



October 4, 2017

### Nan-o-gram

Last night the PTC Board had their October board meeting. Parents and staff volunteer their time each month to come together with ideas to better our school...FAITH Day activities, fundraisers, teacher appreciation and support, funding educational, musical and artistic events for the children (such as Idaho Theater for Youth) and providing me with thoughtful suggestions. Our Holy Spirit PTC is an exceptionally active organization!

One of the projects that the PTC is sponsoring, in conjunction with the school, is the SCRIP program. Many of our diocesan schools use this program to not only earn lots of money for their school, but also lessen the need for small fundraisers. HSCS launched the program one year ago but expectations have not reached what was hoped. Not many of you are using SCRIP cards, but I bet you have purchased coffee at Starbucks or shopped at Fred Meyer or Subway or Walmart or Amazon or one of the other specialty stores, restaurants, grocery, online or travel options offered.... over 90! Each card has a percentage of sales kicked back to the school. No selling! No selling! No selling!

The key to SCRIP is that it really is not a fundraiser in the traditional sense. **You are purchasing "gift cards" for yourself for stuff you buy anyway!** The trick is to purchase the cards before you shop at a store or go online...basically retraining your shopping habits. I urge you to sign up for easy online shopping or come to the office to order a preference, or purchase what we have in stock. This program has the possibility to earn thousands for the school! Thank you so much for your support, and please give SCRIP a try!

Keep reading to your kids,  
Mrs. Corgiat



**No school OR childcare on Thursday, Oct. 5 or Friday, Oct. 6 as the teachers will be in Boise for the Catholic Educators Conference.**

### STUDENT PICTURES

Inter-State Studios will be here on Tuesday, Oct. 10, to take pictures of the students. Students need to wear their school uniforms. Information packets were sent home with the students, please check with them if you did not receive it. Extra packets are available in the office.

Also, we are in need of a volunteer to help the photographers with student management. These hours count towards your service hours as well as you receive a free packet of pictures. Please contact Polly in the school office if you would like to help.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent Teacher Conferences for students in grades **K-8** are scheduled for Oct. 16 & 17. Conferences will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Monday and from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Please email Polly if you need to request a specific time for your conferences by **Monday, Oct. 10**. It is so much easier to accommodate requests before the schedules go out. Thank you!

### PARENTS TAKE NOTE!

Fewer than 100 people have completed the online video training session making them eligible to volunteer in any school activity including field trips, classroom volunteer, party volunteer, reading aide, coaching—any activity where our students are. Beginning next week, teachers will have a list of parents/people eligible to volunteer in the school. Please go to: <http://boise.cmgconnect.org>.

### Due Dates

Friday, Oct. 6 – Cookie Dough Orders Due  
Monday, Oct. 10 – Parent Teacher conference requests due!

### **LUNCH BALANCES ON FASTDIRECT??**

Please disregard the hot lunch balance charges that may appear on your *FastDirect* homepage. These charges were created in error as we do not use *FastDirect* for any financial purposes. Lunch balances should be verified at [schoolbucks.com](http://schoolbucks.com)

Speaking of balances, unfortunately we have had problems with our server allowing hot lunch emails to be sent out. But, they have assured us it is now fixed! Hot lunch IOU's and low balance emails will be sent out today from the cafeteria email – [hscs-cafeteria@outlook.com](mailto:hscs-cafeteria@outlook.com). This balance may include charges from the last two weeks of the 16-17 school year as they were not included in the year end closing.

So sorry for all the confusion! Hopefully, it's all straightened out.

### **MORNING ON THE PLAYGROUND**

With the weather turning colder (where was fall???) we have had several parents ask about where their child should go if they arrive at 7:50 a.m. We will be following our cold weather guidelines for outside play which says "we will keep the children inside if it is 10 degrees or less" so except for those really frigid days they will be outside on the playground as usual. On those days where it is just too miserable or cold we will go in the gym. Students will know the gym is open as the outside door will be propped open. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this crazy weather as hard as it is.

We have also had parents inquire about how they can talk to the teachers in the morning if needed. We would like to suggest that you contact them through email to discuss the issue or to set up a time to meet with them. For those issues that need immediate attention, parents are always welcome in the building.

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