them without spending a fortune. Better yet, they can get all their shopping done and you don't have to drive them from store to store to do it! It is sure to be a fun and rewarding experience for them to choose gifts for those they love.

We will be sending more information in the coming weeks about this event, and **volunteers are needed** to help this event run smoothly. To volunteer please contact: Megan Stover @ Meg.t.stover@gmail.com or Rebecca Rodriguez @ rebeccareneerodriguez@hotmail.com

We are asking each family to please donate 1 large pack of gift wrap tissue paper, which can be turned in in your child's classroom.

Time to break open those piggy banks to shop!!!!

